

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of March 15, 2010

The regular meeting of the Village of Owego Board of Trustees was held on Monday, March 15, 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:	Connie Sternberg
	Jane Woody
	Melody Patterson
	Grace Thomas
Clerk-Treasurer:	Lynne Mieczkowski
DPW Supt:	Jeff Soules
WWTP Supt:	Ron Horton
Police Chief:	Rick McCulskey
Fire Chief:	Ed Bidwell
Village Attorney:	Irene Graven
Absent:	Trustee Adam Jung
	Trustee Eric Young

Insert "A" Visitor's List

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Public Hearing originally scheduled for March 15, 2010 to discuss the rezoning on Elm Street is being cancelled. The rezoning issue must first go to the County Planning Board. The public Hearing will be rescheduled for a later date.

Clerk Treasurer

Motion by Trustee Woody seconded by Trustee Patterson to approve a Tobacco Free Policy in the Village of Owego's parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, and spectator areas.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Woody seconded by Trustee Patterson approving the Village establish a Smoke Free Parks and Recreation Areas Ordinance.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Sternberg seconded by Trustee Patterson approving the February Treasurer's Report.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Sternberg seconded by Trustee Patterson approving the minutes of 12/21/2010.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Sternberg seconded by Trustee Woody approving the minutes of 1/4/2010.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Sternberg seconded by Trustee Patterson to approve the minutes of 1/19/2010 contingent on revision being made on Page 4.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Sternberg seconded by Trustee Thomas approving the minutes of 2/1/2010.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Sternberg seconded by Trustee Patterson approving the minutes of 2/16/2010.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Sternberg seconded by Trustee Woody to accept the minutes of 3/1/2010 contingent on correction of word (release to relief) being made. Trustees Sternberg, Woody, Thomas, and Mayor Arrington voting aye. Trustee Patterson abstained.

Motion carried

Motion by Trustee Sternberg, seconded by Trustee Woody approving the expenditure of \$500 for Kid's Night Out (Tioga County Counsel on the Arts). Expenditure to come from Youth Program account in the Clerk Treasurer's budget.

Unanimously Approved

Trustee Patterson

- E-mail sent to Albany regarding cemetery grant status; waiting for reply

Motion by Trustee Patterson seconded by Trustee Thomas to purchase a street sweeper at a cost of \$176,056.00 from Joe Johnson Equipment.

Unanimously Approved

Trustee Sternberg

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- Neighborhood Improvement Committee to meet on 3/18/2010 (no word on grant submitted to EMA)
- (2010-2011) Budget Process

Trustee Thomas

- Reported on “TING” meeting
- Sewer project status

Trustee Woody

- Letter of termination (Stanton) why was this sent; clerk to research

Mayor

- Fire department issues
- Correspondence from Gary Finch
- Canine issue (OPD)
- Groundbreaking for CPSI

Village Attorney

- Draft on Neighborhood Rental Inspection to be worked this week.

Motion by Trustee Woody seconded by Trustee Sternberg to hold an executive session for specific personnel issues.

Unanimously Approved

Questions from Trustee Sternberg for the Village Attorney:

Is there any update on well-head protection issues?
Has the final draft from Time Warner been received?

Privilege of the floor was again offered.

Mr. Lee Dunham addressed the board on the condition of the back of the buildings on the Riverwalk and a large hole is behind one of them; someone could get hurt. Per DPW Superintendent code will step up their review of issues.

Herb McDowell asked about the Riverwalk costs, etc. He also asked about the Fire Department findings. Mr. McDowell also asked about the dog issue with the Owego Police Department.

Out of regular session at 7:55 p.m.
Into executive session at 8:00 p.m.
Out of executive session at 8:25 p.m.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.