

**ORWELL TOWN BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Orwell Town Hall**  
**March 8, 2022**  
**7:00PM**

Members Present:  
Supervisor William Potter  
Council members: Ryan Jones, Jeffrey Graham, David Lake, Jessica Steele  
Also Present:  
Oswego County Legislator-Herb Yerdon  
Highway Superintendent-Doug Henry  
CEO-John Howland  
Water Operator-Eric Pappa  
Tug Hill Commission-Paul Baxter  
Town Clerk-Amber Wilson  
Public present-Shirley Downes, Warren Hauer

Supervisor Potter opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance. There will be a public hearing on Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 7pm for the proposed junk law for the Town of Orwell.

**REPORTS:**

A) CEO John Howland will be attending required training. CEO Howland also requested a map of the locations of all fire hydrants in the town for DANC. Supervisor Potter will look into it. The properties at 3419 Co Rt 22 and 1759 Co Rt 2 were cited for violation of property maintenance. On October 12, 92 & 94 Lester Rd were sent a violation of property maintenance citation, on December 15<sup>th</sup> a final notice was sent, on January 6<sup>th</sup> a court appearance ticket was issued for January 19<sup>th</sup>, Judge Roser for the Town of Orwell sent two letters warning them if they didn't appear in court a warrant would be issued. Court is tomorrow March 9<sup>th</sup>.

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to approve CEO John Howland to attend training through New York Building Officials Council. (5 ayes) Motion carries.

B) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon shared maps of the congressional districts, assembly districts, and senatorial districts in Oswego County. The Oswego County Youth Bureau is looking for youths between the ages of 13 and 21 who are interested in becoming a member of the NYS Governor's youth council. Applications are due March 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Tiffany Halstead at 315-349-3590. The Oswego County Youth Bureau is also accepting applications for its 2022 mini-grant program. Not-for-profit organizations can receive up to \$1,000 for youth activities during hours when school is not in session. Applications are being accepted until May 2<sup>nd</sup> and you may also apply with Tiffany Halstead. Camp Hollis is seeking

councilors and support staff for 2022 summer camp season. For more information or to apply go to [https://youthbureau.oswegocounty.com/parks\\_recreation/camp\\_hollis/job\\_opportunities.php](https://youthbureau.oswegocounty.com/parks_recreation/camp_hollis/job_opportunities.php). The second installment of the 2022 Lake Ontario Lecture series is planned for Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Ontario Event and conference center in the city of Oswego. It will focus on the unique weather and climate conditions in the Eastern Lake Ontario region. Oswego County Office for the Aging staff will schedule appointments at locations around Oswego County in March to help seniors apply for HEAP. Those who are interested in making an appointment should call the Oswego County Office for the Aging weekdays at 315-349-3484. Oswego County Suicide Prevention Coalition has a new manager. Her name is Kelsey Mattoon. Oswego County Fairgrounds will be hosting its 17<sup>th</sup> annual youth career summit on Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. All informational packets are on file in the Town Clerk's office.

C) Highway Superintendent Henry read the bills and repair and maintenance costs for February 2022. Discussion A, B and C are as follows.

- A. The Town of Amboy would like to purchase a sand screen with the Town of Orwell. There is one for sale in the Town of Williamstown for \$27,500. The Town of Orwell's total would be \$13,750. Brand new screens cost around \$100,000. The screen would be kept and used in a pit on Nichols Rd in Williamstown. The screen the Town of Orwell currently owns would be free to be used for millings and other projects. Councilwoman Steele questioned whether Amboy and Orwell will be the only towns using the sand pit and screen. Superintendent Henry replied that the Town of Amboy has the permit for the sand pit so its ultimately their decision but as of right now, yes Orwell and Amboy are the only ones using it.

-A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the purchase of the screen from Jean Farmer in Williamstown. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

- B. Superintendent Henry proposed the Town order a new snowplow now for late 2023/2024 as prices increase every day. The price has already increased since the Town of Orwell got a quote in January. There is a \$15,000 difference in price between Viking and Henderson, however once a Viking truck is outfitted to best serve the Town of Orwell then the price is about even. The cost will be around \$300,000 for a new snowplow, but a payment won't be due until 2024 and the other snowplow will be paid off by then.

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to approve the ordering/purchase of a new Henderson snowplow. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

- C. Superintendent Henry also proposed the Town order a new pick-up truck. Superintendent Henry would like a crew cab truck instead of a single cab truck. They are about \$4,000 more than a single cab truck however more crew members can fit in one truck and the resale value is more than a single cab truck. Due to the lack of used vehicles, there is a possibility to sell one of the older pick-up trucks to Bob Johnson. Supervisor Potter is waiting to hear from Bob Johnson about a municipal rate.

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

**Discussion:**

D. The Town has received \$5,000 in grant money from NYSERDA because of training John Howland has completed. Supervisor Potter is putting a proposal together for what to use the money for. He would like to replace as much fluorescent lighting with LED as possible in the Town Hall.

-A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to approve the use of grant money for upgraded lighting in the Town Hall. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

**Water Update:**

Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, Supervisor Potter, Water Operator Eric Pappa, Dustin Clark and David Powers from Barton & Loguidice attended a negotiation meeting with the Town of Richland. The Town of Richland Water Operator would like to place the connection building in the Town of Richland with a paved driveway, garage with restroom, snowblower, and generator. The Town of Orwell wants to place it on the town line with none of that as it isn't necessary. The Town of Orwell's water tower will still be used for water storage however the water supply will be treated in the Town of Richland at the source so the filters, UV light, and chemicals in the Town of Orwell will not be needed any more. The upgrades needed for the pump house will also no longer be needed. Due to the lack of snow and the spring house being turned off, Water Operator Pappa is preparing for the possibility of a dry summer and needing to have water brought in.

**Public Comment:** 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 Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to approve the February 8, 2022; Regular meeting minutes as written. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Steele to approve the January 31, 2022, Emergency water meeting minutes as written. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the Town Clerk's report for February 2022. (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 December 2021. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham

to approve payment of the following claims. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

General Fund Abstract #03	Claims # 26-43	\$ 7,857.14
Highway Fund Abstract #03	Claims #21-26	\$ 13,613.30
Water Fund Abstract #03	Claims #07-11	\$ 11,821.57

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Steele to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted March 15, 2022