

ORWELL TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
Orwell Town Hall
1999 County Route 2, Orwell, New York
February 14, 2017
7:00 PM

Members Present:

Supervisor William Potter

Councilmen: Nicholas Marshall, David Lake, Jeffrey Graham, Robert Martin

Also Present:

Oswego County Legislator-Milferd Potter

CEO-John Howland

Water Operator-Marvin Levack

Assessor-David Roach

Highway Superintendent-Doug Henry

NOCA Representative-Robert Trainham

THC Representative-Paul Baxter

Town Clerk-Traci LaVeck

Public Present: Ryan Jones, Shirley Downes

Supervisor Potter opened the regular town board meeting at 7:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS:

A) CEO John Howland handed in his report for January, one building permit was issued totaling \$70.00. The CEO's report is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

B) Assessor David Roach was present to inform the town board that the notices of reassessment have been sent out to property owners. Property owners who have an issue with their new assessment should be encouraged to get in touch with Assessor Roach to arrange an informal conference to go over the information on which the new assessment is based. The last reassessment was done in 2007.

C) Oswego County Legislator Potter gave his report for February, the County agenda can be found on the Oswego County Website.

D) Water Operator Levack handed in his report for January:

- The latest bacteria test came back satisfactory.
- All of the equipment is working fine.
- There continues to be a substantial amount of water in the system. When the tower is full there is still plenty of water in the wet well under the pump house.
- Usage is approximately 16,000 gallons a day.

- The water has been turned back on at 3520 County Route 22.
- MEC Electric Inc. will be terminating all of their generator maintenance contracts which will affect the Orwell Water System. A company called Independent Field Service would like to take over the contract and has sent information to Water Operator Levack. The prices and options would remain the same.
- The highway garage has kept the road leading to the water tower well maintained this winter season.

E) Highway Superintendent Henry handed in his equipment repair cost report for January and went over the highway bills.

- The 2004 Chevy pickup truck that was listed on auction international sold for \$1,750.00.
- One of the plow trucks has gone off of the road twice on Jackson Road and had to be towed out by Pullens Auto.
- Hwy Supt Henry talked to the board about purchasing a new plow truck to replace the 2000 International (as the 2014 International will be paid for this year), it is becoming costly to keep up with repairs. The board discussed listing the 2000 on Auction International. Tabled until next month's meeting.

F) NOCA Representative Trainham gave his report for January.

G) THC Representative Paul Baxter gave his report for February:

- The Tug Hill Commission has been included in the state budget as proposed by the Governor in January.
- A fiscal oversight and red flag for fraud workshop will be held Thursday, March 2 at 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Parish Fire Hall.

DISCUSSION:

A) Inner-municipal Agreement on Roller Purchase (Sandy Creek, Williamstown, Redfield, Boylston, Richland, and Orwell):

- One used 2011 Sakai Asphalt Roller, Model SW800-2.
- Tracey Road Equipment Bid Price-\$47,824.00 to be split between the six towns listed in the agreement (Orwell's Estimated Cost \$7,970.66)
- Maintenance Costs-Under \$200.00 Sandy Creek has agreed to pay maintenance costs, anything over the \$200.00 will be split between the six towns listed in the agreement.
- Insurance-Sandy Creek will insure

-A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman Robert Martin authorizing Supervisor Potter to enter into the above mentioned Inner municipal Roller Agreement. (5 Ayes) Motion carries

B) Reschedule March Regular Town Board Meeting: Moved to Thursday, March 16, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public made a request to have the fire hydrant located in front of their house cleared of snow. Highway Superintendent Henry said that could be arranged.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Potter received a letter from National Grid suggesting that Orwell could change their streetlights to LED to lower costs. Supervisor Potter will contact Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board to do a cost analysis to figure out the potential savings and payback time frames.

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 Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the January Organizational Meeting Minutes as written. (5 Ayes) Motion carries

-A motion was made by Councilman Robert Martin and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to approve the January Regular Meeting Minutes as written. (5 Ayes) Motion carries

- A motion was made by Councilman Nicholas Marshall and seconded by Councilman David Lake to approve the Town Clerk's Monthly Report for January. (5 Ayes) Motion carries

-A motion was made by Councilman Nicholas Marshall and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to approve the Supervisor's Monthly Report for January. (5 Ayes) Motion carries

-A motion was made by Councilman Robert Martin and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to approve the following Budget Adjustments for January: (5 Ayes) Motion carries

General			
Add	A1355.41	Assessor/Reassessment	\$1000.00
Deduct	A1990.4	Contingent	\$1000.00

-A motion was made by Councilman Jeffrey Graham and seconded by Councilman Nicholas Marshall to approve payment of the following claims: (5 Ayes) Motion carries

General Fund Abstract #2	Claims #10-18B	Amount \$13,703.01
Highway Fund Abstract #2	Claims #11-22B	Amount \$21,901.56
Water District Fund Abstract #2	Claims #01-04B	Amount \$ 1,633.75

The board members signed off on the 2016 Annual Accounting Books. The town clerk will run a Legal Notice.

-A motion was made by Councilman Nicholas Marshall and seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Graham to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. (5 Ayes) Motion carries

Submitted
February 27, 2017

Traci S LaVeck
Orwell Town Clerk

