

**ORWELL TOWN BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Orwell Town Hall**  
**1999 County Route 2, Orwell, NY**  
**August 12, 2021**  
**7:00PM**

Members Present:

Supervisor William Potter

Councilmen: Jeffrey Graham, David Lake, Jessica Steele

Also Present:

CEO- John Howland

Oswego County Legislator-Herb Yerdon

Highway Superintendent-Doug Henry

NOCA Representative-Bob Trainham

Tug Hill Commission – Paul Baxter

Water Operator – Eric Pappa

Town Clerk-Amber Wilson

Public present-Shirley Downes

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

**REPORTS:**

A) CEO John Howland had no report. 1 building permit has been issued in the last month.

B) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon gave his report

- As of August 9<sup>th</sup> 2021, 243,568 COVID-19 tests were done in Oswego County since March 2020.
  - 8,331 were positive
  - 232,139 were negative
  - 111 are currently still active positive
  - 8,129 have recovered
  - 93 deaths reported by the NYSDOH
  - 269 in mandatory isolation
- Detailed information can be found online at [health.oswegocounty.com/covid-19](http://health.oswegocounty.com/covid-19) or call the hot-line at 315-349-3330 weekdays from 8:30am-4pm and weekends from 8:30am-noon.
- Local data is showing unvaccinated people are at a much greater risk for COVID. Oswego County Health Department is offering vaccine clinics every Wednesday in August at the Oswego County Health Department located at 70 Bunner St in Oswego.
- Oswego County paddlefest is rescheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup> between 8:30 and 10am. All ages welcome.
- Oswego County Health Department is working with the Wildlife Services Program to

distribute oral rabies vaccine baits for wildlife across the county. Distribution is tentatively planned weather permitting for Thursday August 12<sup>th</sup> through Monday August 16<sup>th</sup>. They will be distributed by air with low flying air craft and by hand.

- Oswego County Suicide Prevention Coalition is having a chicken BBQ fundraiser on Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup> at lighthouse lanes in Oswego from noon-3pm. Pre sale tickets are available
- Oswego County Workforce NY is partnering with Amazon and offering a series of recruitment events. 1-4pm Wednesday August 11 at the OCWNY career center 200 N. Second St. Fulton
- NYSDOH informed Oswego County Health Department EEE was detected in a mosquito pool collected at a trap in the Town of Albion July 21<sup>st</sup> 2021.

C) Highway Superintendent Henry read the bills and repair and maintenance costs for the month of July. The tractor is still broken and the repair man isn't sure when they will get to it. A set of heated LED plow lights an accessories were stolen off the 2019 plow truck. Upon further investigation other things have been found to be missing. Superintendent Henry called the Oswego County Sheriff's office and was put on hold. He will follow up on it tomorrow. Sova's will be repairing the light in the Town Highway barn lot. Talk of possibly putting up security camera was had and more information is needed. A decision was tabled.

D) Water Operator Eric Pappa gave his report. All levels are good and where they should be. The generator is due to be serviced and the propane tank is at 56% so should have fuel delivered. Supervisor Potter said he would schedule that this week. Mr. William Havner, Public Health Engineer, is concerned with the nitrate levels. Nitrate levels are tested quarterly and are currently within the acceptable range and are not climbing but he would like to see them lower. The Town is already looking into enforcing the current Wellhead Protection Local Law # 1-2009.

E)Tug Hill Representative Paul Baxter read his report as written.

F) NOCA – Calls are high for the year making their fuel budget even higher. They are currently working on their 2022 budget.

### **DISCUSSION:**

A) Supervisor Potter has received \$ 59,800 from the American Rescue Plan which is roughly half the projected amount. There are many restrictions on what the money can be used for so more information and instruction is needed before a decision can be made on how to spend it.

**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 Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the regular meeting minutes for July 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 with revisions. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to approve the public hearing meeting minutes for July 30<sup>th</sup> 2021 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 2021. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

- A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the Supervisor's report for the month of July 2021. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

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

General Fund Abstract #08	Claims # 113-128	\$ 4,625.00
Highway Fund Abstract #08	Claims #75-89	\$ 74,154.34
Water Fund Abstract #08	Claims #34-38	\$ 11,893.41

-A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Steele to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. (4Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted August 12, 2021