

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
September 13, 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
CEO-John Howland
Highway Superintendent-Doug Henry
Tug Hill Commission-Paul Baxter
NOCA-Bob Trainham
Dog Control Officer-Steve Cronk
Water Operator-Eric Pappa
Town Clerk-Amber Wilson
Public present-Shirley Downes, Warren Hauer

REPORTS:

A) CEO John Howland submitted his report of building permits for the month. He also included a violation summary. CEO Howland reported that he had been to see the Bagalonis property numerous times throughout the month and spoke with both Mr. Bagalonis as well as Mr. Dobbs about the ongoing violation. He also noted that no new junk had appeared in the last 3 weeks. Mr. Martin invited CEO Howland to visit his property on Lester Rd that borders Mr. Gibbs' property. From Mr. Martin's property he was able to see that although the front of Mr. Gibbs' property had been cleaned some, the back was still full of junk and trash.

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

- A horse in the Town of Mexico has tested positive for EEE and died on August 30th, as well as a donkey in the Town of Albion on September 9th. 5 new mosquito pools in West Monroe, Hastings, Palermo, and Central Square have all tested positive for EEE.
- Mosquito pools in Albion, Hastings, West Monroe, and Central Square have tested positive for West Nile Virus. Oswego County sprayed 9,000 acres September 2nd and 3rd in the Mexico and Central Square area
- Oswego County Health Department reported 295 residents have tested positive for COVID-19 from Monday September 5th- Sunday September 11th.
- Oswego County Office for the Aging continues to visit communities in Oswego County offering assistance to those unable to come to the Oswego office. For more information call 315-349-3484
- There will be a job fair September 21st from 3-6pm at the Fulton War Memorial

C) Highway Superintendent Henry read the bills and repair and maintenance costs for August 2022. Highway Superintendent Henry approached the interim Oswego County Highway Superintendent Chris Baldwin about buying sand from the County at \$2/ yard from the Sampson Pit. Mr. Baldwin agreed to sell sand to the Town of Orwell for \$2/ yard. Mr. Henry also said that the County Highway crew will be back to finish paving the front of the playground and the Town Highway crew will return the back lot into grass.

D) Tug Hill Representative Paul Baxter arrived at 7:50pm and read his report as written

E) NOCA- NOCA Representative Bob Trainham gave his report. NOCA completed their budget for the upcoming year. The cost per town will be based on population from the 2020 census.

F) Water Operator Eric Pappa gave his report. Testing is done for the year.

G) Dog Control Officer Steve Cronk reported a dog issue on Tubbs Rd as well as Hog Back Rd. He has received multiple complaints of a dog running loose on Tubbs Rd and killing chickens on the Potter farm on CO RT 52. He has been unable to catch the dog off the property. Mr. Cronk has also made multiple attempts to contact the owner of the dog with no success. Mr. Cronk responded to a complaint of malnourished puppies on Hog Back. The residence is on the Town line and Mr. Cronk is unsure which town the property is in.

Updates:

A. EV charging stations- Supervisor Potter received one quote for 2 double charging stations and is meeting with another company on Thursday. More information to follow.

B. Radar speed sign- Supervisor Potter ordered the sign. The delivery date is unknown at this time.

C. Water improvements- The Town is in negotiations with a few property owners to purchase a lot to put the new pump house. A second bond anticipation note was acquired to pay off the first one as payment was due by the end of August. This second bond anticipation note is predicted to carry the Town through until funding is received.

D. Exterminator- All Pest was called to spray the building. Due to the weather conditions and the location of the offices, the municipal offices were being overrun by various insects.

E. Building power wash- Supervisor Potter contacted Detail This in Adams to come and power wash the building.

F. J&R Electric- Supervisor Potter is still waiting for them to return and finish the various lighting projects. He will call them again this week.

Discussion:

A. Library storeroom issues- After the building was power washed, a leak was found in the library ceiling. Upon further investigation it was found to have originated in the library storeroom on the 3rd floor. The library has been asked to clean and reorganize the storeroom as currently there is no way to access the window or furnace in that room.

B. Playground motor vehicle traffic complaints- The Town has received numerous complaints about vehicles using the back of the playground as a driveway for the house next door as well as kids using the playground as a race tract for their off-road vehicles. Councilman Graham and Councilwoman Steele both suggested having a fence installed. Supervisor Potter will look into fencing companies as well as having the property surveyed.

C. BAR reappointment- BAR member Shirley Downes' term is up on September 30th, 2022, and needs to be reappointed for a 5-year term beginning 10/1/2022 and ending 9/30/2027.

-A motion was made by Councilman Graham and seconded by Councilwoman Steele to reappoint Shirley Downes as BAR member for a 5-year term. (5 ayes) Motion carries

The budget workshop schedule is as follows:

10/4/22 @ 7pm- tentative budget presentation

10/13/22 @ 7pm- budget workshop

10/27/22 @ 7pm- budget workshop

11/10/22 @ 7pm- public hearing for preliminary budget

Public Comment: Warren Hauer referenced an article from the Queen's Central newspaper regarding the Town of Amboy and reducing the speed limit on town roads from 55 to 45. Warren would like to see the Town of Orwell do so as well. Supervisor Potter said he will contact the Town of Amboy supervisor for more information.

Councilman Jones made an announcement to the public that the Town of Orwell Community Group has begun meeting again and is planning community events. Trunk or Treat will return this Halloween as well as a craft fair and chili cook off November 26th. Old Home Days will also return June 9th, 10th, and 11th 2023. To stay up to date on all community events go to the Orwell NY Community Group facebook page.

CORRESPONDENCE: NYMIR Annual Report for 2021, Tug Hill times, and NY Towns (AOT) "et cetera" newsletter

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 Councilwoman Jessica Steele to approve the August 9, 2022; Regular meeting minutes as written. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to approve the Town Clerk's report for August 2022. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

- A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve of the Supervisor's report for July 2022. (5 ayes) Motion carries.

- A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Steele to approve of the Supervisor's report for August 2022. (5 ayes) Motion carries.

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

General Fund Abstract #09	Claims # 134-149	\$ 6,148.60
Highway Fund Abstract #09	Claims # 80-93	\$ 18,734.89
Water Fund Abstract #09	Claims # 45-51	\$ 266,535.69

-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 September 15, 2022