

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Emergency Town board/Water board Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
1999 County Route 2, Orwell, NY
July 20, 2020
7:00PM

Members Present:
Supervisor William Potter
Councilmen: Jessica Steele, Jeffrey Graham, David Lake
Water Board: James Ellis, Dave Potter
Water Operator: Eric Pappa
Deputy Water Operator: Nicholas Marshall
Town Clerk- Amber Wilson

An emergency special town board and water board meeting was called by Supervisor Potter to discuss the current water supply and options for pursuing auxiliary water for the town water district. The meeting started at 7:00pm with an open discussion about the current water supply and lack thereof.

- Water Operator Pappa said the spring house is dangerously low on water. The rain we received over the weekend was helpful, however it wasn't enough. The town is currently using about 17,500 gallons per day and is being closely monitored.
- The water tower currently has about 62 ft of water in it but more substantial rain is needed or the town will have to have more water from Sugar Shack brought in. The town gets 4,000 gallons per load and has received 88,000 gallons of water so far.
- The only temporary solution approved by the health department is to have water hauled in from a certified source.
- Out of the 3 water sources on the property, one has a pump that is currently not working. Although it isn't a reason why there is no water in the well, Eric Pappa is going to call Gary Sova of Sova Plumbing Repairs and have him repair the pump.
- An alarm system is needed to alert when water levels are dangerously low.

Discussion then turned to options for accessing auxiliary water and the long term plan for the water district.

- According to Water Operator Pappa there is water in a spot on the property near the 3 wells just bubbling out of the ground even during this drought. He is checking with Dustin Clark, an engineer with Barton and Loguidice to see if the town could dig a test hole to see if it would be a viable spot to have a new well dug.
 - Tapping into the old Orwell School well or Unity Acres well was mentioned as a possibility although not tested for long term viability.
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- In 2014 an engineering plan was drawn up with Barton and Loguidice for options for accessing

auxiliary water. These are the options that were viable then:

- A new ground water well using existing treatment facility. Cost: \$1,054,000
- A new ground water well with a new treatment facility. Cost: \$1.4 million
- Connect to the Town of Richland's water district seasonally. Cost: \$1,744,000
- Connect to the Town of Richland's water district year round. Cost: \$1.5 million
- The Town of Richland has enough water to easily support the Town of Orwell year round

Since the original engineering plan was drawn up costs have changed. Some to the town's advantage. An updated engineering plan is necessary before any options can be seriously considered, and grant money will be needed to move on to the planning phase. Out of the options mentioned and previously presented by the engineering company, tying into the Town of Richland's water district is the option most popular with the town board and water board members. Future meetings and deliberations will be had before a final decision is made. A motion was made by Supervisor Potter for a resolution to move forward.

Resolution #2-2020

To pursue auxiliary water supply for the Town of Orwell Water District TOWN OF ORWELL TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, the Town of Orwell Town Board will have an updated engineering report done through Barton and Loguidice from August 2014 to current to pursue auxiliary water for the Town of Orwell; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Orwell will request assistance from Barton and Loguidice in applying for planning grants as well as any other grants available; Now, therefor,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Orwell Town Board assembled this twentieth day of July, 2020, in the Town of Orwell, New York, to request an updated engineering report from Barton and Loguidice

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Town of Orwell requests assistance from Barton and Loguidice in applying for planning grants as well as any other grants available.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon

roll call, the vote was as follows:

Councilman David Lake	Aye
Councilwoman Jessica Steele	Aye
Councilman Jeffrey Graham	Aye
Councilman Ryan Jones	Absent
Supervisor William Potter	Aye

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted on this 20th day of July, 2020.

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Supervisor William Potter to adjourn the meeting at 7:55PM. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted July 21, 2020

Amber Wilson, Town Clerk