

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

Members Present:  
Supervisor William Potter  
Councilmen: Jeffrey Graham, David Lake, Jessica Steele, Ryan Jones  
Also Present:  
CEO- John Howland  
Oswego County Legislator-Herb Yerdon  
Highway Superintendent-Doug Henry  
NOCA Representative-Bob Trainham  
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 gave his report. 3 building permits were issued in the last month. A complaint was made about junk/vehicles in the road on Lester Road. John Howland gave the board a couple of options of how to deal with the complaint.

B) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon gave his report

- As of September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021: 290,364 COVID-19 tests were done in Oswego County since March 2020.
  - 11,656 were positive
  - 275,114 were negative
  - 601 are currently still active positive
  - 109 deaths reported by the NYSDOH
  - 1,999 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, weekends 8:30am-12pm.
- The Oswego County Department of Social Services is hosting a virtual orientation meeting for future foster and adoptive parents October 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am-noon. Call Patricia Pennock at 315-963-5382 or email [patricia.pennock@dfa.state.ny.us](mailto:patricia.pennock@dfa.state.ny.us)
- The city of Oswego is having a walk-through trunk or treat sponsored by the

Oswego Speedway October 30<sup>th</sup> from 12-4pm

- There will be a Toys for Tots event Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup> at The American Foundry 246 West Seneca Street Oswego. For more information call Michael Coon 321-287-7859 or email MJCEvent@yahoo.com
- Supervisor Potter asked about how to go about getting a digital speed zone sign from the Oswego County Sherriff's office. Legislator Yerdon advised calling the Sherriff's office and speaking with them about it. He said he would also ask about it Thursday at the Legislator's meeting. Legislator Yerdon is trying to get a COVID vaccine clinic organized for the Town of Orwell however the OCDH is booked for the month of October.

C) Highway Superintendent Henry read the bills and repair and maintenance costs for the month of September. The pit the town was getting sand out of with the Town of Boylston only yielded 110 loads of sand at \$2.50/ yard for the Town of Orwell and 85 loads for the Town of Boylston before the floor of the pit began to get soft and the loader began to sink. Superintendent Henry went back to the pit the town used last year and got 50 loads out of another site the owner owns this week. The total loads of sand hauled so far is 160 loads. Superintendent Henry hauled 350 last year and would like to get at least 300 this year. He called Oswego County Highway Committee and asked if he could get sand out of the pit they are using for the price they are getting it for which is \$2/yard. The County Highway Committee told him no he had to pay \$6/ yard. Superintendent Henry expressed his displeasure with the County Highway Committee and commented that he doesn't feel appropriately represented.

D) Tug Hill Representative Paul Baxter's report was read as written.

E) NOCA representative Bob Trainham gave his report. Hospitals are diverting ambulances and they are being forced to sit sometimes for hours. It is hurting NOCA cost wise as well as personnel. If ambulances are being forced to sit at the hospital then they are unavailable to assist with emergencies in the local area.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

A) Supervisor Potter received an email from Mike Faulkner about the Assistant Water Operator position. Supervisor Potter responded with more information and is currently waiting for a response.

B) Supervisor Potter asked Water Operator Pappa for an update on the water nitrate situation. He is currently waiting for results. He will test every 3 weeks and the farmer has agreed not to use any fertilizer on the field as well as planting crops that will help absorb the nitrates.

C) A reminder that the budget workshop meetings will be held Thursdays October 14<sup>th</sup>,

21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm as needed.

**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 Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to approve the regular meeting minutes for September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

- A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the meeting minutes for the public hearing September 28<sup>th</sup> , 2021. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

- A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to approve the Town Clerks report for the month of September 2021. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

- The Supervisor's report for the month of September 2021 was tabled due to technical difficulties with the printer.

-A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve payment of the following claims. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

General Fund Abstract #10	Claims # 142-156	\$ 9,658.43
Highway Fund Abstract #10	Claims # 105-121	\$100,870.35
Water Fund Abstract #10	Claims # 46-50	\$ 1,183.63

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted October 26, 2021