

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
November 12, 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
CEO- John Howland
NOCA Representative-Robert Trainham
Tug Hill Commission Representative-Heidi Tompkins
Barton & Loguidice- David Powers
Town Clerk-Amber Garvin
Public present-Shirley Downes, Sayles Van Ry

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

REPORTS:

A) Water Operator Eric Pappa did not attend. Supervisor Potter received numerous phone calls about water being shut off with no notice. Water Operator Pappa went door to door to explain why the water was off and for how long it was expected to be out. The water tower is offline and those in the water district are now receiving water from Richland. December 2nd the tank manufacturer will be here for around 4 days to do work on the tank and then it will take around 2 weeks for it to cure.

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

C) Highway Superintendent Jon Roser gave his report. The big trucks have all been inspected.

D) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon did not attend

E) NOCA representative Bob Trainham gave his report. NOCA is still looking for help. They are trying to coordinate with BOCES to create an EMT program. Currently to qualify students must be a member of a volunteer fire department or be a participant with an ambulance company. Around 25 people have signed up. The cost per person is \$750 which is due upfront. NOCA is expecting to receive their new ambulance by the end of the month.

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

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

- A. Water Project Payment Application #7 Resolution #19-2024 to authorize Supervisor to sign payment application for funds to pay Edge Civil Corporation \$78,040.27

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to approve Resolution #19-2024 Authorizing the Supervisor to sign payment application # 7 for the water project. (5 ayes) motion carries.

**Resolution #19-2024
Authorize Supervisor to sign payment application # 7 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 #6 for the water improvement project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Orwell Town Board assembled this 12th day of November 2024, in the Town of Orwell, New York, to authorize the Supervisor of the Town of Orwell to sign the payment application # 7 to pay Edge Civil Corporation \$78,040.27 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	AYE
Councilman William Garvin	AYE
Councilman David Lake	AYE
Supervisor William Potter	AYE

CLERK CERTIFICATION:

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

Amber Garvin, Orwell Town Clerk

B. Water Project Resolution for contract with Barton & Loguidice Amendment of additional \$55,000 in engineering fees.

- A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve Resolution # 20-2024 to approve amendment #6 to the engineering agreement. (5ayes) motion carries.

Resolution # 20-2024
Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 6 to Engineering Agreement
Town of Orwell
Town Board
November 12, 2024

WHEREAS, Barton & Loguidice (B&L) has prepared Amendment No. 6 to the Owner-Engineer Agreement for the Town of Orwell Water System Improvements Project to authorize additional construction administration and resident project representative services in the total amount of \$55,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Barton & Loguidice presented the proposed amendment at the Town Board Meeting held on November 12, 2024 for Board consideration; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Orwell Town Board does hereby authorize Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement with Barton & Loguidice for the Water System Improvements Project for the additional services included in said amendment in the total amount of \$55,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Orwell, New York is hereby authorized to sign Amendment No. 6 to the contract with Barton & Loguidice for the Water System Improvements Project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Supervisor William Potter	AYE
Councilman David Lake	AYE
Councilwoman Jessica Steele	AYE
Councilman William Garvin	AYE
Councilman Ryan Jones	AYE

CLERK CERTIFICATION:

I, Amber Garvin, Clerk of the Town of Orwell in the County of Oswego, State of New York, do hereby certify the resolution is duly adopted by the Board Members of the Town of Orwell at an open meeting of such Board held on November 12, 2024.

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

Amber Garvin ,Orwell Town Clerk

C. Highway Employee Contract negotiations on hold

The Town of Orwell Highway department has put contract negotiations on hold to look into joining the Teamsters Union. So far research has provided information that might be able to save money for the employees as well as the town as well as providing added coverage with their benefits. The majority of the surrounding town highway departments are members of the Teamsters Union. Councilwoman Steele asked why the Town of Orwell had not joined in the past. Supervisor Potter responded that board members in the past were not for it. Councilman Garvin asked what the other towns who are in the union are being paid. Superintendent Roser responded that it varies. Councilman Garvin elaborated on his question by saying that if the union negotiates a higher raise than the Town is already willing to pay them then the money saved on benefits is canceled out. More research is being done.

D. Basement flooding at 3480 CO RT 22 or unknown origin

The resident of 3480 CO RT 22 stated that their previously dry basement started flooding after the water line for the residence behind them was put in. The Town is currently working with Barton & Loguidice as well as the Town Attorney to see what the Town's liability is and what remediation may need to be done.

E. ARPA money allocation meeting 11/14/2024 @6pm

F. FEMA application for repairs to records room

The August 18th and 19th rain and flooding has been declared a disaster by the president, therefor providing reimbursement funding through FEMA. Supervisor Potter has initiated an application to cover the repair costs to the records room.

G. USDA Grant application update

The USDA Grant application for funds for a new plow truck has been mostly completed. Supervisor Potter has been working with Jay Grasso to complete the required paperwork.

H. Comprehensive Plan Grant application update

Supervisor Potter has also been working with Jay Grasso on the Comprehensive Plan grant and won't know much until spring.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Shirley wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, thanked everyone for their services, and Congratulated Heidi on her promotion. Sayles asked how much taxes were going to go up and Supervisor Potter responded that the Town portion would be going up \$2.77 per thousand. The board worked to keep taxes from going up, however the cost of everything is going up and to keep a fund balance, taxes needed to go up as well.

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 Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman William Garvin to approve the October 8th, 2024; Regular meeting minutes. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

- Approval of the Town Clerk's report for October 2024 was tabled.

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

General Fund Abstract #11	Claims #141-155	\$ 12,520.90
Highway Fund Abstract #11	Claims #102-114	\$ 19,688.82
Water Fund Abstract #11	Claims #52-58	\$ 298,083.14
Trust & Agency Abstract #11	Claims #43	\$ 10,640.62

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Steele to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. (5 Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted November 26, 2024