

**ORWELL TOWN BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Orwell Town Hall**  
**1999 County Route 2, Orwell, NY**  
**March 10, 2020**  
**7:00PM**

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

**REPORTS:**

- A) CEO John Howland had no report. Annual report has been completed before the April 1st deadline.
- B) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon gave his report
- NYS budget is \$6.2 billion over. They are talking about passing all expenses down to the county which would create a budget gap of \$5.6 million.
  - IDA program 5 year report shows how much money was spent and what jobs were created. A copy is available in the Town Clerk's office.
  - HEAP appointment schedule. It is available in the Town Clerk's office.
  - Fliers for Camp Hollis 5k color run and job opportunities. Flier for youth Career Summit for 8th graders at SUNY Oswego,
  - Govenor wants to create a green energy department. He wants to fast track green energy ie: solar panels and wind mills. It will over ride town's decisions on green energy.
  - Rabies Clinic final schedule and report of rabies cases and testing done in 2019
- 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 usage has remained the same for 3 months in a row.
  - Chlorine residual is averaging at .40
  - The rest of the hydrant markers will be done within the next week
  - Had a small leak in the UV system but it has been fixed.

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

- Had to replace a broken mirror that got hit by a tree branch.
- Purchased the salt for next winter. The bid was put in last July/August and the salt must be claimed by April. Got 233 ton @ \$53.46/ton.
- The new truck has made a difference in sand usage. The town won't need to haul as much sand next year.
- Getting sand \$1/yrd from Nichols Rd in Williamstown and we screen it ourselves. Sharing it with Williamstown and Amboy and they will also help haul it. The county's price for sand is between \$5 and \$6/yrd.
- The town is \$66,787.19 ahead due to the mild winter.
- Loggers on Carpenter Rd are done logging for now due to warming temperatures. No damage was done to the road.

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

- Updates to the website will be done to fix the Town Clerk's hours

H) NOCA -

- 4 calls head of last year
- Ordered a new ambulance in November and it was supposed to be here in March. Now the date projected is the middle of April.
- Got 1 new full time paramedic and 2 part time EMT drivers.

## **DISCUSSION:**

a) Supervisor Potter reminded the 3 board members about 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