

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Special Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
August 3rd, 2023
7:00PM

Members Present:
Supervisor William Potter
Council members: William Garvin, David Lake, Ryan Jones, Jessica Steele
Also Present:
NOCA Representative-Bob Trainham
Town Clerk-Amber Wilson

Supervisor Potter opened the special meeting to discuss the allocation of ARPA funds at 7:00 PM. The Town of Orwell received \$120,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Town Board met to discuss the best way to spend the money within the guidelines set forth by NY State.

- A. Security Cameras- At the June 15th 2023 special meeting the Town Board voted to purchase and install security cameras on the town hall as well as the town highway garage. The total cost was \$13,498.
- B. Building repairs- Supervisor Potter is going to call the company that installed the front door and get a quote for repairing or replacing the back fire exit. Town Clerk Wilson supplied Supervisor Potter with the name and phone number of a concrete company to contact for a quote to repair the front steps. The cost of a commercial range for the kitchen is around \$10,000. Supervisor Potter feels it will be more cost effective to replace the existing range with 2 24" ranges installed side by side.
- C. Snowplow- Supervisor Potter would still like to use half of the remaining ARPA money as a down payment on the new snowplow currently in production.

Councilman Jones has contacted a few companies about a digital sign and has yet to find one less than \$18,000.00 Supervisor Potter emailed Councilman Jones some information sent to him from the Tug Hill Commission regarding the digital sign the Redfield Fire Department purchased. Councilman Jones will continue to research.

Supervisor Potter would like to look into an upgraded phone system with an automated answering system. The automated system will have a directory to choose which office the caller is looking for rather than Supervisor Potter receiving all calls. Town Clerk Wilson will reach out to the Town of Richland and Supervisor Potter will reach out to the Town of Amboy for information on their phone systems.

- A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to approve giving \$6,000.00 to NOCA for their EMT training program. (5 ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Steele to adjourn the meeting at 7:40PM. (5 Ayes) Motion carries
Submitted August 8th, 2023.

