

**ORWELL TOWN BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Orwell Town Hall**  
**July 12, 2022**  
**7:00 PM**

Members Present:  
Supervisor William Potter  
Council Members: Jeffrey Graham, David Lake, Jessica Steele, Ryan Jones  
Also Present:  
Oswego County Legislator-Herb Yerdon  
Highway Superintendent-Doug Henry  
CEO-John Howland  
Tug Hill Commission-Paul Baxter  
NOCA-Bob Trainham  
Barton & Loguidice-David Powers  
Town Clerk-Amber Wilson  
Public present-Shirley Downes, Warren Hauer

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

**REPORTS:**

A) CEO John Howland submitted his report of building permits for the year to date. He also included a violation summary.

B) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon shared information of interest. All informational packets are on file in the Town Clerk's office.

- The Oswego DMV office will begin staying open until 6:45pm on Wednesdays beginning July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Oswego County Human Resource Office is offering a one-time waiver for the application fee for Patrol/Police officer exams scheduled in September 2022
- Free at home COVID-19 test kits are available. Go to [www.COVID.gov](http://www.COVID.gov) or call 1-800-232-0233 to order them
- The Oswego County Office of the Aging (OFA) is resuming the Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP) with office hours in multiple local locations. For more information call OFA 315-349-3484

C) Highway Superintendent Henry read the bills and repair and maintenance costs for June 2022. This year's paving and sealing are done. The Town Highway crew will be working on patching roads this week. A new computer for the Highway Superintendent was ordered and IT will be coming Friday to set it up.

D) Tug Hill Representative Paul Baxter arrived at 7:55pm and read his report as written.

E) NOCA- NOCA Representative Bob Trainham gave his report. Legislation approved ARPA funds for NOCA. NOCA is looking to purchase a couple monitors. They have gone up to \$56,000 since they last priced them, so no decision has been made at this time. NOCA is currently only one call ahead of last year and even with the price of everything going up, right around budget.

F) Water Operator Eric Pappa was not at the meeting, Supervisor Potter read his report. The Nitrate levels are continuing to drop. There was a small leak in the UV system, and it was repaired. The Town is using approximately 11,700 gallons of water per day.

**Discussion:**

A. The water agreement with the Town of Richland was discussed. A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve Resolution # 8-2022.

**Resolution # 8-2022**

**Town of Orwell**

**Town Board**

**Authorizing the signing of the Municipal Agreement with the Town of Richland for water supply**

**WHEREAS**, the Board Members of the Town of Orwell have read the Agreement of Municipal Agreement for water supply between the Town of Orwell and the Town of Richland

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board Members of the Town of Orwell hereby agree to and authorize the signing of the Agreement of Municipal Agreement for water supply between the Town of Orwell and the Town of Richland

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

I, Amber Wilson, Town Clerk, of the Town of Orwell, Oswego County, New York, do hereby certify the preceding resolution was duly adopted, at a regular Town Board meeting of the Town of Orwell held on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and will be included in the minutes of said meeting.

Amber Wilson, Orwell Town Clerk

B. There will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 7pm to discuss the CDBG grant application for the water project. The Town of Orwell is still waiting to hear if the water project is one of the projects chosen to be funded by the Office of Claudia Tenney.

C. NYSERDA lighting project is 90% finished. Supervisor Potter's office lights, the bathroom light and fan downstairs, the kitchen lights upstairs, the vestibule lights upstairs, the light on the side of the building, and the clock tower lights were all fixed or replaced. The women's bathroom upstairs and the vestibule light downstairs still have to be completed.

D. Supervisor Potter reached out to the Oswego County Sheriff's rep about a radar speed sign and is still waiting for a call back. He did receive some information via email from Traffic Systems Inc. The Town Board members would like more information before making a decision. Supervisor Potter also asked the Oswego County Sheriff's Office about the MOU with the Town of Minetto and in 2019 the Town of Minetto was paying \$65/hour to have a Sheriff Deputy sit with radar for four-hour blocks.

E. Supervisor Potter received information about the Town of Orwell being eligible for a no-match rebate that will fund EV charging station infrastructure installed by the town. Questions of where it would be put, who will pay the power bill for it, and what happens when someone leaves their car there over night preventing anyone else from being able to use it were all asked. The Town Board would like more information before deciding.

**Public Comment:** A member of the public commented that the four corners in Orwell looks run down and "crappy." He commented the mowing and weeding in the Town's lot on the corner was subpar and overgrown, the building needs power washing, and the playground parking lot is crumbling. Supervisor Potter responded that power washing the building is on the to do list.

**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 Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to approve the June 14, 2022, Regular 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 June 2022. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

- Approval of the Supervisor's report for June 2022 was tabled.

- 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 #07	Claims # 108-122	\$ 4,905.05
Highway Fund Abstract #07	Claims # 62-72	\$ 76,348.89
Water Fund Abstract #07	Claims # 30-34	\$ 35,699.76

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Supervisor William Potter to adjourn the meeting at 8:25PM. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.  
Submitted July 21, 2022