

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

The regular Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 (due to Monday 1/19/09 being a holiday) 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
Clerk-Treasurer:	Lynne A. Mieczkowski
DPW Supt.	Jeff Soules
WWTP:	Ron Horton
Police Chief:	R. McCulskey
Village Attorney:	Irene Graven
Fire Chief:	Tom Taft
Absent:	Trustee Barbuto-Lewis

The meeting opened with the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Treasurer's Report

Motion by Trustee Woody seconded by Trustee Thomas to schedule two Public Hearings in relationship to the CDBG Grant Application for 2009. The Public Hearings to be scheduled for February 2, 2009 and March 2, 2009.

Unanimously Approved

- Correspondence received from Aaron Riegel owner of Grand Central for renewal for its On Premise Alcoholic Beverage License at 53 Depot Street, Owego, NY.

Motion by Trustee Woody seconded by Trustee Thomas approving the minutes of 1/5/2009 as submitted. Trustees Thomas, Watkins, Woody and Mayor Arrington voting aye. Trustee Young abstained.

Motion Carried

- E-mail from Pat Bradley Jackson requesting the Village consider placing a marker in the Court House Square for the former Tioga County Judge Andrew F.

- Siedlecki Trustee Woody to make contact with P. B. Jackson and County Legislature
- Submission of bank statement balances for 12/2008
 - Submission of Treasurer's Report for review and approval
 - Violence in the Work Place Policy
 - March 18, 2009 Election Legal

Stella Reschke from Tioga County Tourism spoke to the Board of Trustees on the proposed signage to be used on the Owego Riverwalk Project. She spoke to the areas where signs might be placed as well as the verbiage on the signs. The size of the signs was also discussed.

Motion by Trustee Watkins seconded by Trustee Young to accept and approve the signage as per the diagrams provided to us by Delta Engineering and the descriptions given to the Village Board by Stella Reschke/Tioga County Tourism.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Jung seconded by Trustee Young authorizing the Mayor to return the Riverwalk Plans to the engineers (Delta) for final revisions incorporating the feedback regarding manholes and service connections.

Unanimously Approved

DPW Report

- Completing the 2009-10 budget information
- Removal of Christmas decorations
- Completing other routine tasks

Trustee Watkins

- Review of Evergreen Cemetery/Section 7
- Memo compiled by Jeff Soules

Motion by Trustee Watkins seconded by Trustee Woody to accept the terms of the correspondence from DPW Superintendent Jeff Soules to open up Section 7 in Evergreen Cemetery contingent upon the finalization of the survey work

Motion by Trustee Watkins seconded by Trustee Woody to state that the Village of Owego board authorizes the survey of Section 7; and to open Section 7 for burials contingent upon completion of section map approved by the board with input from the Cemetery Commission.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Watkins seconded by Trustee Thomas to waive the fee structure for annual fire safety inspections for all applicable entities that are affected by this law. Trustee Young, Watkins, Woody, and Thomas voting aye. Trustee Jung abstained.

Motion Carried

Trustee Jung

- Inquired as to status of proposed Local Law regarding “Registration of Property Units”

Trustee Young

- Attended Flood Mitigation Meeting (discussion on available grants for signage)

Trustee Thomas

- Discussion with Victory Energy Gas Drilling Company regarding the purchase of the Village’s affluent (currently this is thrown away)

Trustee Woody

- Skating Rink/Open
- Fire Board Meeting held
- Meeting needs to be scheduled with Village Attorney to discuss Fire Department by-laws
- Clock tower in fire station not working

Chief McCulskey

No Report

Mayor Arrington

- Restore New York Grant
- “REAP” Coordinator
- R/W Property Agreements
- Conversation with the Russell (OASD) regarding vehicle care
- Stimulus dollars

Village Attorney

- Need feedback by 1/16/09 on (Violence in the Workplace) Policy from trustees and department heads

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Privilege of the floor was offered to those in attendance.

Lee Dunham, Village Resident, from Main Street asked about the Restore New York Grant. What can it be used for? Mr. Dunham mentioned signs and could we get historic street signs for the village.

Village resident Herbert McDowell spoke to the Village Board regarding the cemetery (Section 7).

Motion by Trustee Young seconded by Trustee Jung to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Unanimously Approved