

**ORWELL TOWN BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Orwell Town Hall**  
**August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**7:00PM**

Members Present:  
Supervisor William Potter  
Council members: William Garvin, David Lake, 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-Paul Baxter  
Town Clerk-Amber Wilson  
Public present-Shirley Downes, Jake Robinson

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 July. Neighboring towns are renewing their local law for flood prevention. The Town of Orwell isn't due to renew theirs yet.

C) Highway Superintendent Henry went over the bills, repairs, and maintenance costs for the month of July. The sealing of Stone Quarry Drive, Wart Road, and Lester Road has been completed. The 2019 pickup truck had to be serviced at Bob Johnson's in Pulaski. It was having steering and transmission slipping issues. Bob Johnson's replaced spark plugs, coils, tie rod, and steering damper. The truck will also need new tires before winter. The 2017 pickup truck was having difficulty shifting and the check engine light was on. Superintendent Henry unplugged the battery over the weekend and all issues have been resolved. The new snowplow is still in production.

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

- Oswego County health department is working with the Wildlife Services Program of the US Department of Agriculture to distribute rabies vaccine baits. Weather permitting, the bait packets will be distributed by air with low flying aircraft and by hand August 10<sup>th</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Oswego County health department is partnering with the Food Bank of Central NY to host multiple mobile food pantries throughout the county in August. The schedule is:
  - Tuesday August 15 from 4-6pm at Palermo United Methodist Church
  - Friday August 18 from 4-6pm at Oswego Alliance Church
  - Saturday August 26 from 1-3pm at APW Jr/Sr high school
- Oswego County Office for the Aging is hosting a senior picnic on Wednesday August 16<sup>th</sup> at the Mexico VFW. To register and for more information call 315-349-3484
- Oswego County OFA and NY connects will visit communities in Oswego County to assist with applications. For more information or to make an appointment call the Oswego County Office for the Aging/NY Connects weekdays at 315-349-3484.
- Oswego County OFA will host a virtual "Medicare 101" class on August 24 and September 28. For more information or to reserve a space call OFA at 315-349-8238

E) NOCA representative Bob Trainham gave his report. NOCA had their budget prep meeting on Saturday. The estimated share for the Town of Orwell is \$814.01.

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

#### **DISCUSSION:**

A. Cogswell free public library- The library needs the Town Board's approval of Board of Trustee members as well as the project to update the library. No details were provided, and no trustees attended the board meeting. The board has tabled the issue until more information is provided.

B. Sheriff's Contract- The contract with the Oswego County Sheriff's department will begin with random dates and times. The shift will be for four-hour blocks at a time.

C. Propane Provider- Bob Trainham put Supervisor Potter in contact with Omar Davis who heads a Co-op for Superior Propane. Mr. Davis locked the Town of Orwell into a price of \$1.60/gal for 1 year. That will save the town around \$7,000.00. The best price Heller's could do was \$1.79/ gallon.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Shirley stated that everyone was doing a wonderful job and the town highway crew was doing a great job keeping up on the roads and mowing.

**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 William Garvin to approve the July 11<sup>th</sup> , 2023; Regular meeting minutes as written. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilman William Garvin and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the August 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2023; ARPA funds meeting minutes as written. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the Town Clerk's report for July 2023. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

- A motion was made by Councilman William Garvin and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the Supervisor's Monthly Reports for May 2023. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

- A motion was made by Councilman David Lake and seconded by Councilman William Garvin to approve the Supervisor's Monthly Reports for June 2023. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman William Garvin to approve payment of the following claims. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

General Fund Abstract #08	Claims # 131-144	\$ 5,188.22
Highway Fund Abstract #08	Claims # 72-80	\$ 48,155.22
Water Fund Abstract #08	Claims # 36-41	\$ 4,187.56

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Supervisor William Potter to adjourn the meeting at 8:07PM. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted August 10, 2023