

**ORWELL TOWN BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Orwell Town Hall**  
**1999 County Route 2, Orwell, NY**  
**March 9, 2021**  
**7:00PM**

Members Present:  
Supervisor William Potter  
Councilmen: Ryan Jones, Jeffrey Graham, David Lake, Jessica Steele  
Also Present:  
Oswego County Legislator-Herb Yerdon  
Highway Superintendent-Doug Henry  
Barton & Loguidice-Dustin Clark  
NOCA Representative-Bob Trainham  
Tug Hill Commission Representative-Verne Sundet  
Water board- David Potter  
Town Clerk-Amber Wilson  
Public present-Shirley Downes

Supervisor Potter opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the pledge of allegiance.

**REPORTS:**

A) CEO John Howland had no report.

B) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon arrived at 7:30 and gave his report

- As of March 8<sup>th</sup> 157,588 COVID-19 tests were done in Oswego County.
  - 6,482 were positive
  - 148,954 were negative
  - 179 are currently still active positive
  - 6,214 have recovered
  - 89 deaths reported by the NYSDOH
  - 494 in mandatory isolation
- Detailed information can be found online at [health.oswegocounty.com/covid-19](http://health.oswegocounty.com/covid-19) or call the hotline at 315-349-3330 weekdays from 8:30am-4pm and weekends from 8:30am- noon.
- People age 60 and over are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
- The Oswego County Health Department has released their rabies clinic schedule for 2021. All clinics are held on Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm and appointments must be made in advance. Appointments can be made by calling 315-349-3564. A limited number of appointments will be available. The suggested donation is \$7 per pet.
  - Scriba- March 31<sup>st</sup>, County Highway Garage, 31 Schaa Dr Oswego
  - Pulaski- May 5<sup>th</sup>, County Highway Garage, 957 Centerville Rd
  - Parish- May 19<sup>th</sup>, County Highway Garage, 24 Dill Pickle Alley

- Hastings- July 14<sup>th</sup> Town Highway Garage, Wilson Rd Central Square
- Granby- July 28<sup>th</sup>, Town Highway Garage, 820 Co rt 8 Fulton
- Volney- August 11<sup>th</sup>, Bristol Hill Landfill maintenance garage, 3125 State Rt 3
- Pulaski- September 15<sup>th</sup>, County Highway Garage, 957 Centerville Rd
- Scriba- October 20<sup>th</sup>, County Highway Garage, 31 Schaad Dr Oswego.

C) Dog Warden- No report.

D) Assessor- No report

E) Water Board- No report

F) Highway Superintendent Henry read the bills and repair costs for February. State put \$10 Million into the CHIPS funding to reimburse the 20% they took last year. The Town should be receiving paperwork soon to apply for the 20% or roughly \$26,000 the state took last year. As of right now the Town will receive the usual amount of money from CHIPS, PAVE-NY, and Extreme weather.

G) Tug Hill Representative Verne Sundet filled in for Representative Baxter and read his report. The Tughill Commission is still operating at 50% capacity and probably will for the foreseeable future. The Governor extended his executive order regarding the allowance of zoom meetings. March 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a zoom meeting for the Tughill Commission. By April they are hoping to resume in person. The Tughill Commission website has training workshops available.

H) NOCA – Overall they are doing well. The number of COVID-19 calls have dropped however due to the multitude of symptoms for COVID-19, they are still required to clean frequently. Billing income is low. Insurance companies are behind on their reimbursements and are trying to reimburse with a credit card that in turn is costing to use. NOCA is still looking for help. The wage for EMT's keeps getting raised and NOCA can't compete with larger corporations.

## **DISCUSSION:**

A & B) Dustin Clark went over the Groundwater Investigations Authorization Amendment. It is the first step in starting investigations for a new groundwater source. Up to \$250,000 is allowed to be spent to do so. Ideally they are hoping to find a groundwater source that can support a well producing 50 gallons/minute. Two wells would be even better. The investigation will begin on the Town's existing well site and will then go to the multiple properties within and around the Town's water system. If the weather cooperates investigations will begin next month. The Town Board approved the Groundwater Investigations Authorization Amendment No. 1 and passed Resolution # 11-2021. The Town of Orwell has an existing Wellhead Protection Plan however a new one may be required depending on where the new well is located.

**RESOLUTION #11-2021  
AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO.1 TO ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT  
GROUNDWATER INVESTIGATIONS  
TOWN OF ORWELL  
TOWN BOARD**

March 9, 2021

Councilman Ryan Jones offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham

**WHEREAS**, the Board Members of the Town of Orwell will authorize Amendment No.1 to Engineering Services Agreement Groundwater Investigations. The following services will be included in the Groundwater Investigations Phase of the project: Preliminary Groundwater Investigations and Design Subcontracted Services,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** that the Board Members of the Town of Orwell authorize Amendment No.1 to Engineering Services Agreement Groundwater Investigations.

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	AYE

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: March 9, 2021

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted on March 9, 2021 and is recorded in the Meeting Minutes of the Town of Orwell.

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Amber Wilson  
Town Clerk

C) A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to approve the Supervisor to spend \$228,000 in Highway Funds. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

D) A discussion was had about the Orwell Old Home Days and whether the Town should have it or not. The Fire department is not having their annual chicken BBQ. COVID-19 protocols on gatherings changes daily and although it is held outside, there would be no way to allow people to be 6ft apart at vendors. Supervisor Potter contacted the insurance company and they do not cover viral or bacterial infections. Supervisor Potter and Councilwoman Steele are against having the Old Home Days. A motion was made by Councilwoman Steele and seconded by Supervisor Potter to not have Old Home Days this year. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**Approval of Minutes, Monthly Reports, Budget Adjustments, Informational packets 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 Jeffrey Graham to approve the Public Hearing/regular meeting minutes for February as written. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

- A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the Town Clerks report for the month of February. (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 January. (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 #03	Claims # 32- 44	\$ 5,735.80
Highway Fund Abstract #03	Claims #22-31	\$ 22,918.16
Water Fund Abstract #03	Claims #10-12	\$ 3,532.04

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted March 10, 2021