

**Village of Owego Special Board Meeting  
Minutes of May 10, 2010**

The Special Board Meeting was held on Monday, May 10, 2010, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium at 56 Main Street, Owego, NY with the following people in attendance:

Mayor:	Edward L. Arrington
Trustees:	Tom Clark
	Jim Legursky
	Ken Smith
	Connie Sternberg
	Jane Woody
Clerk-Treasurer:	Rod Marchewka
Village Attorney:	Irene Graven
WWTP Supt.	Ron Horton
Absent:	Ann Lockwood

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

**Motion by Trustee Woody, seconded by Trustee Smith, to set a public hearing for rezoning of 100 Elm Street from R3 to B on May 24, 2010.**

**Unanimously Approved**

**Motion by Trustee Legursky, seconded by Trustee Clark, to set a date for a Public Hearing on changes to the Village Charter concerning the Fire Department Members. Date for Public Hearing set for Monday, June 7, 2010.**

**Unanimously Approved**

New action:

**Motion by Trustee Sternberg, seconded by Tom Clark, that trustees shall procure fire engines and other necessary and convenient apparatus for the prevention and extinguishment of fires and provide safe and convenient places for keeping the same. They shall establish and maintain a Fire Department and approve members based on categories of service. Categories shall include those considered to be “emergency responder” or “other” with emergency responder making up no less than 80% of the total membership. The department, at its own discretion, may recognize past members or “inactive” in a separate category of distinction. They shall prescribe bylaws for the organization, discipline and regulation of such Fire Department, with penalties for the enforcement thereof. Said Fire Department shall consist of the chief, assistant chiefs and elected officers from the membership at large.**

Discussion on amendment:

Village Attorney – sounds like bylaw language, take out “inactive”

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Trustee Clark – overload of details  
Trustee Smith – concern over 80%

Figure on emergency responder, should be left up to the Fire Board

**Vote on taking out “inactive”.**

**Unanimously Approved**

Mayor Arrington: Against this new amendment. He doesn't feel it sends the right message to the Fire Department.

**Motion by Trustee Woody, seconded by Trustee Sternberg, to postpone vote until after sewer meeting. Trustees Legursky, Clark, Arrington, and Smith voted no. Trustee Sternberg and Trustee Woody voted yes.**

**Motion Failed**

**Back to original motion without changes. Trustees Smith, Legursky, Clark, and Mayor Arrington voted yes. Trustee Sternberg and Trustee Woody voted no.**

**Motion Carried**

Sewer Superintendent Ron Horton gave an overview of the Chesapeake Bay Nutrient Removal Initiative.

- The sewer Department will be starting a pilot program to meet the SPEDES permit Phosphorus Reduction Requirements.

Presentation from Bernier & Carr on Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades.

Mickey Lehman & Ike Cook gave a power point presentation on the Village of Owego Wastewater Treatment Plant's need for upgrades to remove nitrogen & phosphorus.

Attachment “C”

**Motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Legursky, to authorize Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrade project move forward with pre-application process.**

**Unanimously Approved**

**Motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Legursky, to authorize the Mayor to put the Village on the intended user list with State Revolving Fund and sign all necessary paperwork.**

**Unanimously Approved**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.