

**ORWELL TOWN BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Orwell Town Hall**  
**1999 County Route 2, Orwell, NY**  
**January 14, 2020**  
**7:15PM**

Members Present:  
Supervisor William Potter  
Councilmen: Ryan Jones, Jeffrey Graham, David Lake, Jessica Steele  
Also Present:  
Oswego County Legislator-Herb Yerdon  
CEO-John Howland  
Water Operator-Eric Pappa  
Highway Superintendent-Doug Henry  
Dog Warden-Steve Cronk  
NOCA Representative-Bob Trainham  
Tug Hill Commission Representative-Paul Baxter  
Town Clerk-Amber Wilson  
Public present-Shirley Downe

**REPORTS:**

A) CEO John Howland handed in his 2019 Annual Report. The Town of Orwell is down in building permits this year. None were issued in the month of December. The CEO Reports are on file in the Town Clerk's Office. CEO Howland will be out of town next week January 20th. There will be a fire inspection in a couple of months. Would like to get all the towns together to write the Legislators a letter. If the Town has unsafe structures or if a house is ordered to be torn down the cost can't be put on the taxes anymore. The Town has to waive the tipping fee for the construction company to take it to the transfer station.

- A motion was made by Councilman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to approve CEO report. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

B) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon didn't have much of a report due to only having a few meetings so far.

- The Legislators had their Organizational meeting, were sworn in, and signed their Oaths of Office.
- Legislators discussed \$166 Million in tourism that is coming into the county. The county averaged the amount of money coming into the county and the amount of money being spent and it averages out to be about \$412/household.
- The Legislators discussed the Lake Ontario shoreline. A resolution was made for businesses and private residents on the shoreline to fill out an application for relief money. The County said they would stand behind homeowners and businesses for up to \$100,000. The State hasn't decided how to get the money to land owners.
- The legislators discussed the new Jail Bond Act the State has approved. It is going to cost the county a lot of money to implement due to more staff in various departments needing to be hired to get the work done in the time frame given.

Supervisor Potter asked Legislator Yerdon about a 2nd Amendment rumor he'd heard about Oswego County becoming a sanctuary county. Legislator Yerdon hadn't heard anything about it. He also asked Legislator Yerdon about the plastic bag ban going into effect in March and if the County is banning them before then. Legislator Yerdon said the county hasn't said anything about banning them before March.

C) Dog Warden- No report.

D) Assessor- No report

E) Water Operator Eric Pappa read his report as written.

- All water testing for 2019 has been completed and is satisfactory.
- All requirements for the DOH have been completed for 2019.
- Per DOH the Town needs to purchase a back up chemical feed pump which will cost \$1,000. A new barrel is also needed. It wasn't flagged by DOH at this time but would like to stay proactive.
- Another 1ft hydrant riser will need to be purchased and that will cost approx. \$600.
- Operator Pappa would like to purchase new hydrant markers that look nice and are maintenance and fire person friendly. They will cost approx. \$330. For ones that have the American flag on them they are an additional \$60. He will look into reflective ones or reflective tape for them.
- Operator Pappa would also like to purchase 40 new stainless steel nuts and bolts for hydrant bonnets after observing while fixing a riser that the bolts are rusted badly.
- Water usage has been around 14,000 a day.
- Our residual is stable at .40 after cleaning the pumps and barrel.

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman Jessica Steele to approve the Water Operator Eric Pappa's proposed purchases. (5 ayes) motion carries

F) Highway Superintendent Henry handed in the equipment repair cost report for December and went over the highway bills. The contract with the county for snow removal is on track from October to December 31st. Superintendent Henry expressed his concern that if the winter hadn't been so mild so far and if the county hadn't supplied the materials, the town would have to pay out of pocket.

G) Tug Hill Representative Paul Baxter handed in his report covering upcoming meetings and the Tug Hill Local Government Conference for 2020. Representative Baxter provided the new Oswego County events brochure for Winter/Spring 2020. Copies are available in the Town Clerk's office.

H) NOCA - NOCA representative Bob Trainham submitted his report. NOCA is financially in the black. They responded to 36 calls for the 2019 year. There is still a paramedic shortage.

## **DISCUSSION:**

a) - A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman David Lake to appoint Amber Wilson as Tax Collector for 2020. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

b) Superintendent Henry gave information on the proposed new plow truck.

- The truck will be a 2020/2021.
- The payment will cost less per month than the current truck payment.
- It will have a belly scraper and sand limiter already on it.

A motion was made by Councilman David Lake and seconded by Councilman Jessica Steele to approve Superintendent Henry to purchase a new plow truck. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Supervisor Potter read the correspondence received since last month's meeting. The Unified Court system has requested Supervisor Potter to audit the Judge's books by March 1st.

**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 David Lake to approve the December 2019 Year End 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 Town Clerk's report for December. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

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

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

General Fund Abstract #01	Claims # 01-07	\$ 2,220.67
Highway Fund Abstract #01	Claims #01-09	\$11,789.44
Water Fund Abstract #01	Claims #01-02	\$ 338.64

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

Submitted January 27, 2020

Amber Wilson, Town Clerk