

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of November 21, 2011

The regular meeting of the Village of Owego Board of Trustees was held on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 20 Elm Street, Owego, NY. The following people were in attendance:

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| Mayor: | Ed Arrington |
| Trustees: | Earl Hartman |
| | Ann Lockwood |
| | Kevin Millar (by phone – Atty. approved) |
| | Doug Worden |
| Clerk-Treasurer: | Rod Marchewka |
| Police Chief : | Karen Vinti |
| Acting Village Attorney: | Robert McKertich |
| WWTP Supt. | Ron Horton |
| DPW Supt. | Jeff Soules |
| Absent: | Trustee Legursky |
| | Trustee Clark |

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Arrington followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Privilege of the Floor:

No one spoke.

Motion by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Hartman, to set a public hearing for December 5, 2011 on the 2% tax Cap Proposal. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Hartman, Lockwood, Millar, Worden, and Mayor Arrington voted aye.

Motion Approved 5-0

Motion by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Worden, to approve the transfers as submitted.

BOARD REQUESTED BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS NOVEMBER 21, 2011

FROM/TO	ACCOUNT #	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
BUDGET AMENDMENT			
FROM:	A.2680.00.000	INSURANCE RECOVERY	\$666.37
TO:	A.3120.40.560	REPAIRS	\$666.37
Reimbursement for expenses incurred from July accident			
FROM:			
TO:			
BUDGET TRANSFERS			
FROM:	A.1420.10.120	PT SALARY - ATTORNEY	-\$4,566.37

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TO:	A.1420.40.140	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$4,566.37
FROM:	G.1420.10.020	PT SALARY - ATTORNEY	-\$1,522.13
TO:	G.1420.40.140	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$1,522.13

APPROVED AT 11/21/11 BOARD MEETING

Roll Call Vote: Trustees Hartman, Lockwood, Millar, Worden, and Mayor Arrington voted aye.

Motion Approved 5-0

Work Shop Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at 20 Elm Street to discuss Local Law, flood insurance, need for a 239 Review and a SEQR and discussion on the \$7.2 mil funding for WWTP upgrade project..

Motion by Trustee Hartman, seconded by Trustee Lockwood, to approve the minutes of October 17, 2011 as submitted. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Hartman, Lockwood, Millar, Worden and Mayor Arrington voted aye.

Motion Approved 5-0

Motion by Trustee Millar, seconded by Trustee Hartman, for the Village to hire H2O Associates to work on mitigation and flood recovery. Village Attorney McKertich is to review H2O's generic consultants agreement and craft language into or around it to ensure protection for the Village. Mayor Arrington and Attorney McKertich to review scope of work for the agreement. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Hartman, Lockwood, Millar, Worden, and Mayor Arrington voted aye.

Motion Approved 5-0

Trustee Hartman:

- Working with Norfolk & Southern Railroad on the underpass (Erie Street) issues
- December 10th – Christmas Party for Fire Department members and family at the Owego Moose Club

Trustee Worden:

- Working on rental fees for inspections

Motion by Trustee Worden, seconded by Trustee Lockwood, to approve a parade permit for Crusin' Buddies December 2, 2011 starting at 56 Main Street. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Hartman, Lockwood, Millar, Worden, and Mayor Arrington voted aye.

Motion Approved 5-0

Supt. Jeff Soules:

- No conflict with REAP using the 20 Elm Street board room on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. for their meetings

Police Chief Vinti:

- Lights on the River will contribute \$500 toward police coverage

Report for November 21, 2011 meeting:

Annual qualifications- On November 9, 2011 all full time members and one part time member of the department successfully completed their annual weapons qualification.

Arrangements for the other part time are being made with the range officer.

Grants- **STOP DWI** for 2012 is \$5000.00

STEP – Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant \$1947.00 for 2012.

With board approval I would like to apply for the **2011 Byrne Jag Equipment Grants Program**. It is a 100% funded grant with no match required. The deadline to apply is November 29, 2011. The grant is very specific with what the award may be used for. Applying for a new car. If approved for the award we will have two new cars (one replaced from flood), both will be covered by warranty. The police miles on each of the vehicles we are currently using are costing more each month in repairs.

Within the department it is necessary to create a vehicle maintenance tracking system to provide timely routine service of the fleet. I've assigned an officer who will work in cooperation with department of public works to create a vehicle policy for maintenance and repairs.

Met with the Lights on the River committee for final arrangements for the festival scheduled for December 2, 2011. The committee agreed to pay a portion of the cost for police presence during the festival. Officers are assigned to assist with traffic and crowd control. The schedule was made in cooperation with the fire police to assure a safe event.

Motion by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Worden, approving Chief Vinti to applying for a JAG Grant for a new police car. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Hartman, Lockwood, Millar, Worden, and Mayor Arrington voted aye.

Motion Approved 5-0

(Trustee Millar lost contact at 7:44 p.m.)

Motion by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Worden, to allow Department of Public Works to purchase a bucket truck, not to exceed \$19,000. Money will come from Equipment Reserve Account. Supt. Soules is to first verify the cost to retrofit the existing bucket truck with a functioning redundant hydraulic pump system. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Hartman, Lockwood, Worden, and Mayor Arrington voted aye.

Motion Approved 4-0

Motion by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Worden, to allow Department of Public Works to replace a 1 Ton Dump Truck (lost due to flooding). Insurance will pay \$9,500, remainder to come from Equipment Reserve Account and will be purchased off of a state contract. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Hartman, Lockwood, Worden, and Mayor Arrington voted aye.

Motion Approved 4-0

Supt. Ron Horton:

- FEMA Walk-thru
- Submitted \$130,000 of invoices to FEMA
- William Street almost 100% operational
- Money from FEMA expected to come in within 6 weeks to 2 months

Mayor Arrington:

- FEMA Trailers will soon be available
- Governor Cuomo announced additional help for businesses

Motion by Trustee Hartman, seconded by Trustee Lockwood, to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Unanimously Approved.