

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
September 10, 2024
6:00 PM

Members Present:

Supervisor: William Potter

Council members: David Lake, Ryan Jones

Also Present:

Highway Superintendent-Jon Roser

CEO- John Howland

NOCA Representative-Robert Trainham

Oswego County Legislator-Herb Yerdon

Tug Hill Commission Representative-Paul Baxter

Town Clerk-Amber Wilson

Public present-Shirley Downes, Jim Condon, Greg Tulik, LouAnne Tulik, Sarah Ashby, Edwin Ashby, Barb Hartman, Warren Hauer, Sayles VanRy, Stephen Pond

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

REPORTS:

A) Water Operator Eric Pappa did not attend.

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

C) Highway Superintendent Jon Roser gave his report. A culvert on Stone Quarry washed out with the heavy rains and had to be replaced. The Highway department is hauling sand for winter and hopes to be done soon. Superintendent Roser heard from fellow Highway Superintendents that the snow and ice contract with Oswego County remains the same as last year. He has yet to see it in writing.

D) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon submitted his report, and it was read as written.

- Oswego County Office of the Aging is hosting a health insurance fair Monday September 23rd at the Pulaski American Legion from 1:30-3:30pm and Friday, October 4th in Fulton at the Catholic Charities from 10am-1pm. For more information call OFA 315-349-3484
- Oswego County Youth Bureau is hosting a trunk or treat at the Oswego Speedway on Saturday October 26th from 12-3pm

E) NOCA representative Bob Trainham gave his report. NOCA is still struggling to have coverage since North Shore Ambulance closed. They are short on EMT's but anticipate new hires soon. Financially NOCA is within budget and at around 1548 calls for the year which is around 50 calls less than last year.

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. Water Project Payment Application #5 Resolution #14-2024 to authorize Supervisor to sign payment application for funds to pay Edge Civil Corporation \$137,917.16

-A motion was made by Councilman David Lake and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to approve Resolution #14-2024 Authorizing the Supervisor to sign payment application # 5 for the water project. (3 ayes) motion carries.

**Resolution #14-2024
Authorize Supervisor to sign payment application # 5 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 #5 for the water improvement project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Orwell Town Board assembled this 10th day of September 2024, in the Town of Orwell, New York, to authorize the Supervisor of the Town of Orwell to sign the payment application # 5 to pay Edge Civil Corporation \$137,918.16 for work done on 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	ABSENT
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 September 10th, 2024. In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 10th day of September 2024.

Amber Wilson, Orwell Town Clerk

- B. There will be a Special meeting on September 30th at 6pm for the Tentative Budget as well as a Public Hearing for Local Law #3-2024 to Exceed the tax cap for 2025
- C. There will be an Orwell Evergreen Cemetery Board meeting on Monday September 16th at 7pm to discuss the abandonment of the cemetery. The benefits of the Orwell Evergreen Cemetery becoming abandoned and taken over by the Town are many. One benefit will be the cemetery will be eligible for funding to fix foundations on the older monuments and head stones that have become unstable and are in danger of falling.
- D. Due to the heavy and constant rains, the foundation of the building leaked into the archives room. There was damage to sheetrock, insulation, and records set for disposition. Jason Rossman was called and he has spray foamed the stone wall as well as put up new insulation and sheetrock.
- E. Budget Meetings will be as follows:
 - Tuesday 10/15/2024 at 6pm
 - Tuesday 10/22/2024 at 6pm-if needed

Planning Board- Jim Condon gave a report from the Planning Board's meeting. The planning board is still working on the solar and wind Local Law. There are many aspects of it that they would like clarification on and asked for resources to get those answers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Residents from Jackson Road were in attendance to discuss the culvert and over flow trench near 194 Jackson Road. With the constant heavy rains the culvert was unable to handle all of the water in the creek and the overflow trench has become full of sediment, flooding the neighboring yards. Highway Superintendent Jon Roser commented that the culvert was replaced 15 years ago with a bigger culvert than what was previously there. Superintendent Roser will clean the over flow trench.

CORRESPONDENCE: Tughill Times emailed

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 August 13th, 2024; Regular meeting minutes as written. (3 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilman David Lake and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to approve the Town Clerk's report for August 2024. (3 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the Supervisor's report for January and February 2024. (3 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve payment of the following claims. (3 Ayes) Motion carries.

General Fund Abstract #09	Claims #113-126	\$ 5,746.93
Highway Fund Abstract #09	Claims #82-91	\$ 46,637.62
Water Fund Abstract #09	Claims #40-48	\$ 927,498.64
Trust & Agency Abstract #09	Claims #41	\$ 10,640.62

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman David Lake to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM. (3 Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted September 12, 2024