

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
1999 County Route 2, Orwell, NY
July 14, 2020
7:00PM

Members Present:

Supervisor William Potter

Councilmen: Ryan Jones, Jeffrey Graham, 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 June.

B) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon gave his report

- Legislator's have resumed meeting as usual.
- Camp Hollis has been operating as a day camp only successfully.
- As of July 13th 19,378 tests were done in Oswego County. There are roughly 135,000 residents in Oswego County.
 - 225 were positive
 - 18,969 were negative
 - 16 are currently still positive
 - 205 have recovered
 - 4 deaths
 - 57 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 is set for August 6th and 7th. There are 280 parcels being auctioned. You may bid online at www.collarcityauctionsonline.com or in person at the Oasis at Thunder Island, 21 Wilcox Rd, Fulton NY. To bid online you must complete the pre-registration by August 3rd. To bid in person you must complete a bidder certification form. A complete list of properties and registration forms can be found in the Town Clerk's office or in the lobby of the town municipal offices.
- Senior Farmer's Market coupon will be a drive through distribution. It will be held on July 16th from 10am-3pm at SUNY Oswego-Romney/Parking lot #7 Barnes Drive and July 17th from 10am-3pm at Cayuga Community College Parking lot 11 River glen Dr, Fulton. If you are age 60 or over and have a gross income at or below \$1,968.00 a month for one person or \$ 2,658.00 a month for two people you are eligible for a coupon booklet. You must wear a mask, remain in your vehicle, and each booklet must be signed for in person or by proxy.

- Oswego County will be doing their Summer Youth employment program this year beginning July 13th. The program is open to youths age 14-24. Requirements are: Must be a resident of Oswego County, have a low income household, or receive assistance through TANF,SNAP, Medicaid, HEAP,Foster care, or SSI. Applicants who are between the ages of 21-24 must also be pregnant or a relative caring for a minor child in the household. An application and more information can be found at <https://ocwny.org/young-adult-workers/young-adult-workers-about> or call 315-591-9076

C) Dog Warden- No report.

D) Assessor- No report

E) Water Operator – No report

F) Highway Superintendent-Read bills and expenses.

- Paved and sealed Waggoner Rd. Sealed Falls Rd and patching is scheduled to be done on Jackson Rd next week.
- The new truck is in Watertown waiting to get equipped. Due to COVID-19 the date has been pushed back from July and is now scheduled for September. The town should have it by October.
- Still figuring out where to get sand from as the gravel pit Albion doesn't look like it will have the proper paperwork done in time. The town has some stock piled from last year due to the mild winter. If the town has to get sand from the County it will cost \$6/yd Locally Coffin's Gravel is charging \$7/yd

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

H) NOCA –

- 40 calls below last year however the beginning of July was busier than normal.
- Purchased a decontamination unit for the ambulances. Within 1 hour the inside of the ambulance is decontaminated in all the places a person can not physically get.
- Getting rear doors on one ambulance repaired as they have rusted.
- So far they are financially stable.

DISCUSSION:

a) The Town Hall siding project has been completed.

b) Currently waiting on a phone call about the front door to the Town Hall and whether it is going to get repaired or modified. It is currently sticking and not shutting properly.

c) The dehumidifier for the building is currently not running and hasn't since last fall. The company that manufactured it is no longer in business and the closest company that possibly might repair it is in Marcy. Supervisor Potter will be making some phone calls to see if he can find someone to repair it.

d) Health insurance rates are projected to increase by 6.4% for 2020

e) Upon reviewing the right of way to the water tower and the property, Supervisor Potter has concluded that a Verizon cell tower would be difficult to put on the water tower property. A vote was called on whether to pursue further and was voted no with unanimous nays from the Town board.

f) 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 until August 5th 2020.

g) A resolution must be done to complete budget modifications.

h) The Town ran out of water on Saturday July 11th and had to have water delivered. 20 loads of water at \$400/ load was delivered by Sugar Shack. The daily water usage is between 16,000-22,000 gallons. The Town of Orwell has been notified via Facebook, the town website, and a mailing going out on Wednesday July 15th of the water shortage and is being urged to severely conserve water until further notice. Supervisor Potter will be meeting with the water board to discuss the water situation and possible future options for increasing the amount of water.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Shirley Downes thanked Superintendent Henry and his guys for replacing the missing dead end sign.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Potter read the correspondence received since last month's meeting.

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 David Lake and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to approve the June 2020 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 Town Clerks report for the month of June 2020. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the Supervisor's Monthly Report for June 2020. (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 #07	Claims # 82-99	\$19,113.80
Highway Fund Abstract #07	Claims #67-79	\$112,573.33
Water Fund Abstract #07	Claims #20-21	\$ 242.01

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Supervisor William Potter to adjourn the meeting at 7:55PM. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted July 17, 2020

Amber Wilson, Town Clerk