**ORWELL TOWN BOARD**

**Regular Meeting**

**Orwell Town Hall**

**February 11, 2025**

**6:00PM**

Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Highway Superintendent-Jon Roser

Oswego County Legislator-Herb Yerdon

NOCA Representative-Bob Trainham

Tug Hill Commission Representative-Heidi Tompkins

Town Clerk-Amber Garvin

Public present-Shirley Downes

Deputy Supervisor Ryan Jones opened the regular meeting at 6 PM.

**REPORTS:**

A) Water Operator Eric Pappa did not attend.

B) CEO John Howland did not attend.

C) Highway Superintendent Jon Roser gave his report. The 2020 plow truck was making a noise and is at Allegiance getting checked out.

D) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon gave his report.

* Oswego AmeriCorps is hiring for 10 weeks in the summer (6/9-8/11). Job opportunities include positions at Camp Hollis and Camp Zerbe. For more information or to apply contact the Oswego County Youth Bureau at 315-349-3408

E) NOCA representative Bob Trainham gave his report. NOCA received 168 calls in January, which is up 23 calls from last year. NOCA has five ambulances and currently has three out of service. Two ambulances were involved in motor vehicle accidents due to weather conditions. One will be out until the end of March due to waiting on parts. The new ambulance radio system has yet to be installed so they are using handheld radios for communication. A pipe froze and burst, flooding parts of the NOCA facility.

F) Tug Hill Representative Heidi Tompkins read her report as written.

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman William Garvin to appoint Jim Condon as a secondary SRCG Representative (4 ayes) Motion carries.

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

1. Resolution #3-2025- Second notice fee on taxes for 2025

-A motion was made by Councilman William Garvin and seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Steele to approve Resolution #3-2025 (4 ayes) Motion carries.

**Resolution #3-2025**

**Second Notice Fee on taxes for 2025**

**Town of Orwell**

**Town Board**

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Orwell Town Board will approve the following fee of two dollars ($2.00) to be added to the tax due on all properties for which a second notice is sent for the Town and County Property Tax bills for the year 2025.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,**  that the Town of Orwell does charge a fee of two dollars ($2.00) to be added to the tax due on all properties for which a second notice is sent, on or about March 15th, for the Town and County Property Tax bills for the year 2025.

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 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 February 11th, 2025. In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 11th day of February 2025.

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Amber Garvin, Orwell Town Clerk

1. Resolution #4-2025- Three(3) Month extension of Solar Moratorium

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman William Garvin to approve Resolution #4-2025 Authorizing the extension of the six(6) month Solar Moratorium by three(3) months. (4 ayes) motion carries.

**Resolution # 4-2025**

**Authorizing the extension of Local Law # 2-2024 Moratorium on Solar Energy Facilities**

**Town of Orwell**

**Town Board**

**February 11th, 2025**

**WHEREAS,** the Town Board for the Town of Orwell (“Town Board”) previously adopted Local Law No. 2 of 2024, a local law imposing a six (6) month moratorium on applications for solar facilities with the Town of Orwell; and

**WHEREAS,** the Local Law was filed with the NYS Department of State on August 21, 2024, thereby making it effective on that date pursuant to Section 12 of the Local Law; and

**WHEREAS,** the Local Law would otherwise expire on February 21, 2025, unless otherwise extended; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Section 6 of the Local Law, the six (6) month moratorium is subject to renewal for a cumulative period of up to six (6) months (two three (3) month extension periods), if necessary, by resolution(s) of the Town Board; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town Board has considered the comments presented by the members of the Town of Orwell Planning Board, and has been working diligently on putting together a Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Orwell, but the work has not been completed, and additional time is necessary for that purpose; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town Board finds it necessary and compelling and in the best interest of the residents of the Town of Orwell to renew and extend the moratorium for an additional period of three (3) months from the date of the original term of the Local Law No. 2 of 2024; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Town Board hereby renews and extends Local Law No. 2 of 2024, a local law imposing a six (6) month moratorium on applications on solar facilities within the Town of Orwell, for an additional period up to and including three (3) months; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the entirety of Local Law No. 2 of 2024 shall remain in full force and effect through May 21, 2025, or until the adoption of another extension or new local law or regulations that regulate solar facilities in the Town of Orwell, whichever shall occur first.

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 AYE

Councilman Ryan Jones AYE

Supervisor William Potter ABSENT

CLERK CERTIFICATION:

I, Amber Garvin, 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 February 11, 2025, 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 11th day of February 2025.

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Amber Garvin, Clerk

Town of Orwell

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** “The Town crew is doing a wonderful job, and I am thankful for them every day.”-Shirley Downes

**CORRESPONDENCE (emailed):** 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 Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the Town Clerk’s report for January 2025. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

-A motion was made by Councilman William Garvin and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve payment of the following claims. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

General Fund Abstract #02 Claims # 19-24 $ 1,243.33

Highway Fund Abstract #02 Claims #11-14 $ 13,252.50

Water Fund Abstract #02 Claims #06-08 $ 289.00

-A motion was made by Councilwoman Jessica Steele and seconded by Councilman William Garvin to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted February 26, 2025