

**ORWELL TOWN BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Orwell Town Hall**  
**1999 County Route 2, Orwell, NY**  
**December 14, 2021**  
**7:00PM**

Members Present:  
Supervisor William Potter  
Councilmen: Jeffrey Graham, David Lake, Ryan Jones, Jessica Steele

Also Present:  
CEO- John Howland  
Highway Superintendent-Doug Henry  
County Legislator – Herb Yerdon  
Town Clerk-Amber Wilson  
Tug Hill Commission – Paul Baxter

Public present-Shirley Downes, Sayles & Toni VanRy, Warren Hauer, Joe & Terri Howard, John & Jeanne Wall, Becky Legart, Jim Isgar, Debbie Butler, Bob Rauch, Brenda Kostoroski, Rick & Deb Pollic, Rob Rogers, Jim & Nancy Jackson, and Renee Stawiki

Supervisor Potter the meeting at 7:00pm with the pledge of allegiance. Supervisor Potter then addressed the room and announced a public hearing for the proposed junk law Local Law # 1-2022 will be held on Thursday January 13th, 2022, at 7pm. Copies of the proposed Local Law draft were available.

**REPORTS:**

A) CEO John Howland gave his report. 4 building permits were issued in the Town of Orwell in the month of November. Due to Mr. Howland’s attendance to training classes the Town of Orwell is eligible for a \$5,000 grant for energy efficient upgrades in the town and buildings.

B) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon arrived at 7:15 and gave his report.

- As of December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021: 342,169 COVID-19 tests were done in Oswego County since March 2020.
  - 16,180 were positive
  - 321,001 were negative
  - 887 are currently still active positive
  - 138 deaths reported by the NYSDOH
  - 2,266 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.

- Oswego county passed a resolution transferring the accounts and property of the drug task force from the office of the District Attorney to the office of the Oswego County Sheriff. Legislator spoke with the Sheriff about loaning the Town of Orwell an electronic speed sign and was told a new sign had been purchased and as soon as its up and running it will be brought to Orwell.
- Oswego County also passed a resolution opposing the NY Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) proposal to facilitate the siting of wind towers (Great Lakes offshore wind project) in Lake Ontario
- The Oswego County Youth Bureau is sponsoring a Family Holiday Party December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at the Pulaski American Legion from 12-3pm.

C) Highway Superintendent Henry read the bills and repair and maintenance costs for the month of November.

- Superintendent Henry asked the Oswego County highway department to cut a tree on Tubbs Rd after the windstorm last week.
- The Town of Orwell Highway department has been borrowing the Town of Amboy's bucket truck and has been cutting some trees on Jackson Rd.
- The CHIPS money should be received within the following weeks.
- The Town of Orwell received a 500-ton allotment for salt.
- The Town highway crews have been working on building and replacing the floor drains in the Town highway garage as was discussed in June. 2 drains have been completed and 3 more need to be done. The drains cost \$800/drain. The Town Board unanimously approved the spending to complete the drains.
- Superintendent Henry commented that the problem of vehicles in the road on Lester Rd has gotten better but not great.

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

E) NOCA representative Bob Trainham was not present and had no report

F) Water Operator Eric Pappa was not present and had no report.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

- A) A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Steele to pass Resolution #25-2021 approving the adoption of the revised Unified Solar Permit application for the Town of Orwell. (5 ayes)  
Motion carries.

## **Resolution #25-2021**

**Approving the adoption of the revised Unified Solar Permit  
application for the Town of Orwell  
Town of Orwell  
Town Board**

**WHEREAS** the Town of Orwell does hereby desire to adopt the revised Unified Solar Permit application for New York State and;

**WHEREAS** the Town of Orwell, by its adoption of this revised Unified Solar Permit, will be one of the municipalities in New York State that will use this permit and such permit will be an expedited solar permitting process and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Orwell does hereby adopt the revised Unified Solar Permit application for New York State and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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  
Councilwoman Jessica Steele  
Councilman Jeffrey Graham  
Councilman Ryan Jones  
Supervisor William Potter

**CLERK CERTIFICATION:**

I, Amber Wilson, Clerk of the Town of Orwell in the County of Oswego, State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the preceding copy of the resolution with the original thereof duly adapted by the Board Members of the Town of Orwell at an open meeting of such Board held on December 14, 2021, and the same is a true and correct copy of such resolution and of the whole thereof.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.

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Amber Wilson  
Orwell Town Clerk

B) Test wells that were drilled on the former dump on Hogback Rd in June were

tested and have come back clean. No pollutants were found. Superintendent Henry asked if the test wells were going to stay or be filled in and Supervisor Potter responded that he was unsure at this time.

- C) The year-end meeting will be Wednesday December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 7pm to conclude any and all 2021 business.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Supervisor Potter opened the floor to the public. Debbie Pollic thanked the Town Board for all their hard work on the junk law. Debbie Butler asked how much time violators of the proposed junk law will have to comply, and Supervisor Potter told her it is to be determined. Robert Rauch voiced a complaint about the growing number of RVs on a property on County Route 2 in Orwell. CEO Howland responded that there are no regulations against RVs and how many are allowed on a property. Mr. Rauch then commented that they were building a roof over two RVs and combining them as one. CEO Howland said he would investigate it. The consensus of the public present is that they would like to see whatever tickets possible issued for the property on Lester Rd. CEO Howland responded that he would do what he can. At this time without a junk law in place he is limited in what he can site them for. The public has also voiced complaints about the dogs from the property in question on Lester Rd being in the road and free ranging the neighborhood defecating and digging in people's yards. Dog Control officer Steve Cronk has been notified by several residents with no response.

**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 David Lake to approval the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, regular meeting minutes. (5 ayes) Motion carries.

- A motion was made by Councilman David Lake and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to approve the Town Clerks report for the month of November 2021. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

- Approval of the Supervisor's report for the month of November 2021 has been tabled due to being incomplete.

-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 #12                      Claims # 175-195                      \$ 10,782.08

Highway Fund Abstract #12	Claims # 132-139	\$ 12,690.86
Water Fund Abstract #12	Claims # 55-57	\$ 2,084.53

-A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Steele to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted December 16, 2021