

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of February 2, 2009

The regular Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting and the special scheduled Public Hearing for the CDBG 2009 Grant Application were 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:	Grace Thomas
	Richard Watkins
	Adam Jung
	Jane Woody
	Erik Young
	Shannon Barbuto-Lewis
Clerk-Treasurer:	Lynne A. Mieczkowski
DPW Supt.	Jeff Soules
Police Chief:	Rick McCulskey
Village Attorney:	Irene Graven
Fire Chief:	Tom Taft
Absent:	WWTP Supt. Ron Horton

The public hearing opened at 7:05 regarding the 2009 CDBG application. Village resident Kevin Millar asked about how the CDBG funds could be used; some communities can use funds for streets, parks, etc. The normal use of funds is for the improvement of homes, etc.

Motion by Trustee Young seconded by Trustee Jung to close the public hearing.

Unanimously Approved

Clerk Treasurer Report

- Smart Seniors Forum; scheduled for 2/4/09 @ 56 Main Street, Owego, presented by Assistant Attorney General Dennis McCabe
- Correspondence from Original Italian, 25 Lake Street & O'Hara's Restaurant 191-193 Main Street of their intention to renew their beer and liquor license

Motion by Trustee Barbuto-Lewis seconded by Trustee Woody allowing the Historic Owego Marketplace, Inc. to use the Village of Owego Business District Court House Square and Marvin park on June 20, 2009 (from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM).

Unanimously Approved

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- Flood Mitigation “Think Tank” Minutes.

Motion by Trustee Young seconded by Trustee Barbuto-Lewis approving the scheduling of a public hearing for Local Law #1, 2009 (for 2/17/09) “Registration of Rental Unit”.

Unanimously

Approved

Motion by Trustee Young seconded by Trustee Watkins approving the December Treasurer’s Report as submitted.

Unanimously

Approved

Motion by Trustee Young seconded by Trustee Woody approving the payment of bills.

Unanimously

Approved

Trustee Barbuto-Lewis

- “Registration of Rental Units” Local Law #1
- Restore New York Program
- Reviewed code issue list
- Parking on George Street
- Cemetery Grant abstract issue

Motion by Trustee Barbuto-Lewis seconded by Trustee Thomas approving the Village Attorney to draft an amendment to the “Vehicle & Traffic Law”

Unanimously

Approved

- Community Service Award presented to the Village of Owego from the Chamber of Commerce
- Fire Station – basement (kitchen) floor - 1st quote for removal \$6,653.95 (Southern Tier Env. Services) 2nd quote \$6,540.00 (Action Cleaners)
- Asbestos must be removed

Motion by Trustee Woody seconded by Trustee Jung to accept the bid from Action Cleaners in the amount of \$6,540.00. Trustees Thomas, Woody, Watkins, Jung, Young voting aye. Trustee Barbuto-Lewis voting nay. Mayor Arrington, nay.

Motion Carried

- DSS Tenants Issue

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- Fire station floor problem (Station #3)

Trustee Jung

No Report.

Trustee Watkins

- OPD-2nd shift ride/Trac System
- Skating Rink issues
- OHPC Award Ceremony

Trustee Young

No Report.

Trustee Thomas

No Report.

Trustee Woody

- Ice skating rink
- Fire station roof/walls
- Street lights near Dunkin Donuts
- Plaque for deceased County Judge
- Fire station clock

Mayor Arrington

- Police Department Personnel
- Projects for President's Stimulus Program
- Schumer's Office/ member item requests
- Violence in the Workplace Policy
- Budget Process

Village Attorney

- Workplace Violence Prevention Policy Final copy to Trustees week of 1/26/09
- Comments on "Just Compensation" as it relates to "Riverwalk"

Privilege of the floor was offered to those in attendance.

Michael Phelan, village resident, spoke to the code violation issues on Spencer Avenue.

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Kevin Millar spoke to the issue of parking on Talcott Street. This should be a simple and quick solution. Vehicles have been ticketed.

Motion by Trustee Jung seconded by Trustee Young to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Approved

Unanimously