

**Village of Owego Public Hearing
Minutes of June 28, 2010**

The Public Hearing was held on Monday, June 28, 2010, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the DPW Annex, 20 Elm Street, Owego, NY with the following people in attendance:

Mayor:	Edward L. Arrington
Trustees:	Tom Clark
	Jim Legursky
	Ann Lockwood
	Ken Smith
	Connie Sternberg
	Jane Woody
Clerk-Treasurer:	Rod Marchewka

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

Comments from the Floor:

Burt Frutchey – 4 Woodlawn Avenue, regarding the police station – it is a historical building and there are consequences if we let it fall into disrepair. Has there been any major work done on 90 Temple in the last 10 years? Mayor Arrington said that work was done at 90 Temple approximately 10 years ago.

Mr. Frutchey said that there is no line item in the budget for windows, hot water heater, roof, or furnace, etc. We should take care of it right now.

Richard Watkins – 27 Ross Street, said we should not put any money into a building that is obsolete. The village court should be handicap accessible and the court itself should be secure. The village should look at leasing the old school on Elm Street. The village should form a Citizens Committee to look into consolidation of the village buildings.

Mayor Arrington spoke about the Village of Waverly spending \$3,000,000 for an old school and renovations.

The State Comptroller says that the Village can not lease property.

We cannot allow 90 Temple to fall into disrepair because it is on the historical register.

Heinz Hoffman, 7 Orchard Avenue – Why not decrease the budget instead of having any increase at all?

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Mayor Arrington – the budge now stands at a 2% increase that includes \$40,000 for step repair on 90 Temple Street and \$20,000 for part-time police officers.

If we decrease the budget there will have to be a loss of service. State mandates had the budget up 10 to 12%. The board, department heads and mayor have worked hard at keeping the budge at only 2%.

Kevin Millar – 78 Front Street, the village has \$500,000 in grants for the cemetery and 90 Temple. The village would have to match these grants if they want to use the money.

Motion by Trustee Legursky, seconded by Trustee Smith, to close the Public Hearing at 7:27.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Clark, to remove \$40,000 from tentative D.P.W. budget (A.5110.40.093) for building repair. Trustees Clark, Legursky, Lockwood, and Smith voted yes. Trustees Woody and Sternberg voted no.

Motion Carried (4-2)

Trustee Woody – is any money being budgeted for possible fines to the fire department?
Mayor Arrington – no.

Mayor, Trustees Woody and Clark to work to make sure the village is in compliance.

Motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Lockwood, to approve the 2010-2011 budget with the approved changes. Trustees Clark, Legursky, Lockwood, and Smith, and Sternberg voted yes. Trustee Woody voted no.

Motion Carried (5-1)

Motion by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Clark, to adjourn the meeting.

Unanimously Approved