

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of May 4, 2009

The regular Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting was held on Monday, May 4, 2009 at the DPW Annex, 20 Elm Street, Owego, with the following people in attendance:

Mayor:	Edward L. Arrington
Trustees:	Grace Thomas Michael Phelan 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 Trustee Jung Trustee Woody

Mr. Thomas, village resident, asked about making Paige Street a one way street; DPW Supt and Police Chief McCulskey to come back to Village Board on 5/18/09 with recommendation.

A question from the residents attending the meeting was what the status of the Riverwalk Project is. The Village received 2 bids – Monies needed to complete the project is almost \$500,000 (due to bids coming in higher than anticipated. Consensus is that the Village not go out for more bids.

Clerk Treasurer

Motion by Trustee Thomas seconded by Trustee Sternberg approving the highest bid for a 2000 Buick from the OPD in the amount of \$3,614.36.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Sternberg seconded by Trustee Thomas approving the payment of bills.

Unanimously Approved

- Boy Scouts of America Correspondence/in honor of Les Wagner

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The Mayor is trying to obtain additional funding for Riverwalk. The project is definitely necessary. There is a critical erosion problem behind Riverrow. The sewer line behind River Row could be in jeopardy.

Wendy Post, Tioga Penny Saver, asked questions regarding proposed budget for 2009/2010.

Motion by Trustee Thomas seconded by Trustee Sternberg approving the application for emergency funds in the amount of \$3,540.00

Unanimously Approved

Village Attorney

- Abstract of Title Review for cemetery
- Reviewed Survey of 1973 of cemetery
- Proposed letter to Historic Kevin Burn's – Department of Preservation

Motion by Trustee Sternberg seconded by Trustee Thomas authorizing the expenditure of up to \$4,800 to have survey of cemetery completed. Survey necessary due to Commission requirements of Grant Funds to be expended from the Village Contingency Fund.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Phelan seconded by Trustee Sternberg requesting the state representatives to enact a Local Law allowing local municipalities to require permits and financial security in the way of remediation fees to potential damage to local roads by vehicles involved in natural gas exploration traveling on those roads.

Unanimously Approved

Trustee Sternberg

Status of code issues on the following parcels:

- 495 Main Street (paperwork has been served)
- 103 Fox (issues have been settled)
- Storage Sheds
- Height limit of fences

Trustee Phelan

- New AD campaign for "Coolest Small Town"
- Discussion with some business owners regarding appearance of Village
- Gas Drilling/Cornell Seminar

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Trustee Thomas

- Updates of Chesapeake Bay Tributary Program

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Working Budget meeting held from 8:00 p.m. to 9:35 p.m.