

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
March 12, 2024
6:00PM

Members Present:

Supervisor William Potter

Council members: 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-Heidi Tompkins

Town Clerk-Amber Wilson

Public present-Shirley Downes, Sayles VanRy

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. Still waiting on the pump. The laying of the main line for the water project began today. If all goes well the main line will be complete in three to four weeks.

B) CEO John Howland gave his report. Two permits were issued. There have been complaints of tires being dumped in numerous towns in the area. The transfer station in Pulaski now has a shredder and tires can be taken there year-round. Sayles VanRy asked who is responsible for cleaning up the tires that have been dumped over the bank on County Route 22 and CEO Howland responded that it was the responsibility of the property owner.

C) Highway Superintendent Jon Roser gave his report. Due to the unseasonably warm weather the highway crews will begin cutting trees on nice days and painting the plows on rainy days. Superintendent Roser has also posted all town roads as temporarily closed to any vehicle with gross load in excess of five (5) tons per axle.

D) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon gave his report.

- OFA is now providing transportation to out of county doctor appointments for those who are age 60 and older. To register for a ride, call 315-349-3484.
- The 19th annual Oswego County Career Summit will be Wednesday June 5th, 2024, at the Oswego County fairgrounds for 8th grade students.
- Camp Zerbe is looking for camp counselors for the summer day program. For more information call 315-349-3450

E) NOCA representative Bob Trainham gave his report. They are up 19 calls from the beginning of the year, with a 93.5% coverage rate. Three of NOCA's ambulances have high miles, however the cost of a new ambulance is around \$175,000.

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

DISCUSSION:

A. Solar Power Review Update:

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

Supervisor Potter reached out to the Town Attorney Courtney Hills, and she will work on it.

B. Snowplow truck/USDA Financing Grant Application:

Supervisor William Potter is working with Tara from G&G to get a USDA Grant for a 2026 snowplow. The Town might be able to use some CHIPS money as a down payment. Highway Superintendent Roser needs a letter of intent to purchase a 2026 plow to lock in the price. The Town can back out at any time within the next two years.

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman William Garvin to approve Resolution# 4-2024 Authorizing the purchase of a 2026 International snowplow. (4 ayes) Motion carries

C. Justice Audit/Review: Councilman David Lake volunteered to audit Judge Roser's books.

D. New Phone System: Due to the high volume of calls made to the wrong department and the time it takes to direct the caller to the correct department; Supervisor Potter has researched a phone system with an automated directory. Through Spectrum the new phone system will save the Town \$158.00 per month. Supervisor Potter is expecting to hear from Spectrum within the month about when they will be installing the new phone system.

Resolution #4-2024
Authorizing the purchase of a 2026 snowplow
Town of Orwell
Town Board

WHEREAS, the Town of Orwell Town Board will authorize the ordering of a 2026 International snowplow at the price of \$336,382.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Orwell Town Board assembled this 12th day of March 2024, in the Town of Orwell, New York, to approve the ordering of a 2026 International snowplow for the price of \$336,382.00.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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| Councilman Ryan Jones | ABSENT |
| 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 March 12, 2024.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 12th day of March 2024.

Amber Wilson
Orwell Town Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Sayles Van Ry questioned when a letter would be sent to those in the water district regarding a raise in water rents. Supervisor Potter responded that it would hopefully be sent out in April. Sayles also put in a complaint about traffic on the hill and neighbors who are loud at all hours of the day and night. He was advised to call the Sheriff's Office with all complaints.

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 William Garvin and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the February 13, 2024; Regular meeting minutes as written. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman William Garvin to approve the Town Clerk's report for February 2024. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the Supervisor's reports for October and November 2023. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

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

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| General Fund Abstract #03 | Claims #28-38 | \$ 5,638.29 |
| Highway Fund Abstract #03 | Claims #18-27 | \$ 25,045.27 |
| Water Fund Abstract #03 | Claims #10-12 | \$ 5,551.35 |
| Trust & Agency Abstract #03 | Claims #34 | \$ 9,417.58 |

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Supervisor William Potter to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted March 28, 2024