

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
1999 County Route 2, Orwell, NY
May 12, 2020
7:00PM

Members Present:
Supervisor William Potter
Councilmen: Ryan Jones, Jeffrey Graham, David Lake, Jessica Steele
Also Present:
Oswego County Legislator-Herb Yerdon
Town Clerk-Amber Wilson

REPORTS:

A) CEO - No report. \$920.00 worth of building permits have been issued since January 2020

B) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon arrived at 7:10 and gave his report

- Phase 1 reopening of the county is scheduled for Friday May 15th. Governor Cuomo wants 775 tests per day done for our region which includes Onondaga, Cayuga, Madison, Oswego, and Cortland Counties in order to open. 647 tests had been performed as of May 11th. In 2 weeks if all goes well with Phase 1 then the county will move to Phase 2.
 - Phase 1 includes : Construction, manufacturing, etc
 - Phase 2 includes: Professional services, financing, insurance, retail, administrative support, real estate, and rentals. Municipalities are possibly covered under Phase 2. It will depend on what the liability insurance says.
 - Phase 3 includes: restaurants, food service, hotels, and accommodations
 - Phase 4 includes: art, entertainment, recreation, and schools.
- 2,235 tests were done in Oswego County. There are 135,000 residents in Oswego County.
 - 74 were positive
 - 10 are currently still positive
 - 61 have recovered
 - 3 deaths
- Pulaski and Sandy Creek milk giveaway gave away 800 gallons of milk. One in Central Square also gave away 800 gallons
- Oswego County is proposing cutting down on expenses
 - proposed hiring and purchasing freeze
 - \$500,000 at a time for paving instead of the usual \$4 million. If the sales tax continues to drop paving will not be able to be done. Currently sales tax is down 17%

C) Dog Warden- No report.

D) Assessor- No report

E) Water Operator – No report

F) Highway Superintendent-No report

- Keeping with the safety procedures for COVID-19 Superintendent Henry currently has 3 guys in 3 different trucks.
- Superintendent Henry has not heard anything about CHIPS money from the county. CHIPS money is usually received by the end of April. If the town does not receive CHIPS money then the town will not do any paving this year.
- If the town receives CHIPS money it has yet to be decided what the town will use the money for.

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

- Tug Hill Local government conference on March 26th was canceled and the town was refunded.

H) NOCA - No report

DISCUSSION:

a) Public notice to all property tax payers regarding STAR and Enhanced STAR. A copy of the notice is on file in the Town Clerk's office and has been posted on the website.

b) Due to COVID-19 there will be no face to face grievance for property assessment. The Town of Orwell will still meet on May 27th however to have your grievance heard you must fill out a RT 525 form and have it in by then. A copy of the report is on file in the Town Clerk's office as well as on the town website.

c) The siding project is anticipated to be started the first part of June. Councilman Ryan Jones requested that while Jason Rossman the contractor is fixing the siding, if he could also please fix the light on the side of the building.

d) Parish Rabies clinic for Wednesday May 13th has been postponed with no reschedule date at this time.

e) Annual drinking water quality report for 2020 will be going out in the mail this week to all town water recipients. A copy of the report is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

f) NYS will be sending a truck with food for a food giveaway for the towns of Redfield, Osceola, Amboy, Orwell, and Boylston. The date is TBA.

g) Due to COVID-19 Code enforcement officers are to enforce large group gathering restrictions with appearance tickets.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Potter read the correspondence received since last month's meeting. Lyme disease awareness study and NYMIR insurance risk management guidelines.

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 Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to approve the February Meeting Minutes as written. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to approve the April 23rd special meeting minutes for as written. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the Town Clerks report for the month of March. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

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

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the Supervisor's Monthly Report for March. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

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

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

General Fund Abstract #04	Claims # 43-56	\$ 12,936.21
Highway Fund Abstract #04	Claims #37-47	\$84,227.27
Water Fund Abstract #04	Claims #08-10	\$ 560.24
General Fund Abstract #05	Claims # 57-68	\$ 29,185.75
Highway Fund Abstract #05	Claims #48-52	\$ 2,600.76
Water Fund Abstract #05	Claims #11-17	\$ 4,283.02

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

Submitted May 19, 2020

Amber Wilson, Town Clerk