

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of April 20, 2009

The regular Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting was held 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:	Adam Jung Grace Thomas Michael Phelan Jane Woody Connie Sternberg
Clerk-Treasurer:	Lynne A. Mieczkowski
DPW Supt.	Jeff Soules
Police Chief:	Rick McCulskey
WWTP:	Ron Horton
Village Attorney:	Irene Graven
Fire Chief:	Tom Taft
Absent:	Trustee Barbuto-Lewis

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

- A proclamation was presented to Ray Schreiner by Trustee Sternberg

The Clerk-Treasurer read the award from Governor Patterson. Mrs. Dorothy Davis spoke to the property across the street from her at 495 Main Street. The Mayor stated the process has started for the removal of structure, but we must do it correctly.

A resident living right next door to property at 495 E. Main Street spoke to the animals, etc., that are going in and out of the dilapidated building, raccoons, deer, rodents.

Mr. Pasto spoke also to the house at 495 E. Main Street and stated what is being done by owner now, is making it even worse.

Mr. Jacobs, owner of burned property on Temple Street, to work with DPW Superintendent Soules to complete work needed.

Mr. Nathan Kennedy thanked the Village Board for trying to move forward with these code problems in the Village.

Clerk Treasurer

Motion by Trustee Thomas seconded by Trustee Sternberg approving the minutes of the Annual (4/6/09) meeting as well the regular minutes of 4/6/09.

Trustees Woody, Phelan, Sternberg and Thomas voting aye. Trustee Jung abstained.

Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Sternberg seconded by Trustee Jung approving the March Treasurer's report.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Thomas seconded by Trustee Phelan approving the following transfers:

DPW – From:	1490.10.316	\$3,654.00	Vacation buy back
	1490.10.317	\$2,924.02	Sick leave buy back
		Total	\$6,578.02
To:	1490.10.110	\$6578.02	Payroll
DPW – From:	7110.10.110	\$10,112.93	Full-time P/R
To:	7110.10.120	\$10,112.93	P/T P/R

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Sternberg seconded by Trustee Thomas approving the following resolution:

Resolution

Whereas: New York State Office for Small Cities, through the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation, is funding a grant to purchase homes in a flood prone area; and

Whereas: This grant is being administered by the County of Tioga for its local governments; and

Whereas: The properties purchased by these grant monies should remain the property of the Local Government; and

Whereas: The Mayor of the Village of Owego is hereby authorized to sign all necessary paperwork; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Village of Owego will purchase said property, located at 6 Mill Street, from the County of Tioga for the amount of one dollar

Unanimously Approved

- Submission of correspondence from Parkview/renewal of liquor license

Motion by Trustee Thomas seconded by Trustee Sternberg approving the parade permit for Owego Little League on 5/2/09.

Unanimously Approved

- Kids day picnic – 8-1-09

Trustee Jung

No Report

Mayor's Report

Motion by Trustee Jung seconded by Trustee Woody to schedule a clean-up day in the following wards:

- Ward 1 – 5/11/09 to 5/15/09**
- Ward 2 – 6/1/09 to 6/5/09**
- Ward 3 – 6/8/09 to 6/12/09**

Unanimously Approved

DPW

- Activity report reviewed

Trustee Phelan

- OHPC/no meeting
- Gas Drilling/County Task Force
- Socio Economic Impact to the Village of Owego
- Economic Development
- Tioga Castings Facility Meeting

Trustee Sternberg

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- Budget meetings scheduled
- Flood Mitigation Meeting
- Code Meetings on 4 or 5 Village Properties
- Condition of 495 E. Main (unsafe conditions)
- NYCOM Workshop (4/30/09) (on abandoned/unsafe properties)

Trustee Thomas

- Project behind River Row complete
- Preserve America Meeting scheduled for Thursday 4/23/09

Trustee Woody

Motion by Trustee Woody seconded by Trustee Sternberg to accept the following new members into the Fire Department

OWEGO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hiawatha Engine Co. 4

**Kevin Smith
10 Apple Blossom Lane
Owego, NY 13827**

**Eileen Selnekovic
139 Mclean Road
Owego, NY 13827**

**Lori Jackson
30 Roots Lane
Owego, NY 13827**

Susquehanna Hose Co. 1

**Joann Rushing
27 River Street
Owego, NY 13827**

Hiawatha Engine Co. 4

**Kit Burdick
6262 Montrose Turnpike
Owego, NY 13827**

Motion by Trustee Jung seconded by Trustee Woody to table the prior motion to accept the new members to the Fire Department.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Woody seconded by Trustee Phelan to not accept any new candidates into the Fire Department until the Fire Department By-Laws and Charter are reviewed and or amended.

Unanimously Approved

- Presentation on 1st Monday of May – Fire Department to submit information packet to Village Board on 3rd Monday of May for Presentation to Village Board on EMS Personnel
- Remodeling in Fire Department Complete (no heat as of 4/09)

Mayor Arrington

- Citizen's Committee chaired by Doyle Gibbs on Charter, Village election, cost of election should County run election? Residency required for Village Officers
- COPS Grants being looked at – time frames have been changed from possibly (3 years to 6 years)

Motion by Trustee Jung seconded by Trustee Thomas to hold an executive session.

Unanimously Approved

Village Attorney

- Cemetery Abstract 1973 Survey – does not reference total cemetery
- Violence in Work Place
 - Power point presentation
 - Annual Training Mandatory

Chief McCulskey

- Court Security – officers testifying will be used for court coverage
- 2009/2010 Budget

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.