

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting  
Minutes of December 7, 2009

The regular Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting was held on Monday, December 7, 2009 at the DPW Annex, 20 Elm Street, Owego, NY beginning at 7:00 p.m., with the following people in attendance:

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| Mayor:            | Edward Arrington                                                                 |
| Trustees:         | Jane Woody<br>Connie Sternberg<br>Melody Patterson<br>Grace Thomas<br>Erik Young |
| Deputy C/T:       | Lynne Mieczkowski                                                                |
| DPW Supt:         | Jeff Soules                                                                      |
| Village Attorney: | Irene Graven                                                                     |
| WWTP Supt.:       | Ron Horton                                                                       |
| Absent:           | Police Chief Rick McCulskey<br>Fire Chief Ed Bidwell<br>Trustee Adam Jung        |

Insert "A" Visitor's List

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Treasurer

**Motion by Trustee Sternberg seconded by Trustee Woody to approve the payment of bills contingent on Voucher 3523 and Voucher 3462 being pulled and coded accurately before payment.**

**Unanimously Approved**

Trustee Patterson

Cemetery grant status  
Information regarding old sweeper

**Motion by Trustee Patterson seconded by Trustee Thomas approving DPW Superintendent Soules prepare specs for bids for a street sweeper.**

**Unanimously Approved**

Trustee Young

No Report.

Trustee Sternberg

- Flood Mitigation Group/Press Release (Placement of the signs for flood hazard is complete. Anyone that has questions should contact R. LeCount, Tioga County.
- Attended a National Flood Insurance Program with DPW Superintendent
- New Flood Maps have been released/some flood hazard areas have reduced the flood level elevation
- Open house 12/8/2009 at Edward Hubbard Auditorium giving opportunity to residents to review Flood Maps (4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
- Neighbor Improvement Committee Mission

**Motion by Trustee Sternberg seconded by Trustee Thomas that the mission of the Neighborhood Improvement Committee is to develop and recommend a plan that gives the Village of Owego an effective means of dealing with neighborhood blight, vacant buildings, and the ability to protect and safeguard the rights, health, safety and the welfare of landlords tenants and the community as a whole.**

**Unanimously Approved**

- Update on Bishop Sheehan's Funding
- Lights on the River Review

**Motion by Trustee Sternberg seconded by Trustee Thomas authorizing the expenditure not to exceed \$13,000 for the removal of 42-44 Temple Street.**

**Unanimously Approved**

- Correspondence sent to Pennysaver regarding 495 E. Main

Trustee Thomas

**Motion by Trustee Thomas seconded by Trustee Patterson approving a permit be issued to Upstate Shredding with an annual fee of \$1500.00. This permit will cover allowable discharge limits and reporting requirements.**

**Unanimously Approved**

- Slip-lining on Spencer & Depot completed two weeks ago; 2 manholes replaced; beginning soon manhole rehab to take place

## VBM 12-7-2009

- 12-2-2009 meeting held with Bernier & Carr regarding preliminary review of the engineering study being submitted to the state, regarding upgrades that are going to be necessary at the plant to be in compliance with Chesapeake Bay

### Trustee Woody

- Issues with railroad track by Boy's Club
- Underpass lighting needs to be looked at
- Distributed fire department information to Village Board on 12-7-09; paperwork contains information regarding OSHA regulations; certification standards; SOP's. Also a letter in regard to a meeting held with the Mayor, Assistant Chief Dan Gavin, Chief Bidwell and Trustee Woody on 10/12/09 – list of things to do

Paul Cole, EMT Captain did a presentation to purchase ambulance replacement.

**Motion by Trustee Woody seconded by Trustee Young to accept the VCI bid for ambulance replacement for \$133,373.00. Also approving the Mayor sign all necessary paperwork for purchase.**

**Unanimously Approved**

- Question on November election vs. March election

Trustee Sternberg stated that the search and rescue teams who are not active should be resigning to allow others to join.

### Police Department

- 25% of Police Department still out on sick leave
- One officer has filed for retirement – state paperwork moving very slow

### Mayor

**Motion by Trustee Young seconded by Trustee Patterson that the Village of Owego adopt the analysis that TING has completed (on the graph supplemental generic environmental impact statement on the oil, gas regulation program).**

**Unanimously Approved**

- Meeting scheduled for review of "Lights on the River" 9:30 – 12/10/2009
- 42-44 Temple Street – demolished
- Owego Middle School sold (\$110,000 final price)
- Tioga Castings status
- Delphine Street business status
- East Front Street proposed project
- Power outage at OPD on 12/5/2009

Village Attorney

- Work Place Violence Policy updated
- Gas Drilling issues
- 42-44 Temple issues
- Time Warner Franchise Agreement
- Public Hearing on Ice/Snow Local Law – 12/21/2009

Privilege of the floor offered to those in attendance.

Kevin Millar stated to the board that there is a County Planning Board Meeting on 12/16/2009 to review the site plan for the East Main Street Project.

- He also spoke to zoning changes needed in the Village

Nathan Kennedy addressed the board – he feels the Riverwalk is fantastic – Spencer Ave/Depot Street a project well done. He asked when the fire board meetings are and where. (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7:30, Central Fire Station) – open to the public.

**Motion by Trustee Young seconded by Trustee Woody to adjourn at 8:50 pm.**

**Unanimously Approved**