

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
May 14, 2024
6:00 PM

Members Present:

Supervisor William Potter

Council members: David Lake, William Garvin, Jessica Steele, Ryan Jones

Also Present:

Highway Superintendent-Jon Roser

Oswego County Legislator-Herb Yerdon

CEO-John Howland

Water Operator-Eric Pappa

NOCA Representative-Bob Trainham

Barton & Loguidice-David Powers

Tug Hill Commission Representative-Heidi Tompkins

Town Clerk-Amber Wilson

Public present-Shirley Downes, Sayles VanRy, Gretchen Flick, Jim Condon, Angel Convey, Jeff
Graham, Warren Hauer

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

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve Resolution # 9-2024. (4 ayes, 1 recusal) Motion carries.

Resolution # 9-2024
Authorizing the passing of Local Law # 2-2024 Moratorium on Solar Energy Facilities
Town of Orwell
Town Board
May 14th, 2024

WHEREAS, the Board Members of the Town of Orwell have considered the comments presented at the public hearing held on May 14th, 2024, pertaining to a six-month moratorium on Solar Energy facilities

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board Members of the Town of Orwell hereby authorizes the passing and filing of Local Law #2- 2024 pertaining to a six-month moratorium on Solar Energy facilities

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 David Lake	AYE
Councilwoman Jessica Steele	AYE
Councilman William Garvin	RECUSE
Councilman Ryan Jones	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 that I have compared the preceding copy of the resolution with the original thereof duly adapted by the Board Members of the Town of Orwell at a public hearing of such Board held on May 14, 2024, and the same is a true and correct copy of such resolution and of the whole thereof.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 14th day of May 2024.

Amber Wilson, Clerk
Town of Orwell

REPORTS:

A) Water Operator Eric Pappa gave his report. There are 9 meter pits left to install, by the end of next week the rest of the meter pits should be in. Currently the project is waiting on materials for building the pump house. The next steps will be continued restoration, getting the pump house operational, drain the tower, tower repairs and restoration, then the water system will be run by the pumps in Richland. There have been quite a few problems that have been found since starting this water project. One most recent was a water main break that resulted in the loss of 30,000 gallons of water in 20 minutes. Another is how high the water pressure is. Mr. Pappa has since turned the pressure down to the psi it should be. Gretchen Flick asked if the water will be metered. Mr. Pappa answered that to receive the grants the Town of Orwell applied for and was awarded the water must be metered, however as of right now it is not in the plan to be billed as metered water. The meters will be used to detect possible leaks. The Town Hall will receive all information produced by the system and will allow Mr. Pappa to be notified as soon as a leak is detected. Supervisor Potter commends Water Operator Pappa for all his hard work on the water project.

B) CEO John Howland gave his report. He completed his training and has submitted a list of permits issued.

C) Highway Superintendent Jon Roser gave his report. The paving material has been strained and is waiting for the weather to cooperate to put it down. The 2019 dump truck needs brakes and the new hire is working out well.

D) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon gave his report.

- 19th annual Oswego County Career Summit will be held Wednesday June 5th at the Oswego County fairgrounds for 8th graders
- The Oswego County rabies clinic schedule is available in the Town Clerk's office as well as on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the municipal offices.
- 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. NOCA is in need of a new ambulance, however the cost is almost \$200,000 for a basic ambulance. Although it has been a struggle, NOCA is still operating within their budget. On May 20th at 11:30 the life net helicopter will be landing at NOCA and will be open for viewing.

F) Tug Hill Representative Heidi Tompson read Paul Baxter's report as written. She also read her own report.

DISCUSSION:

A. Matt Johnson from Tug Hill Commission land use control options presentation: Mr. Johnson discussed the different options for controlling land usage and topics such as zoning, subdivision, and solar regulations. A comprehensive plan is the first step in any land use regulations. The Town of Orwell had one put together in 2001 however it was never updated. The Town of Orwell needs to put together a Planning Board as well as a Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) before moving forward with an updated comprehensive plan. The goal of the Planning Board and ZBA will be to protect and keep the small-town charm that is Orwell. Jeff Graham and Jim Condon volunteered as members of the Planning Board and Bob Trainham and Angel Convey volunteered as members of the ZBA. If you have an interest in joining either board, please contact the Orwell Town Clerk or the Orwell Town Supervisor at 315-634-2246.

B. Water Project payment application # 2 resolution: David Powers from Barton & Loguidice went over the payment application to use CDBG funds to pay Edge Civil Corporation line by line. As of right now NYS has not released any funds. Mr. Powers also gave an update on the proposed schedule for the construction of the pump house which is projected to begin after Memorial Day. Jim Condon asked about the cuttings in the pavement along County Route 2 and 22. Mr. Powers replied that the contractors were waiting for the dirt and stone to settle before they tamp it and repave it.

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve Resolution #10-2024 Authorizing Supervisor to sign payment application #2 for the water project. (5 ayes) motion carries.

Resolution #10-2024
Authorize Supervisor to sign payment application # 2 for water project.
Town of Orwell
Town Board

WHEREAS, the Town of Orwell Town Board will authorize the Supervisor of the Town of Orwell to sign payment application #2 for the water improvement project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Orwell Town Board assembled this 14th day of May 2024, in the Town of Orwell, New York, to authorize the Supervisor of the Town of Orwell to sign the payment application # 2 for the water improvement project

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 May 14th, 2024.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 14th day of May 2024.

Amber Wilson, Orwell Town Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jeff Graham commented his concern about junk on properties in the town not being dealt with. He was advised to call John Howland and file a complaint. Jim Condon asked about the land sale that was addressed at the last meeting. Supervisor Potter explained that the Town was approached by an individual looking to buy the piece of property but other than that nothing has come of it.

Councilman Ryan Jones commented that he was having a Home Depot crew come Friday to paint the pavilion and put lights up to shine on the parking lot. Jim Condon volunteered to help Ryan hard wire the digital sign.

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 David Lake to approve the April 9th, 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 April 2024. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

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

General Fund Abstract #05	Claims #54-67	\$ 8,991.47
Highway Fund Abstract #05	Claims #34-49	\$ 17,969.91
Water Fund Abstract #05	Claims #21-23	\$ 158.12
Trust & Agency Abstract #05	Claims #36	\$ 9,417.56

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman David Lake to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted June 4, 2024