

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of June 21, 2010

The regular meeting of the Village of Owego Board of Trustees was held on Monday, June 21, 2010 at 20 Elm Street, Owego, NY, starting at 7:00 p.m. The following people were in attendance:

Mayor:	Edward L. Arrington
Trustees:	Connie Sternberg
	Jane Woody
	Tom Clark
	Ken Smith
	Ann Lockwood
	Jim Legursky

Clerk-Treasurer:	Rod Marchewka
WWTP Supt.:	Ron Horton
Fire Chief:	Ed Bidwell
Police Chief:	Rick McCulskey
Village Attorney:	Irene Graven

Absent:	DPW Supt:	Jeff Soules
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Insert "A" Visitor's List

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arrington followed by the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Privilege of the floor was offered but no one spoke.

Public Hearing was called to order at 7:02 – Public Hearing on Local Law #4 “Rental Inspection Program”. The Village of Owego Code Enforcement Officer (James Mead) gave a power point presentation on some of the properties in question.

Mrs. Ochs – read the following mission statement from the committee:

The mission of the Neighborhood Committee is to develop and recommend a plan that gives the Village of Owego an effective means of dealing with neighborhood blight, vacant buildings, and the ability to protect and safeguard the rights, health, safety and the welfare of landlords, tenants and the community as a whole.

Marcia Blowney-Toda – the housing problem is in all areas (wards) and conditions could affect the fire department, police department and EMT's.

Mike Santore – 5 items:

- 1) Adequate heating
- 2) Adequate water

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- 3) Electric
- 4) Mechanicals (stoves, furnaces, etc)
- 5) Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in each bedroom (1 per apartment)

Cheryl Ward – 359 Main Street – what is the turn around time on inspections? Jim Meade responded within 7 days. If not, then owner is to receive a temporary certificate of occupancy.

Mr. Marion Bouton – 67 Central Avenue – what is the cost? Jim Mead responded that it is free. Who takes precedence? HUD, NYS, Village? There is no one representing the people who own rental properties on the committee.

Penny Bartlow – 1) Why not all properties?
2) How can one person handle the added work load?

Judy Riebeck – commended the village for their efforts on this issue. The law may not be perfect but it can be adjusted as needed.

Motion by Trustee Sternberg, seconded by Trustee Woody, to approve Local Law #4 Rental Inspection. Trustees Clark, Lockwood, Smith, Sternberg, and Woody voted yes. Trustee Legursky voted no.

Motion Carried (5-1)

Motion by Trustee Clark, and Trustee Woody, to table the Early Retirement Incentive Program from New York State until July.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Clark, that a sewer bill be waived for Joseph Ferri at 184 Front Street (a balance due from previous owner Jeri Berman that has carried over to the Ferri's).

Motion Unanimously Denied

Motion by Trustee Woody, seconded by Trustee Clark, to approve sidewalk repair on Depot Street, Spencer Avenue, and State Street at a 50/50 split.

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Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Smith, table sidewalk vote until next meeting. Trustees Clark, Legursky, Lockwood, Smith, and Sternberg voted yes. Trustee Woody voted no.

Motion Tabled (5-1)

Motion by Trustee Legursky, seconded by Trustee Lockwood, to approve parade permit for the Tioga County Fair Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Sternberg, seconded by Trustee Legursky, requesting an attorney/client privilege be held.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Sternberg, seconded by Trustee Woody, requiring the mayor give a written report to trustees on commissionerships about finance, police, fire, and grants. Reports requested so the board can be up to date.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Sternberg, seconded by Trustee Woody, to withhold funds to re-letter new ambulance and not use taxpayers' money. Trustees Clark, Lockwood, Smith, and Woody voted yes. Trustees Legursky and Sternberg voted no.

Motion Carried (4-2)

Motion by Trustee Woody, seconded by Trustee Sternberg, requesting a written report on status of PESH violation concerning the fire department.

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Sternberg, requesting that the fire department report once a month. Trustees Clark, Lockwood, Sternberg, Smith, and Woody voted yes. Trustee Legursky voted No.

Motion Carried (5-1)

Motion by Trustee Sternberg, seconded by Trustee Woody, that a written report on the fire department PESH violation be presented at the 1st board meeting each month. Trustees Clark, Lockwood, Sternberg, Smith, and Woody voted yes. Trustee Legursky voted no.

Motion Carried (5-1)

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Lockwood, to table June 7, 2010 Village of Owego Board of Trustees Minutes.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Woody, seconded by Trustee Sternberg, to table minutes from the Budget Meetings Minutes of June 10, 15, and 17.

Unanimously Approved

Privilege of the Floor:

Rich Watkins - would like to commend Greg Verno for a job well done at the Evergreen Cemetery.

Lee Dunham – DPW to check toilets and faucets at Marvin Park to make sure they are not continually running.

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Motion by Trustee Legursky, seconded by Trustee Clark, to approve four new members into the Village of Owego Fire Department:

**Brooks York – Company #1
Robert Komar – Company #2
Steve Tiffany, Jr. – Company #3
Wesley C. Boleware – Company #4**

Trustees Clark, Legursky, Lockwood, and Smith voted yes. Trustee Woody voted no. Trustee Sternberg abstained.

Motion Carried (4-1)

Client/Attorney Session

9:15 to 9:45 – no action taken

Motion by Trustee Legursky, seconded by Trustee Lockwood, to adjourn the meeting.

Unanimously Approved