

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
ZOOM
January 12, 2021
7:05PM

Members Present:
Supervisor William Potter
Councilmen: Ryan Jones, Jeffrey Graham, David Lake
Also Present:
Oswego County Legislator-Herb Yerdon
CEO-John Howland
Assessor-David Roach
Water Operator-Eric Pappa
Highway Superintendent-Doug Henry
NOCA Representative-Bob Trainham
Tug Hill Commission Representative-Paul Baxter
Barton & Loguidice- David Powers
Town Clerk-Amber Wilson
Public present-Shirley Downes

Supervisor Potter opened the regular meeting at 7:05 PM. Assessor David Roach discussed Resolution #1-2021 Provisions of executive order 202.83 suspending the requirement of renewal applications as a condition to granting exemptions under sections 459-C and 467 of the real property law.

Resolution # 1-2021
Town of Orwell
Town Board

ADOPTS PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 202.83 SUSPENDING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RENEWAL APPLICATIONS AS A CONDITION TO GRANTING EXEMPTIONS UNDER SECTIONS 459-C AND 467 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

Supervisor William Potter offered the following resolution,
which was seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New York by Executive Order No. 202 dated March 7, 2020, declared a state disaster emergency for the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, both travel-related and community contact transmission of COVID-19 have been documented in New York State and are expected to continue; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 29-a of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, New York State

Governor Andrew Cuomo did issue Executive Order 202.83 dated December 18, 2020, 2020, which authorized, by local option, the governing body, to adopt the provisions of that Executive Order 202.83, which temporarily suspends or modifies, subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law and subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law. The COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2020 (Chapter 381 of the Laws of 2020) was signed into law by Governor Cuomo on December 28 mandating the provisions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Executive Order 202.83 issued by New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo and Chapter 381 of the Laws of 2020, the Town Board of the Town of **ORWELL** hereby authorizes the Assessor to request an application where he or she has reason to believe that the applicant may have changed his or her primary residence, added an additional owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner, or died, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Assessor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all Town Hall Departments may review and obtain a copy of this resolution from the electronic storage device and if needed, a certified copy of same may be obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk.

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	ABSENT
Councilman Jeffrey Graham	AYE
Councilman Ryan Jones	AYE
Supervisor William Potter	AYE

I, Amber Wilson, Town Clerk, of the Town of Orwell, Oswego County, New York, do hereby certify the preceding resolution was duly adopted, at a regular/organizational Town Board meeting of the Town of Orwell held on January 12th, 2021 and will be included in the minutes of said meeting.

Amber Wilson, Orwell Town Clerk

David Powers from Barton & Loguidice discussed Resolution #4-2021 Authorizing the Town to have a public hearing to discuss the CDBG grant in February.

**RESOLUTION #4-2021
AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF ORWELL TOWN BOARD
TO SCHEDULE AND HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF ORWELL
TOWN BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Town of Orwell (Town) is proposing the Town of Orwell Water Systems Improvement Project (Project), located in the Town of Orwell, Oswego County, New York; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Town of Orwell Town Board to schedule a public hearing to discuss applying for a Community Development Block Grant for the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town Board may authorize a Public Hearing to discuss community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2021 program year.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

William Potter, Town Supervisor	AYE
Jeff Graham, Councilman	AYE
Ryan Jones, Councilman	AYE
David Lake, Councilman	AYE
Jessica Steele, Councilwoman	ABSENT

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: January 12th 2021

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted on January 12th 2021 and is recorded in the Meeting Minutes of the Town of Orwell.

Amber Wilson
Town Clerk

REPORTS:

A) CEO John Howland emailed his 2020 Annual Report and it is on file in the Town Clerk's Office. Four were issued in the month of December. There will be a fire inspection in a couple of months.

B) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon went over the current COVID-19 report. He also shared news about the County Career Center receiving an award for helping veterans in all military branches ranging in age from 21-84 find jobs from July 2019- June 2020. Oswego County BOE will be closed until January 19th due to COVID and all Oswego County offices will be closed Monday January 18th for Martin Luther King Day. Oswego County department of Health is encouraging those 65 and older to get the high-dose flu vaccine. Legislator Yerdon also submitted information about the COVID-19 vaccine. All informational packets are on file in the Town Clerk's office.

C) Dog Warden- No report.

D) Assessor- No report

E) Water Operator Eric Pappa had no report. He turned water on for one person and the Spring House is back to a normal level and the Town is using about 13,000 gallons of water per day.

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

G) Tug Hill Representative Paul Baxter read his report. The Tug Hill Commission is still operating at 50% or less occupancy. Zoom is looking like it is going to be a constant in the world of meetings. Contractors to help facilitate zoom meetings for towns are needed. The Tug Hill website has been updated and reorganized. Inter-municipal Agreement was renewed in November and needs to be agreed upon at the Town level.

- A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the Inter-municipal agreement. (4 Ayes) Motion carries

H) NOCA - NOCA representative Bob Trainham submitted his report. All providers and three office staff have all received the COVID-19 vaccine. Upon reviewing the 2020 budget's actual income vs expense NOCA only used less than \$25,000 out of the fund balance instead of the estimated \$65,000. NOCA received 12 calls more than last year. Throughout the year only a couple of staff members contracted COVID and not from Oswego County.

DISCUSSION:

a) - A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve Resolution #3-2021 to charge a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) to be added to the tax due on all properties for which a second notice is sent for the Town and County Property Tax bills for the year 2021. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence 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 Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to approve the December 2020 Year End Meeting Minutes as written. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the January 6th Highway Contract Negotiation Meeting Minutes with amendments. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

- Supervisor's Monthly Report for December was tabled.

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

General Fund Abstract #01	Claims # 01-08	\$ 2,628.33
Highway Fund Abstract #01	Claims #01-08	\$ 9,469.02
Water Fund Abstract #01	Claims #01-02	\$ 2,462.00

-A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted January 21, 2021

Amber Wilson, Town Clerk