

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
July 11th, 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

Asst. Water Operator-Mike Pappa

NOCA Representative-Bob Trainham

Tug Hill Commission Representative-Heidi Tompkins

Barton & Loguidice-David Powers

Town Clerk-Amber Wilson

Public present-Shirley Downes, BJ Bacon, Neil Adams, Rose Caysenter, Bruce Carpenter, Lynn Sorbello, Rudy Reyes, Dave Chloe, Carl Anson, Theodore Viglietta

Supervisor Potter opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS:

A) Assistant Water Operator Mike Pappa gave his report. Usage is around 17,000 gallons/day. The water levels are still good.

B) CEO John Howland submitted a list of building permits for the month of June.

C) Highway Superintendent Henry went over the bills, repairs, and maintenance costs for the month of June. Jim Cronk requested permission from Superintendent Henry to dig in the Town's right of way along Hogback to put in utility poles for electricity. The Town Board unanimously agreed to grant him permission. The new plow truck is still at Henderson getting the sander installed. Weather permitting, the sealing of Stone Quarry Drive, Wart Road, and Lester Road is scheduled for this week.

- A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve Resolution #7-2023 agreement to purchase the Town of Sandy Creek's broom with the Town of Boylston. (5 ayes) motion carries.

D) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon arrived at 7:11pm and gave his report. All informational packets are on file in the Town Clerk's office.

- Oswego County is using drones to help locate missing persons. A drone was used June 11th at 3:30am to locate a missing person within 5 minutes.
- Oswego County office for the Aging is working with Oswego County Opportunities, Inc to provide transportation to medical, pharmacy, and grocery services for seniors. Transportation is provided on scheduled days in zones throughout the county. The service is free although contributions of \$3 one way or \$5 round trip are accepted and appreciated. As of June 2023, the schedule runs from 9am-4pm on the following days in each zone:
 - Zone 1: APW, Sandy Creek, Pulaski, and Mexico school districts-Tuesday and Friday
 - Zone 2: Oswego, Fulton, and Hannibal school districts-Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
 - Zone 3: Central Square and Phoenix school districts-Tuesday and Thursday
- Oswego County Office for the Aging is hosting a senior picnic on Wednesday August 16th at the Mexico VFW. To register and for more information call 315-349-3484

E) NOCA representative Bob Trainham gave his report. NOCA is 39 calls ahead of last year at this time. They missed 13 calls due to a personnel shortage. They received their new ambulance. NOCA sent two employees to paramedic's class, and they passed. They have one more person interested in taking the class. Both paramedics signed contracts stating they would stay with NOCA for three years.

F) Tug Hill Representative Heidi Tompkins read Paul Baxter's report as written.

DISCUSSION:

A. Water Project Land Acquisition Update- Next Monday (July 17th) should complete the zoning requirements for the property for the pump house.

B. Lester Road clean up completion- The properties at 92 and 94 Lester Road have been satisfactorily cleaned. Coffin's also improved Mr. Martin's roadway that was used to access some of the junk and garbage.

C. Sheriff's Contract- The contract with the Oswego County Sheriff's department was signed and mailed. Now just waiting for services to begin. Supervisor Potter gave a brief overview of the situation for the public present.

D. ARPA funds meeting will be held Thursday, August 3rd, 2023, at 7pm.

E. Municipal library- The Cogswell Public Library housed in the Town Hall needs more trustees for their board. They currently have only three and need a total of five. Upon doing some research it has been discovered that the Town Board is required to approve all members.

F. Cameras and NVRs have been installed at the Town Hall as well as the Town Barn and are recording.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: BJ Bacon spoke about an issue on High Falls Road. High Falls Road is a private road that gives access to multiple properties. The owner of the property at the beginning of High Falls Road where it meets Falls Road has built a new road and is closing the existing one. The new road is too steep for other property owners to access their properties. Multiple property owners on High Falls Road were present to express their opinions. Supervisor Potter said he would contact the Town Attorney to see if there is anything the town can do.

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 Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman William Garvin to approve the June 13th , 2023, Regular meeting minutes as written. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilman William Garvin and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the June 15th , 2023, ARPA funds 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 Town Clerk's report for June 2023. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

- The Supervisor's Monthly Reports for May and June 2023 have been tabled.

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

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| General Fund Abstract #07 | Claims # 109-130 | \$ 70,312.79 |
| Highway Fund Abstract #07 | Claims # 60-71 | \$146,603.34 |
| Water Fund Abstract #07 | Claims # 34-35 | \$ 652.00 |

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Steele to adjourn the meeting at 8:27PM. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted July 20, 2023