**ORWELL TOWN BOARD**

**Regular Meeting**

**Orwell Town Hall**

**April 8, 2025**

**6:00PM**

Members Present:

Supervisor William Potter

Council members: Ryan Jones, David Lake, William Garvin

Also Present:

Highway Superintendent-Jon Roser

NOCA Representative-Bob Trainham

Tug Hill Commission Representative-Rod Campbell

Town Clerk-Amber Garvin

Public present-Shirley Downes, Sayles Van Ry

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

**REPORTS:**

A) Water Operator Eric Pappa did not attend.

B) CEO John Howland had one permit issued for the month of March.

C) Highway Superintendent Jon Roser gave his report. The Town Highway crew has started the clean up of the intersections. Jerry Look Road had the bank on part of the road wash out and it is now repaired. The Town Highway crew is now back on days.

D) Oswego County Legislator Herb Yerdon did not attend.

E) NOCA representative Bob Trainham gave his report. NOCA is still within budget for the first quarter of the year. The last ambulance that was out due to repairs is now repaired and should be back in service soon.

F) Tug Hill Representative Rod Campbell read Heidi Tompkin’s report as written.

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

1. Update: Teamsters 317 Contract Negotiation Insurance discussion 4/11/25- Supervisor Potter and Councilman David Lake will be meeting with a representative from the Teamsters 317 to discuss health insurance for the Highway department.
2. Pick up Truck replacement with plow- Supervisor Potter and Highway Superintendent Roser have been working with Oswego County Purchasing agent Carla to replace the 2017 pick up truck with plow. Supervisor Potter received three quotes for a 2025 Ford F250, 4x4 single cab pick-up truck. One from DeLacy Ford for $46,553, one from Maguire for $51,345 plus $1,995 destination and delivery fee, and one from Bob Johnson for $46,180. Plows are sold separately through Whitesboro Plow for $8,650. The Town will sell the old truck with the plow on Auctions International. In the past, the Town has received the best deal when selling the truck and plow together. The Town Highway Reserve Fund has around $55,000 in it and the total cost of the lowest priced truck plus plow is $54,830. Supervisor Potter proposes the Town use the money from the Highway Reserve Fund to purchase the new truck and plow, then deposit the money from the sale of the old truck and plow back into the Highway Reserve Fund.

* A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman David Lake to purchase a new 2025 Ford F250 4x4 single cab pick up truck and plow with money from the Town Highway Reserve Fund and to then put the money from the sale of the 2017 pick up truck and plow back into the Highway Reserve Fund. (4 ayes) motion carries.
* A motion was made by Councilman William Garvin and seconded by Councilman Ryan Jones to purchase a Fisher 9’6” XV2 plow from Whitesboro Plow shop for $8,650. (4 ayes) motion carries.

1. Highway Agreement to spend Town Highway funds for 2025- The Town of Orwell Highway will spend $249,863 from the Town Highway Funds to repair 38.30 miles of road. This money is from CHIPS, PAVE NY and other programs through the county. The following roads will be paved in 2025: The intersection of Sparks Drive and County Route 50, Sparks Drive, Beecherville Road to Jackson Road, Jerry Look Road, and the intersection of Jerry Look Road and County Route 22 as well as the intersection of Jerry Look and County Route 2.

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Councilman William Garvin to approve the signing of the agreement to spend Town Highway Funds in the amount of $249,863 to repair 38.30 miles of road in the Town of Orwell. (4 ayes) motion carries.

**Resolution # 6-2025**

**Agreement to spend Town Highway funds to repair roads in the Town of Orwell**

**Town of Orwell**

**Town Board**

**April 8th, 2025**

WHEREAS, the Town of Orwell Town Board will spend $249,863 from the Town Highway fund for repair and improvement of 38.30 miles of Town highways, including sluices, culverts, and bridges having a span of less than five (5) feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof. Now, therefor,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Orwell Town Board assembled this 8th day of April 2025, in the Town of Orwell, New York, to approve the spending of $249,863 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 David Lake AYE

Councilwoman Jessica Steele ABSENT

Councilman William Garvin AYE

Councilman Ryan Jones 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 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 8, 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 8th day of April 2025.

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Amber Garvin, Clerk

Town of Orwell

1. Water Issues Update: While at the Tug Hill conference Supervisor Potter spoke with Dustin Clark from Barton & Loguidice about the water pressure issues some residents are having. Dustin suggests using a device that will test the pressure from the curb to the house to see where the problem lies. Supervisor Potter would like to schedule a meeting with Barton & Loguidice as well as Water Operator Eric Pappa to discuss this as well as other concerns residents have. No meeting has been scheduled yet.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**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 Councilman William Garvin and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the Town Clerk’s report for March 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 #04 Claims # 47-69 $ 8,201.78

Highway Fund Abstract #04 Claims #112-120 $ 9,042.73

Water Fund Abstract #04 Claims #13-19 $ 3,618.38

-A motion was made by Councilman Ryan Jones and seconded by Supervisor William Potter to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM. (4 Ayes) Motion carries.

Submitted April 10, 2025