

**ORWELL TOWN BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Orwell Town Hall**  
**1999 County Route 2, Orwell, NY**  
**February 11, 2020**  
**7:00PM**

Members Present:  
Supervisor William Potter  
Councilmen: Ryan Jones, Jeffrey Graham, David Lake, Jessica Steele  
Also Present:  
Oswego County Legislator-Herb Yerdon  
CEO-John Howland  
Highway Superintendent-Doug Henry  
Town Clerk-Amber Wilson  
Public present-Shirley Downes

**REPORTS:**

A) CEO John Howland had no report. Will be going to annual training April 7th-9th.

- A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman Jessica Steele to approve CEO Howland to go to training. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

B) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon arrived at 7:30 and gave his report

- Rabies Clinic schedule for 2020 is available in the Town Clerk's office
- Towns have a one time free tipping fee of 50 tons / year for the removal of a demolished building that was vacant, unsafe, and or a blight on the town.
- Submitted the meeting schedule and list of the 7 committees. A copy of the schedule is available in the Town Clerk's office.
- Discussed the importance of zoning and considering the possibility of creating zoning.
- The legislators went to Albany for 3 days for training. During that training ideas for recruiting and keeping EMS and volunteer firefighters was discussed. Information on that is available in the Town Clerk's office. They also discussed the new bail reform.
- Discussion about the 2nd Amendment

C) Dog Warden- No report.

D) Assessor- No report

E) Water Operator Eric Pappa submitted his report and a copy is available in the Town Clerk's office.

- Water levels are up a few thousand per day. He will be keeping a close eye on it.
- Chlorine residual is holding between .38 and .42
- Opened up the hydrants on CO RT 2 and installed the new hydrant markers. Will finish the rest this week.

F) Highway Superintendent Henry handed in the equipment repair cost report for January and went over the highway bills.

- Discussed the logging being done for the next month on State land on Beecherville and Carpenter Rds.
- Discussed the the town's share of the cost of the shared shoulder machine that is shared with the following towns: Mexico, Amboy, Richland, Redfield, Sandy Creek, Boylston, and Williamstown. The Town of Orwell's share of the cost is \$4,375. Oswego County will not let the towns borrow one anymore.
- Back propane heater in the town barn is not working. Working on getting it repaired.
- Letter from NAVISTAR INC with the serial # for the new International truck was given to Supervisor Potter. Will cost a little more than the truck purchased in 2018 but it is coming with a belly scraper already on it.

G) Tug Hill Representative Paul Baxter emailed his report and a copy is available in the Town Clerk's office.

H) NOCA - No report

### **DISCUSSION:**

a) Supervisor Potter asked board members if they are going to the Tug Hill Local government conference on March 26th. Councilman Jessica Steele, Councilman David Lake, and Supervisor Bill Potter are all attending.

b) Vestibule floor repair is scheduled for the week of February 17th. The library will be closed that week.

c) Sending Town Clerk Amber Wilson to the NYSTCA conference April 26-29th in Albany. She will receive Notary training and take the test to become a Notary while there.

d) Supervisor Potter expressed how pleased he is that the Town Clerk is keeping pace with the taxes and that the Town has already been paid.

e) Pilot agreement with Brookfield is up this year. Supervisor Potter has contacted the Town Attorney to review the agreement. Discussed putting them back on the tax rolls for next year. They are assessed at \$18M. Haven't heard anything from Brookfield. Superintendent Henry is against re entering into a pilot agreement. Feels it is better to have them on the tax roll.

f) Superintendent Henry was given information that the project to repair Bennett's Bridges will start in April. It is projected to only take 1 year to do both bridges.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Supervisor Potter read the correspondence received since last month's meeting. NY municipal insurance reciprocal annual report.

**Approval of Minutes, Monthly Reports, Budget Adjustments, and Payment of Claims: all are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.**

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to

approve the Organizational Meeting Minutes as written. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman Jessica Steele to approve the regular meeting minutes for January as written. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

- A motion was made by Councilman David Lake and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to approve the Town Clerks report for the month of January. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to approve the Supervisor's Monthly Report for January. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

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

General Fund Abstract #01	Claims # 08- 26	\$ 19,331.06
Highway Fund Abstract #01	Claims #10-26	\$17,232.60
Water Fund Abstract #01	Claims #03-05	\$ 408.11

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

Submitted February 14, 2020

Amber Wilson, Town Clerk