

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting  
Minutes of April 4, 2011

The regular meeting of the Village of Owego Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 4, 2011 at 20 Elm Street, Owego, NY, starting at 7:40 p.m., following the Annual Meeting. The following people were in attendance:

Mayor:	Edward L. Arrington
Trustees:	Tom Clark
	Jim Legursky
	Ann Lockwood
	Earl Hartman
	Kevin Millar
	Douglas Worden
Clerk-Treasurer:	Rod Marchewka
DPW Superintendent:	Jeff Soules
WWTP Superintendent:	Ron Horton
Police Chief:	Rick McCulskey
Absent:	Fire Chief Ed Bidwell

Visitor's List  
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At 7:40 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Mayor Arrington followed by the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Privilege of the Floor:

Donna Kuhns – 150 Dean Street – addressed the board about the poor conditions of the road off of McMaster Street that used to lead to the “Creamery”. There are businesses that work out of the warehouses; something should be done to fix this problem.

Bob McConnell – 82 Southside Drive – thanked the police department for enforcing stop sign and speed issues at the off ramp due to issues on 434 at Southside Drive.

John Loftus – 161 Talcott Street – Village should have the clock at the Central Fire Station fixed. Flag at the Village Clerk’s Office at 178 Main Street should have a light on it at night.

Jane Woody – 119 West Avenue – is concerned about noise at 200 West Avenue. Mayor Arrington stated there will be a meeting April 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at 56 Main Street with Norfolk Southern and these items will be discussed.

Sewer Department new hires – carry over until next meeting – old business.

**Motion by Trustee Millar, seconded by Trustee Lockwood, to hold an executive session on personnel issues regarding the village attorney position.**

**Mayor Arrington feels this is an illegal motion.**

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

**Motion Adopted 6-0-1**

**Motion by Trustee Millar – certified attorney who lives in the village. Motion dies for lack of a second.**

**Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Millar, to move to table having an executive session on the attorney. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Clark, Hartman, Legursky, Lockwood, Millar, Worden, and Mayor Arrington voted aye.**

**Motion Adopted 7-0**

**Motion by Trustee Lockwood to approve donating \$500 to the Arts Council for Kid’s Night Out. Motion dies for lack of a second.**

Lisa Curatolo – 175 Front Street – regarding Gateway Park –would like to be on the Agenda for April 18, 2011.

John Spencer – 187-189 Front Street – talked in favor of a proposed dog park in the area of the boat launch near River Street. Regarding the former dollar store – he does not want it to be torn down and does not want it to become an eye sore - should encourage new tenants for the building.

Payment of Bills

**Motion by Trustee Millar, seconded by Trustee Clark, to approve the bills as submitted.**

**Questions on:** 1) Brown Field Payments – Grant  
2) Partners in Safety - Drug Testing  
3) Klett’s Farm – Lime

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

**Motion Adopted 7-0**

**Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Lockwood, to approve the minutes of March 21, 2011 as submitted. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Clark, Hartman, Legursky, Lockwood, Millar, and Worden voted aye. Mayor Arrington voted no.**

**Motion Adopted 6-1**

Trustee Reports:

*Trustee Clark* – no additional report

*Trustee Hartman*

- Working with the police chief and judge’s office on sidewalk issues.
- Ongoing discussion with sidewalk committee on winter sidewalk issues – talked with Police Chief McCulskey, Judge Boland, and Court Clerk Diane Gregory about these issues – starting to look at language on this issue.

**Motion by Trustee Hartman, seconded by Trustee Lockwood, whereas on street parking on East Avenue from Erie to the junction of Prospect Street constitutes a traffic hazard that could cause damage to property and human life; it is an impediment to routine maintenance in inclement weather. The Village Board does hereby declare that the south side of East Avenue shall be posted with “no parking this side of street” signs.**

**Motion by Trustee Millar, seconded by Trustee Legursky, to amend the motion and rescind all prior local laws dealing with the parking on that section of East Avenue and to institute the above motion. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Clark, Hartman, Legursky, Lockwood, Millar, Worden, and Mayor Arrington voted aye.**

**Motion Adopted 7-0**

**Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Millar, to table the vote on the preceding motion until we have legal council. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Clark, Hartman, Legursky, Lockwood, Millar, Worden, and Mayor Arrington voted aye.**

**Motion Adopted 7-0**

**Motion by Trustee Hartman, seconded by Trustee Lockwood, to approve \$500 to the Tioga Council of the Arts for summer concert series at the Village Gazebo. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Clark voted no. Trustee Hartman voted aye. Trustee Legursky abstained, and Trustees Lockwood, Millar, and Worden voted aye. Mayor Arrington voted aye.**

**Motion Adopted 5-1-1**

Trustee Legursky received a letter from someone that may be interested in 117 Fulton Street to rehab it. Mayor Arrington said that this property is owned by the county.

Trustee Lockwood

- Would like the mayor to have a tentative budget for the trustees so that they can be reviewed with department heads and commissioners.
- A group has come forward that would like to start a neighborhood watch in the Spencer – Chestnut Street area. Mayor Arrington asked Trustee Legursky to work on this project.

DPW Supt. Jeff Soules

- Waiting on county bids for blacktop prices.
- He has two (2) applicants that he will be sending to the Personnel Committee to review (two openings currently exist at DPW).
- Asked by Trustee Legursky about paving Depot Street – Supt. Soules – is waiting on NYSEG to finish up their work in the street first.

WWTP Supt. Ron Horton

- Two of three spot repairs done on sewer lines at Liberty Street, East Main Street, and Fulton Street

Mayor's Report

- Meeting April 5, 2011 with the Norfolk & Southern Railroad at 56 Main Street at 7:00 p.m. to discuss noise and other items
- Following up on NYS DOT repair to street lights on Southside Drive
- Lake Street update: a grant administered by Tioga County will be doing street lights and the clock

Privilege of the Floor:

Herb McDowell – discussed grants update

Rich Watkins – Cemetery Grant matching of \$326,000

**Motion by Trustee Millar, seconded by Trustee Lockwood, to adjourn.**

**Unanimously Approved**