

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
April 11, 2023
7:00PM

Members Present:
Supervisor William Potter
Council members: William Garvin, David Lake, Ryan Jones, Jessica Steele
Also Present:
Highway Superintendent-Doug Henry
Oswego County Legislator-Herb Yerdon
CEO- John Howland
Water Operator-Eric Pappa
Asst. Water Operator-Mike Pappa
NOCA Representative-Bob Trainham
Tug Hill Commission Representative-Paul Baxter
Barton & Loguidice-David Powers
Town Clerk-Amber Wilson
Public present-Shirley Downes, Wayne Lawrence, Charles Thomas, Jim Condon,

Supervisor Potter opened the Public Hearing for Local Law#1-2023:Uniform fire code at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. No public had a comment.

The regular meeting opened at 7:05pm

REPORTS:

A) Water Operator Eric Pappa gave his report. Usage is around 15,000 gallons/day. The master meter is broken and is getting replaced. The nitrate levels are still good, and another test will be done in a few weeks. Mike Pappa recently attended schooling and passed his B&C water license testing.

B) CEO John Howland submitted a list of building permits for the month of March. CEO Howland will gather the necessary information for bids for the Lester Rd clean up to get that started.

C) Highway Superintendent Henry went over the bills and repairs and maintenance costs for the month of March. The 2008 plow truck is still in the shop having fuel injectors repaired. The new plow truck will start production May 1st and should be ready for pick up by the end of May. The Town highway crew has been trimming trees on Lester and Waggoner Rd as well as screening millings and getting ready to start paving the first week in June. Superintendent Henry stated that he would like to extend the black top on Stone Quarry Dr just past the Garvin driveway. He has received permission from NYSDEC and the homeowner. Extending the black top will make it easier for the snowplows in the winter to push snow and turn around as well as making it less wet and muddy in the spring. Superintendent Henry is going to get topsoil and grass seed this week on the playground as was discussed in the fall. He is hoping it will be nice grass for Old

Home Days in June. Councilman Jones asked if the Town was going to sell the oldest truck when the Town takes possession of the new truck. No decision has been made yet. Superintendent Henry suggested the Town budget for another truck due to how long it is taking to receive new trucks.

D) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon gave his report. All informational packets are on file in the Town Clerk's office.

- The Oswego County Household Hazardous Waste facility opens May 3rd. The facility will be open Wednesdays from 8am-2pm and Saturdays from 8am-11pm from May until September. The facility is located at the Bristol Hill landfill, 3125 NYS Rte 3, Volney
- The annual NYS burn ban is in effect from March 16th-May14th.
- Oswego County is the first in the state to receive approval for the NYS HELP program. The HELP program temporarily eliminates the civil service test for certain positions for up to one year.
- Oswego County Department of Health is reminding residents as the weather warms up to check for ticks on yourself as well as pets.

E) NOCA representative Bob Trainham gave his report. The first quarter is going well with 17 more calls than this time last year. NOCA is looking into getting another ambulance as they have two with almost 200,000 miles on them. They are currently waiting for pricing.

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

DISCUSSION:

A & B. Property Purchase Agreement Approval- David Powers from Barton & Loguidice went through the contract of sale between the Town of Orwell and Eric Pappa. Councilwoman Steele asked why other properties were not approached for the location of the pump house. David explained the elevation in the Town of Orwell is too high and the other properties that qualify were uninterested, were interested then backed out, or simply did not have enough land. Eric Pappa and his wife are willing to sell ½ an acre to the Town of Orwell and will cover the cost to clear the location for the pump house.

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve Resolution #4-2023. (5 ayes) motion carries.

- A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman William Garvin to approve the Supervisor to fill out and sign the necessary Zoning variance applications for the Town of Richland. (5 ayes) motion carries.

Resolution #4-2023
Approval of signing contract of sale
Town of Orwell
Town Board
April 11th, 2023

WHEREAS, the Town of Orwell Town Board will approve the signing of the following contract:

Contract of sale between: Purchaser: Town of Orwell, 1999 County Route 2, Orwell, NY 13426;
and
Seller: Eric Pappa and Connie Pappa, 2523 County Route 2, Richland, NY 13144

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Orwell Town Board assembled this 11th day of April 2023, in the Town of Orwell, New York, to approve the signing of the contract.

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 William Garvin	AYE
Councilman Ryan Jones	AYE
Supervisor William Potter	AYE

CLERK CERTIFICATION:

I, Amber Wilson, Clerk of the Town of Orwell in the County of Oswego, State of New York, do hereby certify the resolution is duly adapted by the Board Members of the Town of Orwell at an open meeting of such Board held on April 11, 2023.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 11th day of April 2023.

Amber Wilson
Orwell Town Clerk

C. RFP: Grant Administration(Water Project)- The Town of Orwell was awarded a New York State Community Development Block Grant (NYS CDBG) through the 2022 Consolidated Funding Application for a total value of \$1,250,000. The Town of Orwell issued a Request for Proposals from qualified firms, or individuals, for assistance in Grant Administration for the Town's obligations under the Community Development Block Program (NYS CDBG), which will fund the Water Improvement Project. The only bid received by the Town of Orwell was from G&G Municipal Consulting and Grant Writing. David Powers from Barton & Loguidice summarized the Statement of Qualifications from G&G.

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman William Garvin to approve Resolution #5-2023. (5 ayes) motion carries.

Resolution #5-2023
Accept G&G Proposal
Town of Orwell
Town Board
April 11th, 2023

WHEREAS, the Town of Orwell Town Board will accept G&G Municipal Consulting and Grant Writing's Grant Administration proposal

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Orwell Town Board assembled this 11th day of April, 2023, in the Town of Orwell, New York, to accept G&G Municipal Consulting and Grant Writing's Grant Administration proposal

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 William Garvin	AYE
Councilman Ryan Jones	AYE
Supervisor William Potter	AYE

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D. Crossing Sign for Waggoner Rd (Vorea Church)- A request was made by Vorea Church in February asking the Town to put up a Pedestrian Crossing sign on the hill before their parking lot. Town Clerk Wilson asked the Town Attorney for guidance, and she sent a copy of the NYS traffic sign handbook. Upon review the Town has determined they can and will put up a pedestrian crossing sign.

E. Ice & Snow meeting- Ann Stacey the Town of Boylston Supervisor sent Supervisor Potter an email letting him know about an upcoming meeting to discuss the ice and snow contract. Superintendent Henry has been encouraged to attend the negotiations. Superintendent Henry commented that it was probably a good idea to renegotiate the contract with the price of salt going up.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public present would like to know what if anything is being done about the speeders in the Town as well as a nuisance on a lawn mower. Supervisor Potter said the speed sign that the Town purchased in the fall seems to be slowing people down and would like to look into purchasing a couple more. He also said the Town invited Sheriff Don Hilton to a meeting last spring and when he was here, he admitted he did not have the manpower to assign a car to patrol Orwell. The Town of Minetto has a contract with the Oswego County Sheriff's office to do just that, but it was expensive. Supervisor Potter said he would look back on his notes from that meeting and try to find the exact price. Councilman Jones said he would like to see the four corners as a four way stop. The process to do that, however, is also lengthy and expensive.

CORRESPONDENCE: Tug Hill Times

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 David Lake to approve the March 21, 2023; Regular meeting minutes as written. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman William Garvin to approve the Town Clerk's report for March 2023. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

- Supervisor's Monthly Report tabled.

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman William Garvin to approve payment of the following claims. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

General Fund Abstract #04	Claims # 57-75	\$ 5,518.44
Highway Fund Abstract #04	Claims #28-34	\$ 8,685.35
Water Fund Abstract #04	Claims #17-21	\$ 35,795.76

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman William Garvin to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted April 13, 2023

