

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
1999 County Route 2 , Orwell, New York
September 10, 2019
7:00 PM

Members Present:
Supervisor William Potter
Councilmen: Nicholas Marshall, Ryan Jones, Jeffrey Graham, David Lake
Also Present:
Oswego County Legislator-Milferd Potter
Highway Superintendent-Doug Henry
Code Enforcement Officer-John Howland
NOCA Representative - Robert Trainham
Tug Hill Commission Representative-Paul Baxter
Town Clerk-Rebecca Trudell
Water Operator-Eric Pappa
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 August. There were 2 permits issued for the month of August.

-Oswego County Legislator Potter read his report, the County agenda can be found on the Oswego County Website.

-Water Operator-Eric Pappa

- Eric repaired a major water leak on County Route 22. The leak had started as a small break leaking 7,000 gallons per day and jumped to 35,000-40,000 gallons per day after a major break in the pipe. The leak was promptly repaired and water usage is now down to 12,500 gallons per day.
- All filters have been replaced.
- All lines and hydrants have been flushed and repaired.

- Tug Hill Commission Representative Paul Baxter submitted his report via email for the month of August. A town budget process workshop has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 28 in Altmar.
- Highway Superintendent - Douglas Henry went over the highway bills for the month of August.
 - The highway department replaced two culverts on Waggoner Rd and they are cutting brush and mowing.
 - Superintendent Henry needs an IT person to work on his computer.
 - Superintendent Henry asked Supervisor Potter for the canceled checks he needs to turn in for CHIPS reimbursement. Supervisor Potter will provide the canceled checks and invoices this week.
- NOCA Representative Bob Trainham reported an increase in rates for 2020. They have increased payroll by apx \$100,000 in order to retain full time paramedics and to pay overtime due to loss of 2 full time paramedics. The Town of Orwell will see an increase of apx \$2,400.

DISCUSSION:

-Snow and Ice Agreement - Superintendent Henry and Supervisor Potter expressed concerns with the current contract from Oswego County for the Snow and Ice Agreement. After discussion with the Board Members a motion was made by Councilman Nicholas Marshall and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to table the issue until a later date. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

-Yellow Jacket Infestation- The Town Building will be closed Thursday, September 12 for fumigation to rid the building of yellow jackets.

-LED Streetlights Update- The Town has paid for the street lights. National Grid has approved the Energy Efficiency incentive for the LED conversion which will total \$2,825.00. This will cover the cost of the lights.

-Tax Cap Public Hearing for Local Law #3 to Exceed Tax Cap for 2020 has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 8 at 6:45PM.

-Budget Workshop Meetings have been scheduled for Thursday, October 10 and Thursday, October 17 at 6:30PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

-Jessica Steele tried to pay her water bill online but there was an issue with the website. Tug Hill Commission Representative Paul Baxter is looking into the issue.

-Water Operator-Eric Pappa thanked the highway department for the great job cleaning up around the well house.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Supervisor Potter received the Oswego County Real Estate Auction list. There are 2 properties in the Town of Orwell included in the list.

-A motion was made by Councilman Nicholas Marshall and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to approve the minutes of the August Regular Meeting. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

- A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the Town Clerk's Report for the month of August. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

- A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman Nicholas Marshall to approve the Supervisor's Report for the month of August. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve payment of the following claims. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

General Fund Abstract #9	Claims # 1003-1010	\$ 7,778.08
Highway Fund Abstract #9	Claims #1001-1008	\$ 7,409.89
Water Fund Abstract #9	Claims #1000-1004	\$ 966.99

-A motion was made by Councilman Nicholas Marshall and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted October 7, 2019

Rebecca Trudell
Orwell Town Clerk