

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
1999 County Route 2, Orwell, New York
August 13, 2019
7:00 PM

Members Present:
Supervisor William Potter
Councilmen: Nicholas Marshall, Jeffrey Graham, David Lake
Also Present:
Oswego County Legislator-Milferd Potter
Highway Superintendent-Doug Henry
Code Enforcement Officer-John Howland
Tug Hill Commission Representative-Paul Baxter
Town Clerk-Rebecca Trudell
Public Present: Jessica Steele, Shirley Downes, Carl Anson, Jr.

Supervisor William Potter opened the regular town board meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS:

-Code Enforcement Officer - John Howland submitted his report for July. There were 4 permits issued for the month of July.

-Oswego County Legislator Potter read his report, the County agenda can be found on the Oswego County Website. Supervisor Potter expressed his concerns with the County's Snow and Ice Agreement letter of intent and the deadline to sign.

-Water Board - The annual inspection was performed. There is a grounds keeping issue to be resolved.

- Hydrants on County Route 2, County Route 22, and Mill St. have been flushed, inspected and painted. Several hydrants require repairs. The Water Board has authorized Water Operator Pappa to purchase the necessary replacement parts, not to exceed \$600.

- Highway Superintendent Douglas Henry went over the highway bills for the month of July.

- There were no equipment repairs needed in the month of July.
- Beecherville Rd has been graded.
- A culvert was replaced on Waggoner Rd.
- Brush has been cut on several roads.

- Tug Hill Commission Representative Paul Baxter submitted his report for the month of July.

- There will be a Town budget process workshop in Altmar on Wednesday, August 28. Representative Baxter had flyers for anyone interested in attending.

- NOCA Representative Trainham gave his report for July.
 - NOCA has recently had a 9.7% increase in health insurance cost.
 - They have lost 4 full time paramedics due to low wages.
 - The average time out on a call is 3 hours due to the remote locations and distance from hospitals.
 - Towns will be seeing an increase in cost due to the need to increase wages in order to recruit and keep paramedics.

DISCUSSION:

a) Supervisor Potter presented a Cost-Benefit Analysis Report for LED streetlights for the Town of Orwell. Scenario #1 estimates a conversion cost of \$2,398 with apx. \$2,825 in incentives for a total of -\$427 in cost to the Town. In this scenario, National Grid will own and maintain the streetlights. Scenario #2 estimates a conversion cost of \$2,398 with apx. \$2,945 in incentives for a total of -\$547 in cost to the Town. In this scenario the Town will own and maintain the streetlights.
-A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman David Lake to chooses Scenario #1. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

b) Supervisor Potter provided the Board with a quote for gasoline and diesel fuel from E&V Energy. The Highway Department is currently using a credit account with Circle K but is not receiving any discount. The quote from E&V would save the Highway Department apx. \$0.70 per gallon on gasoline but would require the purchase of a double wall tank. Superintendent Henry voiced concerns with the increased paperwork involved, making sure the tank is kept locked and the issue of ethynol in the winter. The Town Board agreed to keep the credit account with Circle K instead of switching to E&V Energy.

c) Supervisor Potter will be speaking with a potential Town Clerk candidate this week to discuss the hours and expectations.

d) The Water Works annual inspection was performed by Mr. Havener from the Oswego County Health Department who is writing the Town up on the issue of house keeping around the well house and water tower.

The Highway department has removed the brush, cut trees and mowed the grass. In the future, the Water Operator and Assistant Water Operator will maintain the grounds around the well house and water tower.

e) The new playground equipment has been delivered and plans have been made for installation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Shirley Downes thanked the Highway Department for mowing the roadsides.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Supervisor Potter received Employee Concentration worksheets for Oswego County Personnel which he has completed.
- Supervisor Potter also received a newsletter from Migrant Ministries - Oswego County, which is available in his office.

- A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the minutes of the July, 2019 Regular Meeting. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

- A motion was made by Councilman Nicholas Marshall and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to approve the Town Clerk's Report for the month of July. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

- A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman Nicholas Marshall to approve the Supervisor's Report for the month of July. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

- A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve payment of the following claims. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

General Fund Abstract #8	Claims # 67-76B	\$17,994.48
Highway Fund Abstract #8	Claims #75-86B	\$55,593.05
Water Fund Abstract #8	Claims #19-20	\$ 602.25

- A motion was made by Councilman Nicholas Marshall and seconded by Supervisor William Potter to adjourn the meeting at 8:08PM. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted August 30, 2019

Rebecca Trudell
Orwell Town Clerk