

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

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

REPORTS:

A) CEO - No report. 4 building permits were issued in the month of July. CEO Howland is attending the required code enforcement classes online due to COVID-19 restrictions.

B) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon gave his report

- Legislator's canceled their annual meeting held in Pulaski and rescheduled it to be held in Oswego. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Pulaski does not have enough room for social distance seating.
- As of August 10th 29,664 tests were done in Oswego County. There are roughly 135,000 residents in Oswego County.
 - 258 were positive
 - 29,202 were negative
 - 6 are currently still active positive
 - 248 have recovered
 - 4 deaths
 - 70 in mandatory isolation
- Detailed information can be found online at health.oswegocounty.com/covid-19 or call the hotline at 315-349-3330 weekdays from 8:30am-4pm and weekends from 8:30am- noon.
- Oswego County real estate auction sales totaled around \$5 million.
- All residents of Oswego County are encouraged to fill out the 2020 Census.
- Senior Farmer's Market coupon books will be distributed on August 12th at Lighthouse Mexico Church of God 11 S. Jefferson St from 11AM-1PM and August 13th and continuing weekdays until coupons are gone from 9AM-3PM at Oswego County Office for the Aging parking lot, 70 Bunner St Oswego. Drive up is by appointment only. To make an appointment call: 315-349-3484
- Oswego County will be doing their paving for 2020. A list of what roads will be paved is available in the Town Clerk's office.

- NYSDOH informed the Oswego County Health Department that the Toad Harbor Swamp in West Monroe has been found to have mosquitoes carrying the EEE virus and will be spraying in the area.
- There is a phishing email being circulated from what appears to be Phil Church's email address requesting recipients to purchase a gift card. It is advised to delete the email immediately and do not open it.

C) Dog Warden- No report.

D) Assessor- No report

E) Water Operator – No report

F) Highway Superintendent-Read bills and expenses.

- Got 3 loads of salt. The salt shed is now full for winter.
- All patching and paving has been completed with the exception of Jackson Rd.
- Still figuring out where to get sand from as the gravel pit Albion doesn't look like it will have the proper permit paperwork done in time. There are two sand pits with private permits on Finnerty Rd and Lover's Lane in Williamstown that are possibilities. Both will cost about \$2/yrd and the Town of Orwell will have to screen it themselves. If both of those possibilities don't pan out then the Town will get sand from the County of Oswego.
- Winter help is needed. It is unknown as to whether Jake Teachout will be able to come back for the winter due to his car accident he had in the spring.
- Bennett's Bridges is setting steel and pouring concrete this week on one of the bridges. The bridges will still be out until some time 2021.

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

H) NOCA –

- 51 calls below last year.
- So far they are financially stable; however they have gone over the budget by \$17,000
- They are looking at a possible 2% increase to their budget for 2021.
- NOCA is looking for fill for their corner lot to even out the parking lot.

DISCUSSION:

a) The Town Hall front door is scheduled to be repaired.

b)After much searching the dehumidifier has been fixed. By chance, the company contacted to fix it, Woodcock & Amnani, happens to be the company that took over and dissolved the company that originally manufactured the dehumidifier. Supervisor Potter is looking into a service contract with them to service the dehumidifier, A/C, and furnace.

c)Due to COVID-19 meeting and public hearings still have to be conducted at 50% capacity, maintain 6ft apart, masks must be worn at all times, and extensive sanitizing must be done. Mandated by NYS

d) NYS Archives released a new record retention and disposition schedule. Local governments will have until January 1, 2021 to adopt it via a resolution. A copy of the summary of changes is available in the Town Clerk's office.

e) Budget modifications have not been completed as of yet and will be done for the September 2020 meeting.

f&g) Multiple complaints have been voiced to Supervisor Potter and other board members about ATV's using roads they aren't supposed to and driving too fast. Complaints about vehicles driving too fast in speed zones have also been voiced. The complaints were forwarded on to the County Legislator Yerdon who said he would call the County Sheriff's office and complain and advised anyone receiving said complaints to do the same.

h) Barton & Loguidice will be updating the engineering plan. The Town of Orwell has also requested assistance from Barton & Loguidice in seeking grant funding to pay for the updating of the engineering plan as well as any improvement projects. Any project to be done is projected to take 1-2 years to complete, but a second source of water that equals the amount of water being produced by the spring house and surrounding wells is necessary in accordance to NYSDOH.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

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 Councilwoman Jessica Steele to approve the July 2020 Meeting Minutes as written. (4 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 July 2020. (4 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 July 2020. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to approve payment of the following claims. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

General Fund Abstract #08	Claims # 100-110	\$ 3,990.13
Highway Fund Abstract #08	Claims #80-89	\$ 14,956.88
Water Fund Abstract #08	Claims #22-27	\$10,181.54

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted August 13, 2020

Amber Wilson, Town Clerk