

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
February 13, 2024
6:00PM

Members Present:
Supervisor William Potter
Council members: Ryan Jones, David Lake, Jessica Steele, William Garvin
Also Present:
Highway Superintendent-Jon Roser
Oswego County Legislator-Herb Yerdon
CEO-John Howland
Water Operator-Eric Pappa
NOCA Representative-Bob Trainham
Tug Hill Commission Representative-Paul Baxter
Town Clerk-Amber Wilson
Public present-Shirley Downes, Laramie Johnston

Supervisor Potter opened the regular meeting at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS:

A) Water Operator Eric Pappa gave his report. Water usage is around 12,000 gallons per day. The pump and motor should be here around February 21st. The pipe for the water project will be on site March 5th. If the weather is good construction will begin March 12th. Water Operator Eric Pappa asked Highway Superintendent Jon Roser if the construction company could park their work trailer at the Town Highway barn. They will need space until October. Superintendent Roser agreed.

B) CEO John Howland gave his report. CEO Howland asked for the board's approval to attend code school for training in April. The cost will be split among all the towns he works for. -A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to approve CEO Howland's request to attend code school for training in April (5 ayes) Motion carries.

C) Highway Superintendent Jon Roser gave his report. Jake Teachout gave his two-week notice. The Town Highway barn now has an opening the needs to be filled. The Town traded the old roller for a new one and once the intermunicipal agreement is signed, it will be delivered to Williamstown.

D) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon gave his report.

- Camp Zerbe will host the first disc golf course in Oswego County.
- AmeriCorps is hiring summer positions for Camp Hollis, Camp Zerbe, Camp Foundations, The Bridge House Brats, Summer Sun and Fun Program and more. Contact Jennifer.Jones@oswegocounty.com or 315-349-3408 for more information.

- Legislator Yerdon submitted a list of legislative committees and schedule of meetings, Fire Coordinator's year-end report for 2023, 911 center annual report for 2023, and the Public Safety Committee reports.

E) NOCA representative Bob Trainham gave his report. 215 calls in January. That is up 8 calls from January 2023. NOCA's administrative assistant Rachael resigned after 18 years. They are currently interviewing to fill the position. One ambulance has a bad transmission that needs repairing. The repair will cost around \$7,500 vs \$175,000 for a new ambulance. Two paramedics have left NOCA. One is pregnant and is unsure if she will return after the baby is born. The paramedics sent to school are working out well.

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

DISCUSSION:

A. Solar Power Review:

- Moratorium (West Monroe model)
- West Monroe solar and wind energy law

As requested by Councilwoman Jessica Steele at the last meeting, Paul Baxter provided information to limit solar and wind energy in the Town of Orwell. The Town Board reviewed the documents and agreed to send the information to the Town Attorney Courtney Hills to review and draft a similar local law.

-A motion was made by Councilman William Garvin and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to send the solar and wind energy law from West Monroe to Courtney Hills for review and draft a similar law for the Town of Orwell. (5 ayes) Motion carries.

B. Water Construction updates:

Supervisor William Potter and Water Operator Eric Pappa met with Edge Construction from Parish to discuss the water project construction. Edge Construction was knowledgeable on the process and is ready to start construction in March if there is one foot or less of snow.

Resolution #3-2024 Second notice fee on taxes for 2024 :

Town Clerk Amber Wilson presented Resolution # 3-2024 to the board for review. A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman William Garvin to approve Resolution# 3-2024 Second Notice fee on taxes for 2024. (5 ayes) Motion carries

Resolution #3-2024
Second Notice fee on taxes for 2024
Town of Orwell
Town Board

WHEREAS, the Town of Orwell Town Board will approve the following fee of two dollars (\$2.00) to be added to the tax due on all properties for which a second notice is sent for the Town and County Property Tax bills for the year 2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Orwell does charge a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) to be added to the tax due on all properties for which a second notice is sent, on or about March 15th, for the Town and County Property Tax bills for the year 2024.

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 Ryan Jones	AYE
Councilwoman Jessica Steele	AYE
Councilman William Garvin	AYE
Councilman David Lake	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 February 13, 2024.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 13th day of February 2024.

Amber Wilson
Orwell Town Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Laramie Johnston introduced himself as a new member of the community. Mr. Johnston inquired about the property at 92 and 94 Lester Road with interest in purchasing it and revitalizing it. Town Clerk Amber Wilson informed him that the Town did not own that property and that it was owned by the bank. Mr. Johnston also inquired about the list of delinquent properties Legislator Yerdon provided the Town in January. Town Clerk Wilson invited Mr. Johnston to stop at her office after the meeting and she would provide him with that information.

CORRESPONDENCE: Tughill 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 January 9, 2024; Organizational 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 January 9, 2024; regular meeting minutes as written. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to approve the Town Clerk's report for January 2024. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

-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.

General Fund Abstract #02	Claims #13-27	\$ 39,894.86
Highway Fund Abstract #02	Claims #05-17	\$ 15,388.39
Water Fund Abstract #02	Claims #04-09	\$ 23,576.52

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Supervisor William Potter to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted February 26, 2024