

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of September 20, 2010

The regular meeting of the Village of Owego Board of Trustees was held on Monday, September 20, 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
	Ken Smith
	Ann Lockwood
	Connie Sternberg
	Tom Clark
	Jim Legursky
Clerk-Treasurer:	Rod Marchewka
DPW Supt:	Jeff Soules
WWTP Supt.:	Ron Horton
Police Chief:	Rick McCulskey
Village Attorney:	Irene Graven
Absent:	Fire Chief Ed Bidwell

Insert "A" Visitor's List

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 – thanked the Village for the sewer upgrade presentation, then requested the following:

- 1) One and a half million dollar breakdown of the composting facility.
- 2) Annual cost of running the composting facility.
- 3) PowerPoint from the engineering company.

Kevin Millar – 78 Front Street – talked to engineer and he will be out of town. He will get the village the information ASAP.

Haunted House

Motion by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Legursky, to allow the Owego Fire Department to hold a Haunted House (every weekend in October) and a Village Costume Parade at the Marvin Park Fair Grounds Pavilion. Anyone involved will have to sign off and be under the direction of the Fire Department for insurance purposes. Any money received will be donated to charity (Cancer Society – Dick Fink Memorial).

Unanimously Approved

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Restore New York

Jeff Soules – kick off meeting with 4 owners. On site visits to the properties, \$1,000,000 in grants are involved.

Dean Street Update

Expected to be finished by September 20, 2010, weather permitting.

Fire Station Boiler Update

Waiting for information from the state.

P.B.A. Contract

Motion by Trustee Woody, seconded by Trustee Clark, that an executive session be held to discuss collective bargaining negotiations per Article 14 of the Civil Service Law. (see Insert “B”

Unanimously Approved

Retirement Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials

Motion by Trustee Woody, seconded by Trustee Smith, to approve the Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution (see Insert “C”).

Unanimously Approved

Membership request Fire Company #5

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Woody, to move to postpone any vote on Fire Department membership requests until this Board is provided the following:

- 1) Prospective member’s application as required by Fire Department bylaws Article 4, Section 1, Subsection C;
- 2) Written certification that the prospective member was voted on and approved by the Fire Board as required by Fire Department bylaws Article 4, Section 1, Sub section B;
- 3) One (1) copy of the signed agreement of voluntary termination for conviction of sexual misconduct or arson as required by Fire Department bylaws Article 4, Section 1, Sub section A;
- 4) One (1) copy of the results from physical necessary for compliance with Fire Department bylaws Article 4, Section 1, Sub section C;
- 5) One (1) copy of the arson check necessary for compliance with Fire Department bylaws Article 4, Section 1, Sub section C.

Trustees Woody, Clark, Smith, Sternberg, and Lockwood voted yes. Trustee Legursky abstained.

Discussion - Trustee Legursky opposed – he feels the Fire Department already does this. It seems like the board wants the mayor micro-managing the Fire Department.

Passed 5 – 1 Abstained

Report of Fire Department windshield (held over until next meeting). No one was present from the Fire Department.

OPD

Police coverage – officer out for surgery.

Motion by Trustee Legursky, seconded by Trustee Clark, police chief to authorize a part-time police officer to fill in for the 6 to 8 weeks that the officer is expected to be out for surgery.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Woody, to approve the Parade Permit Application made by the Tioga County Boys and Girls Club for a 5K/10K fundraiser run/walk to be held October 10, 2010 with the understanding that the forming time is 1:00 p.m.

Discussion by Police Chief – no problems with this request.

Unanimously Approved

Sewer Compost Committee Report

Ron Horton: Ron, Ray Rushing, Bob McConnell and Mayor Arrington traveled to Cazenovia to inspect their composting facility. Ron passed out a brochure on composting from the Madison County Sewer District Compost Project.

Ray Rushing – 27 Williams Street – was impressed with the composting facility – no sewer smell.

Bob McConnell – thanked the mayor for the opportunity to tour the facility. Bob feels that composting may be one of the better ways to handle a sewer sludge problem.

Trustee Legursky – would like the county to take part – would like it to be a county wide operation (not just a cost to the aging & shrinking tax base of the Village).

Possibility of the Villages of Waverly and Nichols and the Town of Owego joining in to help offset expenses.

Ron Horton – annual operating cost to be estimated at \$89,000.00 for the composting portion of the sewer department.

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Lockwood, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for August 2010 (copies on file in the clerk’s office).

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Clark to amend the draft minutes of June 7, 2010; specifically, Section entitled “Trustee Clark”. Delete in entirety.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Clark to amend the draft minutes of June 7, 2010; specifically, section entitled “Privilege of the Floor”, Carl Jones, last word, change from “letting” to “lettering”.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Clark to amend the draft minutes of June 7, 2010; specifically; last motion. Delete in its entirety and replace with: **Motion** by Trustee Legursky, seconded by Trustee Smith, to adjourn. Unanimously Passed Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.”

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Smith, to approve the minutes of June 7, 2010 after corrections made.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Lockwood, to approve the minutes of June 10, 2010.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Sternberg, seconded by Trustee Woody, to approve the minutes from June 15, 2010 with correction of the meeting day to Tuesday.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Sternberg, seconded by Trustee Smith, to approve the minutes of August 16, 2010. Trustee Woody abstained. Trustees Lockwood, Sternberg, Clark, Smith, Legursky voted yes.

Passed 5; Abstained 1

Motion by Trustee Woody, seconded by Trustee Smith, to approve the minutes of September 7, 2010 after the correction of Scott Gurney’s name. Trustees Legursky, Lockwood, Woody, and Smith voted yes. Trustee’s Sternberg and Clark abstained.

Motion Passed

Trustee’s Reports

Trustee Woody: Discussion on scrapping 832 (fire truck) no action until fire department has a representative at the meeting for input.

Motion by Trustee Woody, seconded by Trustee Sternberg, to allow EMS to have representation to the board and allow them to give reports.

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Lockwood, to postpone the previous motion until committee on the EMS gives report (Mike Washington to chair the committee).

Unanimously Approved

Request that the village send Candor squad a thank you letter for allowing the squad the use of one of their ambulances.

Request that a representative from the fire department be at the village board meetings and give a report.

Update on vehicles and ambulances:

- 1) **833 – problem with diesel fumes**
- 2) **831 – Main seal leak**

Motion by Trustee Sternberg, seconded by Trustee Woody, that the “Trustee Report” be included on future agendas. Trustees Woody, Clark, Smith, Sternberg voted yes. Trustees Lockwood and Legursky abstained.

Passed 4; Abstained 2

DPW

The neighborhood Improvement Committee will meet Friday, September 24, 2010 at Noon at 20 Elm Street.

The code officer has completed over 40 inspections under the new rental inspection law. He has experienced cooperation for the most part and landlord tenant complaints have decreased. These inspections do help landlords because they document the conditions of the unit prior to renting.

The village received notice that they have been approved for \$400,000.00 for non-owner occupied rental properties in the central area of the village. Landlords may receive \$13,000 per unit or \$24,000 per structure.

Petition received about 17 Fulton Street – copy of Petition should be sent to the county as they are the owners of the property.

The change in Raw Garbage is now in effect – minimum fine is \$100.00.

Motion by Trustee Sternberg, seconded by Trustee Woody, to have the village attorney supply a copy of site plan review draft to the Village Board and Planning Board. Trustees Sternberg and Woody voted yes. Trustees Lockwood, Clark, and Legursky voted no. Trustees Smith abstained.

Motion Failed

Trustee Sternberg

I have a point of clarification regarding a misconception that a reserve exists that could be used as a matching grant for 90 Temple Street. There is no such reserve and the board’s only action was to reject bonding as a method of funding the project.

Would the mayor comment on an article in the Courier regarding the Water Withdrawal Permit in the Village of Owego by Inflection Energy. What is the impact on the Village and residents?

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Mayor- this is a Susquehanna River Basin Committee issue – should have no impact on the village.

Privilege of the Floor

Chuck Hogancamp – would like to know what will be the official day for Halloween? Mayor: Sunday, October 31, 2010.

Frank DeMara – Would like the Engineering Report on O.M. Sewer Plant/Composting. Is it possible to have the village budget posted on the web site? Treasurer’s Report? Rod will look into this.

Mayor Arrington

Status of Violence in the Workplace Policy:

- 84 –Did not take training
- 150 – Did not sign Certification
- 14 – Filed Electronically
- 7 – People changed the form (they were sent back to re-do)
- 7 – People signed the form, but did not take the class

Tioga County Tourism – Friday, December 3, 2010 – from 5:00 to 8:00. Discussion on traffic. Jeff and Rick will meet with Stella Reschke.

Board went into executive session at 9:05 p.m. – returning to open meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Woody, seconded by Trustee Lockwood, to approve the PBA Contract. Trustees Woody, Lockwood, Sternberg, Smith, and Clark voted yes. Trustee Legursky voted no.

Passed 5 to 1

Motion by Trustee Woody, seconded by Trustee Sternberg, that the records clerk, secretary, code enforcement officer, account clerk typist and deputy clerk treasurer receive a 3% pay raise effective 9-20-10. Trustees Woody, Sternberg, Lockwood, and Smith voted yes. Trustees Clark and Legursky voted no.

Passed 4 to 2

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Woody, whereas yesterday, September 19, 2010, was National Talk Like a Pirate Day, and whereas a little levity does in fact make this a more productive meeting; therefore, be it resolved that the motion to adjourn the meeting, aye votes shall be indicated by “Aye me mates” and no votes shall be indicated by “Belay such nonsense”.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Clark, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:30 p.m. Aye me mates was unanimous.

Unanimously Approved