

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
April 9, 2024
6:00 PM

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

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. There is 2600 ft of the main line left for the water project.

B) CEO John Howland gave his report. He will be in training Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday this week.

C) Highway Superintendent Jon Roser gave his report. The highway crews are off shifts and back to the regular schedule. They are working on switching the trucks from plows to dump trucks. Jon has someone interested in the full-time position that does not live in the Town of Orwell. Supervisor Potter asked the Town Board if they had any thoughts or concerns about hiring someone that does not live in the town. Councilwoman Steele would like to see the job advertised publicly first. Superintendent Roser replied that he had received multiple applications, and his primary goal was to hire the most qualified. Supervisor Potter, Councilman Jones, and Councilman Lake all agree the decision is Superintendent Roser's.

D) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon gave his report.

- 2nd annual Pulaski resource fair will be April 19th from 3-6pm at the American Legion
- Oswego County Girls Youth Softball for grades K-12 goes from June 10th-July 22nd Monday and Wednesdays in Oswego. For more information call Kyle Perez at 315-349-3450
- 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 15 calls from last year. The sponsoring paramedics for the training school program has worked out well with both paramedics. NOCA would like to continue the program.

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

DISCUSSION:

A. Solar Power Review:

- Moratorium Resolution
- West Monroe solar and wind energy law

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Steele to approve Resolution #7-2024 Authorizing a public hearing for Local Law #2-2024 (4 ayes) motion carries.

**Resolution #7-2024
Authorizing a Public Hearing for Local Law #2-2024
Town of Orwell
Town Board**

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Town of Orwell Town Board to schedule a public hearing to discuss Local Law #2-2024 providing for solar and wind energy regulations in the Town of Orwell

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town Board may authorize a Public Hearing to discuss Local Law #2-2024 providing for solar and wind energy regulations in the Town of Orwell

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	ABSENT
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 April 9th, 2024.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 9th day of April 2024.

Amber Wilson
Orwell Town Clerk

B. Water Construction Updates- The project is moving along quickly and due to the early spring, is ahead of schedule. The footers have been poured for the pump house and the walls will be done Friday. Once the pump station is online the tank will be drained and restored. The restoration will cost around \$93,000. Once the restoration is done, the pump station will pump the water to the tower and then use the tower's pressure to distribute the water throughout the water district.

C. Surplus (Non-Essential) property resolution/Hog Back landfill- Mark Palmer submitted a written request to purchase two lots, one 6.28 acres the other 1.74 acres, that the Town of Orwell owns on Hog Back Road bordering his existing property for \$6,000. It is the location of the old landfill and has been deemed safe to use by DEC. There is an ATV easement through the 6.28-acre parcel that Supervisor Potter feels the town should maintain. In the event of a sale, the purchaser would have to have that easement surveyed at their expense. Councilwoman Steele feels the price is not fair market value and should be countered. All Council members present agreed.

- A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to approve Resolution #5-2024 Establishing Town of Orwell property as excess. (4 ayes) motion carries.

Resolution #5-2024
Establishing Town of Orwell property as excess
Town of Orwell
Town Board

WHEREAS, the Town board of the Town of Orwell believes it in the best interest of its citizens to deem certain property owned by the Town located at and off Hog Back Road and known as Tax Map Number 073.00-01-13 and Tax Map Number 073.00-01-32 as excess property and to sell the property for fair market value;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Orwell Town Board assembled this 9th day of April 2024, in the Town of Orwell, New York, to determine the property owned by the Town located at and off Hog Back Road and known as Tax Map Number 073.00-01-13 and Tax Map Number 073.00-01-32 as excess property

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	ABSENT
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 April 9th, 2024.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 9th day of April 2024.

D. Land Subdivision-Matt Johnson from the Tug Hill Commission will present the process and requirements at the May 14th regular meeting.

E. Water Project Payment Application #1 Resolution- David Powers from Barton & Loguidice went over the payment application to use CDBG funds to pay Edge Civil Corporation line by line.

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve Resolution #6-2024 Authorizing Supervisor to sign payment application #1 for the water project. (4 ayes) motion carries.

Resolution #6-2024

Authorize Supervisor to sign payment application # 1 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 the payment application #1 for the water improvement project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Orwell Town Board assembled this 9th day of April, 2024, in the Town of Orwell, New York, to authorize the Supervisor of the Town of Orwell to sign the payment application # 1 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	ABSENT
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 April 9th, 2024.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 9th day of April 2024.

Amber Wilson, Orwell Town Clerk

F. Agreement to spend Town Highway Funds- A motion was made by Councilman David Lake and seconded by Supervisor William Potter to approve resolution #8-2024 an Agreement to spend Town Highway funds. (4 ayes) motion carries.

Resolution #8-2024
Agreement to spend Town Highway funds
Town of Orwell
Town Board
April 9th, 2024

WHEREAS, the Town of Orwell Town Board will spend \$217,395 from the Town Highway fund for repair and improvement of Town roads. Now, therefor,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Orwell Town Board assembled this 9th day of April 2024, in the Town of Orwell, New York, to approve the spending of \$217,395 from the Town Highway fund for the repair and improvement of Town roads.

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	Absent
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 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 regular meeting of such Board held on April 9, 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 9th day of April 2024.

Amber Wilson
Orwell Town Clerk

G. General Intermunicipal Agreement with Oswego County Highway Department approval-
-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Steele to approve Town Highway Superintendent Jon Roser signing the General IMA for leasing Oswego County Highway Department equipment and contract for ice control and sand. (4 ayes) motion carries

H. Sand Intermunicipal Agreement with Oswego County Highway Department-
-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve Town Highway Superintendent Jon Roser signing the IMA for sand at a cost of \$4/cu yd. (4 ayes) motion carries

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Shirley Downes would like to thank Jon for all the work he did all winter, and she would also like to thank the council for their work as well.

CORRESPONDENCE: Tughill Times, pending legislation about an act to amend the alcoholic beverage control law in relation to ending the local option of towns and cities to prohibit the sale of alcohol.

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 David Lake to approve the March 12, 2024; Regular meeting minutes as written. (4 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 March 2024. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

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

General Fund Abstract #04	Claims #39-53	\$ 6,088.03
Highway Fund Abstract #04	Claims #28-33	\$ 3,578.90
Water Fund Abstract #04	Claims #13-20	\$ 20,663.24

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Steele to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted April 25, 2024