

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting  
Minutes of October 18, 2010

The regular meeting of the Village of Owego Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 18, 2010 at 20 Elm Street, Owego, NY, starting at 7:00 p.m. The following people were in attendance:

Mayor:	Edward L. Arrington
Trustees:	Jane Woody
	Ann Lockwood
	Connie Sternberg
	Tom Clark
	Jim Legursky
Clerk-Treasurer:	Rod Marchewka
WWTP Supt.:	Ron Horton
Police Chief:	Rick McCulskey
Fire Chief:	Ed Bidwell
Absent:	Irene Graven, Village Attorney
	Jeff Soules, DPW Supt.

Visitor's List  
Insert "A"

At 7:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Mayor Arrington followed by the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Privilege of the Floor:

Frank DeMara – 60 Front Street – has viewed the new website for the village and found it to be very helpful and well done.

Judy Riesbeck – asked about the Violence in the Workplace Classes and wanted to know why two village trustees have not taken the class?

Kevin Millar – E.P.A. Public Hearing is scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Regency in Binghamton New York.

Sharyl Spicer – 111 McMaster Street – had burglary at 111 McMaster Street. She feels the village needs more police, especially at night (at least two officers).

Barb Krolczyk – 130 McMaster Street stated that she had a license plate stolen from her vehicle.

Robert Bassett – 34 ½ Lake Street –

Making a Difference in the Heart of Owego

Insert "B"

Got Coats?

Coats for Kids Project

Insert "C"

**Motion by Trustee Sternberg, seconded by Trustee Clark, to accept Thoma Development Consultants to administer 2010 CDBG Grant.**

**Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Legursky, to put on hold until bid package can be reviewed by the trustees. Trustees Clark, Lockwood, Legursky, and Woody voted yes. Trustee Sternberg voted no.**

**Passed 4-1**

(Note: Thoma Development Consultants was the only bidder on this project. The bids were open at noon on October 18, 2010 at the Village Clerk's Office per spec sheets and advertising)

**Motion by Trustee Sternberg, seconded by Trustee Lockwood, to bring this back to the floor at the next board meeting on November 1, 2010.**

**Unanimously Approved**

**Motion by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Legursky, to authorize Mayor Arrington and DPW Superintendent Jeff Soules to sign the Restore New York III Capital Grant.**

**Unanimously Approved**

**OFD**

**Motion by Trustee Woody, seconded by Trustee Clark, to authorize the Fire Department to put 803, 831, and 832 out for bids as surplus equipment (always have the option to sell as scrap & reserve the right to sell). Look at Craigslist as a possible way to sell.**

**Unanimously Approved**

**Motion by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Clark, to authorize the fire chief to spend \$3,200 from his equipment budget in order to receive \$30,000 grant for EMS equipment (turn out gear for EMS personnel – approximately \$2,200 per person).**

**Unanimously Approved**

**Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Lockwood, adopt the following resolution: Whereas Owego Fire Chief Mr. Ed Bidwell has certified in writing that Leona Payne has passed both an arson check and physical; and Whereas Owego Fire Department Secretary Mr. Kenneth Patterson has certified that the Fire Board has approved the application of Leona Payne; and Whereas Leona Payne has signed the “voluntary resignation upon completion” statement; Resolved, that Leona Payne is a member of Owego Fire Department Ahwaga Ladder Company 5 with all honors, rights, privileges and responsibilities thereto appertaining and that the Board of Trustees for the Village of Owego thanks Leona Payne for volunteering to serve our community. Roll call vote: Trustees Clark, Lockwood, Legursky, and Mayor Arrington voted yes. Trustees Woody and Sternberg voted no.**

**Passed 4-2**

Chief Bidwell passed out a sheet for review – this form would be used as a monthly reporting sheet for the village board. (Note: Please make any suggested changes or comments and return the form to the village clerk so that the fire chief can have input).

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Question on total number of members currently in the fire department. Chief Bidwell said there are 125 members or more at this time. Trustee Sternberg requested that Chief Bidwell bring the list of 125 members in categories as outlined in Owego Fire Department's S.O.P. Chief Bidwell said that he would.

#4 Escape System, Crosby Hook descender, and 8mm rope bag are part of the items needed from the PESH violations.

Information item – 841 ladder truck will need repairs of approximately \$3,000.00.

Training on ropes and harnesses will begin Tuesday at the fire station.

New boiler at central fire station is under review on whether or not it meets code - working with the state and contractor to rectify the problem.

- Dr. Nichols will be doing all fire department physicals

Trustee Woody

DPW is working on

- 1) Station #3, new garage door (Baker Garage Doors) approximate cost of \$1,700.00
- 2) New concrete (Chandlers Construction) approximate cost of \$10,000
- 3) Emergency Light – needs repairs
- 4) Doors at Stations 1 & 2 need repairs to remote control (Magic Eye)

- Tobacco Products Local Law #6 was passed out for review by Trustees

**Motion by Trustee Woody, seconded by Trustee Legursky, to send the zoning change for 444 Front Street (from R2 to R4) to the Village Planning Board for their review.**

**Unanimously Approved**

**Motion by Trustee Sternberg, seconded by Trustee Woody, to approve the Treasurer's Report for September.**

**Unanimously Approved**

**Motion by Trustee Legursky, seconded by Trustee Lockwood, to approve the minutes of October 4, 2010 with the following changes:**

- 1) "overbite" to "overnight"
- 2) October 24<sup>th</sup> to October 27 for the EPA

**Unanimously Approved**

**Motion by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Legursky, by request of Fire Chief Ed Bidwell, regarding new members of the Owego Fire Department – Certificates will be signed by all board members. Roll call vote: Trustees Clark, Legursky, Lockwood voted yes. Trustee Sternberg voted no. Trustee Woody abstained.**

**Motion Failed**

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Trustee Sternberg

- The neighborhood Improvement Committee meeting with Chief McCulskey had to be canceled and will not be rescheduled until November due to vacation schedules
- DPW and the Code Office are continuing to determine appropriate options for three unsafe structures that were purchased at the county tax sale in August. One of those properties is 17 Fulton Street
- I would like to suggest that trustees and others who are interested in the difference that the CDGB grant has made, take note of the renovation of an owner occupied house on Chestnut Street as an example of the success with this program

**Since there are no changes to the proposed Local Law entitled “Site Plan Review”, I would like to make a motion to request the Planning Board review this proposal and report back to the Village Board of Trustees on November 15, 2010. Roll call vote: Trustees Clark, Lockwood, Sternberg, and Woody voted yes. Trustee Legursky voted no.**

**Passed 4-1**

Three questions:

- 1) What has been done and what more will be done to replace Emma Sedore?
- 2) Did Mr. Soules receive keys to all of the company rooms in the fire department?
- 3) Has the fire chief made arrangements for yearly physicals?

Trustee Woody

- Skateboard park built – will be painted next year (wood must age first)

**Motion by Trustee Woody, seconded by Trustee Sternberg, to go into executive session regarding personnel issues (Sewer, Fire, DPW). Trustee Clark, Lockwood, Woody, and Sternberg voted yes. Trustee Legursky said since it was about him, he would not vote.**

**Motion Carried**

- Funding for police protection for the Lights on the River has been obtained by private funding

Ron Horton

- Working with the county on shared services agreement
- Asset Management Plan – looking at how much money to set aside each year for equipment

Chief McCulskey

- Computer crashed at the police department
- Larceny arrests were made on 4 individuals for stealing copper from a McMaster Street residence

Privilege of the Floor

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Judy Riesbeck – is working on a Petition. See (Insert “F”)

Richard Kidney – doesn’t think the mayor or village trustees should have to attend Violence in the Workplace classes

Into executive session at 8:55 p.m.

Back in regular session at 9:30 p.m.

**Motion by Trustee Woody, seconded by Trustee Lockwood, to authorize Department of Public Works to begin process of hiring a replacement for the person who resigned.**

**Unanimously Approved**

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

**Unanimously Approved**