

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting
June 27, 2011

The Budget meeting and special meeting for Local Law #4 of 2011 of the Village of Owego Board of Trustee was held on Monday, June 27, 2011 at 20 Elm Street, Owego, NY. The following people were in attendance:

Mayor	Edward L. Arrington
Trustees	Ann Lockwood
	Earl Hartman
	Douglas Worden
	Kevin Millar
	Tom Clark
Absent:	Trustee Legursky
	Police Chief McCulskey
	Fire Chief Franz
Clerk-Treasurer	Rod Marchewka
DPW Superintendent	Jeff Soules
WWTP Superintendent	Ron Horton
Attorney	Robert McKertich

Insert "A" – Visitors List

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

Public Hearing on Local Law #4 of 2011 entitled "Amending Charter in regards to the hiring of the Village Attorney.

Attorney Robert McKertich reviewed the local law and submitted a revision for Village Board to review in regards to the proper aging of the law.

Motion by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Hartman to hold a public hearing on July 5, 2011 on the Local Law #4 of 2011 to review the proposed revisions. Trustee Clark voting nay. Trustees Hartman, Lockwood, Millar and Worden voting aye.

Motion adopted 4-1

Public Hearing on the 2011-2012 Village budget opened at 7:15pm.

Privilege of the floor was offered.

Dieter Dauber, 110 Halstead Avenue – With the economy the way it is, an 8% tax increase is out of line.

Marcia Blowney-Toda, 383 Front Street – People will be unable to sell their houses because no one will be able to pay the high taxes.

Janet Englesbe, 97 Front Street – Losing population, creeping taxes, the economy is in bad shape.

Connie Sterberg, 9 Orchard Avenue – OPD Late shift cuts

Richard Franz, 157 Talcott Street – Fire Department budget is effected by \$50,00 increase in hydrant rental, PESH violations that had to be addressed (subjected by nay sayers). Fire Department contractual obligations have not kept up with the need. The Village is answering 50% of the Town of Owego calls. Contracts have not grown with the times. EMTS are 24/7.

Question on percentage of budget that was mandated expenses. Pension, health, dental, eyeware, workers compensation, union, retirement.

Mayor Arrington stated services will have to be cut – snow plowing, tree/brush pick up, cemetery maintenance. Quality of life issues will suffer.

The Village fund balance used to offset the taxes is mostly depleted. \$180,000.00 to be used in this year's budget to offset taxes.

Rich Watkins, 27 Ross Street – Cannot be business as usual – everyone is on a fixed income.

Look at the possibility of charging for EMT ambulance service.

Connie Sternberg stated the budget process should be a year long process.

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Lockwood to close public hearing at 8:00pm. Trustees Clark, Hartman, Lockwood, Millar and Worden voting aye.

Motion adopted 5-0

5 minute recess

Back into regulars session at 8:05pm.

Trustee Clark proceeded to pass out a packet of proposed cuts to the budget.

Clerk-Treasurer Marchewka chastised Trustee Clark for supplying the Citizens Party with copies of his recommendations and not the Clerk, Mayor, Deputy Mayor or the public as to what is now going to be voted on with no prior notice. Just politics at its worst according to Clerk-Treasurer Marchewka.

Trustee/Deputy Mayor Millar stated it would have been nice to get these changes before hand to review, not one minute before a vote is expected. He plans to abstain on voting on any of these planned amendments.

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Lockwood to make the following amendment to the Tentative Village of Owego 2012 Budget: Under Revenue, Account A.2705, Gifts and Donations, change the description to read "Donations - Sweet Fund".

Trustee Clark – aye
Trustee Millar – abstain

Trustee Hartman – aye
Trustee Worden – aye

Trustee Lockwood – aye
Mayor Arrington – nay

Motion adopted 4-1-1

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Lockwood to make the following amendment to the Tentative Village of Owego 2012 Budget: Under Revenue, add new line item "Donations - Trustee and Mayor Give Back with a value of \$5916.

Trustee Clark – aye
Trustee Millar – abstain

Trustee Hartman – aye
Trustee Worden – aye

Trustee Lockwood – aye

Motion adopted 4-0-1

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Lockwood to make the following amendment to the Tentative Village of Owego 2012 Budget: Under Revenue, add new line item "Fees - Pool" with a value of \$6,700.

Trustee Clark – aye
Trustee Millar – abstain

Trustee Hartman – passed/aye
Trustee Worden – abstain

Trustee Lockwood – aye
Mayor Arrington - nay

Motion failed 3-1-1

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Hartman to make the following amendment to the Tentative Village of Owego 2012 Budget: Under Revenue, add new line item "Fees- Fire Department Consumables" with a value of \$500.

Trustee Clark – aye
Trustee Millar – abstain

Trustee Hartman – abstain
Trustee Worden – abstain

Trustee Lockwood – aye
Mayor Arrington

Motion failed 2-0-3

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Lockwood to make the following amendment to the Tentative Village of Owego 2012 Budget: Under Revenue, add new line item "Fees- Strawberry Fest Vendor Permit" with a value of \$10,000.

Trustee Clark – aye
Trustee Millar – abstain

Trustee Hartman – aye
Trustee Worden – aye

Trustee Lockwood – aye
Mayor Arrington

Motion adopted 4-0-1

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Lockwood to make the following amendment to the Tentative Village of Owego 2012 Budget: Under Revenue, Account A.1520, Police Fees, add \$600.

Trustee Clark – aye
Trustee Millar – abstain

Trustee Hartman – aye
Trustee Worden – aye

Trustee Lockwood – aye
Mayor Arrington - aye

Motion adopted 5-0-1

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Worden to make the following amendments to the Tentative Village of Owego 2012 Budget:

1. Account A.1010.40.733 Trustees - PT Salary, delete \$100
2. Account A.1010.40.733 Trustees - PT Salary, delete \$2376
3. Account A.1210.10.120 Mayor - PT Salary, delete \$1587
4. Account A.9030.80.090 FICA, delete \$317.04.
5. Account A.9040.80.070 Workers Comp, delete \$99.08.

Trustee Clark – aye
Trustee Millar – abstain

Trustee Hartman – aye
Trustee Worden – aye

Trustee Lockwood – aye
Mayor Arrington – nay

Motion adopted 4-1-1

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Hartman to make the following amendments to the Tentative Village of Owego 2012 Budget:

1. Account A1325.10.110 Clerk-FT Salary, delete \$5,000.
2. Account A.9030.80.090 FICA, delete \$400.
3. Account A.9040.80.070 Workers Comp, delete \$125.

Trustee Clark – aye
Trustee Millar – abstain

Trustee Hartman – aye
Trustee Worden – abstain

Trustee Lockwood – aye
Mayor Arrington – nay

Motion failed 3-1-2

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Lockwood to make the following amendments to the Tentative Village of Owego 2012 Budget:

1. Account A.7410.40.170 Boys 7 Girls Club, delete \$4,500.
2. Account A.7410.40.171 Arts Council, delete \$1,800.
3. Account A.7410.40.340 Story Hour, delete \$900.

Trustee Clark – aye
Trustee Millar – abstain

Trustee Hartman – pass/aye
Trustee Worden – pass/abstain

Trustee Lockwood – pass/aye
Mayor Arrington – nay

Motion failed 3-1-2

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Lockwood to make the following amendment to the Tentative Village of Owego 2012 Budget: Account A7410.40.172 Library, delete \$2,700.

Trustee Clark – aye
Trustee Millar – abstain

Trustee Hartman – aye
Trustee Worden – aye

Trustee Lockwood – aye
Mayor Arrington – nay

Motion adopted 4-1-1

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Worden to make the following amendment to the Tentative Village of Owego 2012 Budget: Account A8020.40.401 OHPC, delete \$500.

Trustee Clark – aye
Trustee Millar – abstain

Trustee Hartman – nay
Trustee Worden – aye

Trustee Lockwood – aye
Mayor Arrington – nay

Motion failed 3-2-1

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Lockwood to make the following amendments to the Tentative Village of Owego 2012 Budget:

1. Account A.135.10.110 Clerk-FT Salary, delete \$15,307.38
2. Account A.9030.80.09 FICA, delete \$1,224.59.
3. Account A.9040.80.070 Workers Comp, delete \$382.68.

Trustee Clark – aye
Trustee Millar – abstained

Trustee Hartman – aye
Trustee Worden – nay

Trustee Lockwood – aye
Mayor Arrington – nay

Motion failed 3-2-1

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Lockwood to make the following amendments to the Tentative Village of Owego 2012 Budget:

1. Account A.3120.10.110 FT Salary, delete \$37,856.
2. Account A.9030.80.092 FICA, delete \$3,028.48.
3. Account A.9040.80.072 Workers Comp, delete \$946.40.

This motion was amended by Trustee Millar and seconded by Trustee Clark to double all amounts.

Trustee Clark – aye
Trustee Millar – abstain

Trustee Hartman – aye
Trustee Worden – aye

Trustee Lockwood – aye
Mayor Arrington – nay

Motion adopted 4-1-1

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Lockwood to approve amended motion on the following lines:

1. Account A3120.10.110 FT Salary, delete \$75,712
2. Account A9030.80.092 FICA, delete \$6,057
3. Account A9040.80.072 Workers Comp, delete \$1,893

Trustee Clark – aye
Trustee Millar – abstain

Trustee Hartman – aye
Trustee Worden – aye

Trustee Lockwood – aye
Mayor Arrington – nay

Motion adopted 4-1-1

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Hartman to make the following amendments to the Tentative Village of Owego 2012 Budget:

1. Account A.5110.10.110 Street Dept - FT Salary, delete \$27,040.00
2. Account A.5100.10.120 Street Dept - PT Salary, delete \$7,072.00
3. Account A.9030.80.094 FICA, delete \$2,728.96
4. Account A.9040.80.074 Workers Comp, delete \$852.80

Trustee Clark – aye
Trustee Millar – abstain

Trustee Hartman – pass/aye
Trustee Worden – aye

Trustee Lockwood – pass/aye
Mayor Arrington – nay

Motion adopted 4-1-1

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Worden to make the following amendments to the Tentative Village of Owego 2012 Budget:

1. Account A.7988.10.120 Pool- PT Salary, delete \$7,590
3. Account A.9030.80.094 FICA, delete \$607.20
4. Account A.9040.80.074 Workers Comp, delete \$189.75.

Trustee Clark – aye
Trustee Millar – abstain

Trustee Hartman –abstain
Trustee Worden – aye

Trustee Lockwood – aye
Mayor Arrington – nay

Motion failed 3-1-2

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Hartman to make the following amendment to the Tentative Village of Owego 2012 Budget: Account A7310.10.120 Hyde Park PT Salary, delete \$4,290.

Trustee Clark – aye
Trustee Millar – abstain

Trustee Hartman –pass/nay
Trustee Worden – nay

Trustee Lockwood – nay
Mayor Arrington – nay

Motion failed 1-4-1

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Worde to adopt the tentative Village of Owego 2011-2012 budget, as amended here tonight.

Trustee Clark – aye
Trustee Millar – abstain

Trustee Hartman –aye
Trustee Worden – aye

Trustee Lockwood – aye
Mayor Arrington – aye

Motion adopted 5-0-1

Motion by Trustee Millar, seconded by Trustee Worden to adjourn meeting.

Trustee Clark – aye
Trustee Millar – aye

Trustee Hartman –aye
Trustee Worden – aye

Trustee Lockwood – aye
Mayor Arrington – aye

Motion adopted 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm