

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of January 5, 2009

The regular Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting was held on Monday, January 5, 2008 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the DPW Annex, 20 Elm Street, Owego, with the following people in attendance:

Mayor: Edward L. Arrington
Trustees: Shannon Barbuto-Lewis
Grace Thomas
Richard Watkins
Adam Jung
Jane Woody

Clerk-Treasurer: Lynne A. Mieczkowski
DPW Supt. Jeff Soules
WWTP: Ron Horton
Police Chief: R. McCulskey
Village Attorney: Irene Graven

Absent: Trustee Young
Fire Chief, Tom Taft

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

Motion by Trustee Jung seconded by Trustee Watkins to hold an executive session to discuss a specific personnel issue.

Unanimously Approved.

Clerk Treasurer

- The second Village of Owego Board of Trustees meeting in January to be held January 20th (due to Monday 1/19/09 being a holiday)

Motion by Trustee Barbuto-Lewis seconded by Trustee Thomas approving the minutes of December 1, 2008.

Unanimously Approved.

Motion by Trustee Barbuto-Lewis seconded by Trustee Watkins approving the 12/15/08 minutes as submitted. Trustee's Thomas, Barbuto-Lewis, Watkins, Woody voting aye. Trustee Jung abstained.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Barbuto-Lewis seconded by Trustee Thomas approving the November Treasurer's Report as submitted.

Unanimously Approved.

- Submission of payment of bills

Motion by Trustee Barbuto-Lewis seconded by Trustee Thomas approving the payment of bills.

Unanimously Approved.

Trustee Barbuto-Lewis

- Absentee Landlord

Motion by Trustee Barbuto-Lewis seconded by Trustee Woody authorizing the Village Attorney to draft a local law for the Village of Owego requiring landlords living farther than the adjoining county to have a registered property manager (Registration of Rental Housing Units Certificates of Compliance).

Unanimously Approved.

Discussion on:

- Asbestos estimate for floor at Central Fire Station
- Hunt Engineers/ 90 Temple Street Report
- Brownsfield information discussed
- Restore New York on hold
- DSS Conversations regarding code issues/DSS tenant related

Trustee Jung

Motion by Trustee Jung seconded by Trustee Thomas approving the following applicant into the Owego Fire Department:

**Hiawatha Engine Co. #4
Brian Steele
121 Orchard Avenue
Owego, NY 13827**

Unanimously Approved.

Trustee Watkins

- Attended Candor Meeting on Gas Drilling on 12/16/2008
- Meeting to be scheduled with Bradford County Commissioner to see wells in Bradford general area
- Copy of New York State Fire Inspection
- Conversation with Mark Trabucco regarding Tioga Transit
- County may be requesting a resolution in support of moving transit buses to O/A bus garage
- Consolidation of services being considered
- Meeting to be scheduled with Waverly to determine if a referendum was done for (move to school)
- Fire Inspection decision/recommendation to be done by 1/20/09
- Decision on Section 7/Cemetery to be done by 1/20/09

Trustee Young

Absent.

Trustee Thomas

- Attended ribbon cutting for new business in Owego “Cell Phone”

Motion by Trustee Thomas seconded by Trustee Jung to purchase (4) Preserve America Signs, expense to come from Preserve America Grant.

Unanimously Approved.

Motion by Trustee Thomas seconded by trustee Barbuto-Lewis approving the purchase of 5 Historic Markers @ \$1,500.00 = \$7500.00.

Unanimously Approved.

- WWTP Superintendent and Fire Chief to work on placement of Fire Engine at Sewer Plant
- Trustee Woody to become Commissioner of Fire Department effective immediately
- Mayor to appoint REAP representative

- Special committee to be formed to look at elections, terms, salaries, etc.

Chief McCulskey

No Report.

Village Attorney

- Completed property transaction on the Girl's Drum & Bugle Corp
- Completed property transaction on Weitsman property
- Violence in the work place document – inputs from department heads due 1/16/09 to Village Attorney

Privilege of the floor was offered to those in attendance.

Mr. Lee Dunham commended the DPW personnel for the snow removal throughout the Village. He also asked if the residents could be informed again that the sidewalks are their responsibility; also what is the procedure for notifying NYSEG about lights being out in the Village?

Michael Phalen a representative from OHPC invited the Village Board to the Annual Award Ceremony on 1/23/2009.

The group from Delta Engineering will present the final Riverwalk Plans at this award meeting.

8:15 p.m. – Village Board recessed

8:25 p.m. – Into Executive Session

8:45 p.m. – Out of Executive Session

Motion by Trustee Jung seconded by Trustee Thomas approving the settlement agreement and limited release package regarding Sarah Crews.

Unanimously Approved.

Motion by Trustee Thomas seconded by Trustee Watkins to give the Mayor permission to order Officer Belokur to be examined by a Board Certified Workman's Compensation doctor in regard to Officer Belokur's ability to work.

Unanimously Approved.

Motion by Trustee Watkins seconded by Trustee Woody to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Unanimously Approved.