

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

Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Highway Superintendent-Jon Roser

Water Operator- Eric Pappa

CEO- John Howland

Oswego County Legislator-Herb Yerdon

Tug Hill Commission Representative-Paul Baxter

Town Clerk-Amber Wilson

Public present-Shirley Downes, Sayles VanRy, Kristin Teachout, Chyenne Hunter, Bill Henry,
Debbie Butler

Supervisor Potter was absent, Deputy Supervisor/ Councilman Ryan Jones opened the regular meeting at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS:

A) Water Operator Eric Pappa read his report. Water levels are around 13,000 gallons per day. Construction has started on the pump house building. Once the building is complete then the rest of the work can be finished. The last step will be restoration of roads and yards. The project has a completion date of November 2024; however, the project is moving along quickly and may be done before that.

B) CEO John Howland submitted a list of permits issued.

C) Highway Superintendent Jon Roser gave his report. Hogback Road shoulders have been done and the paving for the year is complete. The water department has been mowed once.

D) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon gave his report.

- Submitted Oswego County EMS, Public Safety Committee, Probation Department and Fire Coordinators Office reports.
- Oswego County Veterans Services Agency offers assistance to Veterans as well as their family members to obtain benefits and healthcare. There are three offices in Oswego County. For more information call 315-591-9100
- Oswego County Office for the Aging senior farmer market coupon distribution schedule
- Thunder Island youth day August 13, 2024. Email jlosurdo@oswegony.org to register.

E) NOCA representative Bob Trainham did not attend or submit a report.

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

DISCUSSION: The phone number for the Town of Orwell Offices has changed. 315-634-2246.

- A. Planning Board Meeting Report/Minutes- The planning Board had their first meeting July 1st, 2024. No one from the Planning Board who attended the meeting was present to give a report.
- B. Comprehensive Plan Resolution #12-2024-

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve Resolution #12-2024 Support for an updated Comprehensive Plan Grant. (4 ayes) motion carries.

Resolution #12-2024
Support for an updated comprehensive plan grant
Town of Orwell
Town Board

WHEREAS, the Town of Orwell Town Board is in support of the 2024 CFA Smart Growth Community Planning and Zoning Grant program

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Orwell Town Board assembled this 9th day of July 2024, in the Town of Orwell, New York, to support the 2024 CFA Smart Growth Community Planning and Zoning Grant program

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	ABSENT

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 June 11th, 2024. In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 11th day of June 2024.

Amber Wilson, Orwell Town Clerk

C. Review Draft for Local Law #3-2024- Orwell solar and wind energy law: Deputy Supervisor Ryan Jones tabled this discussion until all members of the board are present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bill Henry made comments about the town camera feed going to Supervisor William Potter’s personal cell phone. He feels it is not right and should not be allowed. He also mentioned his previous employment with the Town Highway department and matters that happened before and after he quit. Councilman David Lake was the only board member on the board at the time as this was in 2017. Councilman Lake did not remember the details and Mr. Henry was advised to meet with Supervisor Potter to discuss the matter further.

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 June 11th, 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 June 2024. (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.

General Fund Abstract #07	Claims #85-94	\$ 2,812.53
Highway Fund Abstract #07	Claims #60-68	\$ 57,952.28
Water Fund Abstract #07	Claims #31-33	\$ 651,976.66

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman William Garvin to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 PM. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted July 16, 2024