

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of February 1, 2010

The regular meeting of the Village of Owego Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 1, 2010. The meeting was held at the DPW Annex, 20 Elm Street, Owego, NY with the following people in attendance:

Mayor: Edward Arrington

Trustees: Connie Sternberg
Melody Patterson
Grace Thomas
Adam Jung
Jane Woody

Deputy C/T: Lynne Mieczkowski
DPW Supt: Jeff Soules
WWTP Supt: Ron Horton
Police Sgt: Chuck Hogancamp
Fire Chief: Ed Bidwell
Village Attorney: Irene Graven

Absent: Trustee Erik Young

Insert "A" Visitor's List

The meeting was opened with the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Privilege of the floor was offered to those in attendance. No one wished to address the board.

Clerk Treasurer

Motion by Trustee Thomas seconded by Trustee Jung approving the use of paper ballots for the election of March 16, 2010.

Unanimously Approved

- Correspondence from Thoma

Motion by Trustee Sternberg seconded by Trustee Woody to table Thoma request until more information is received.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Sternberg seconded by Trustee Patterson approving the payment of bills with the exception of voucher #3946.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Patterson seconded by Trustee Woody approving the minutes of 12/7/2009 with power point presentation done by Paul Cole on that date. Trustees Woody, Sternberg, Thomas, and Patterson voting aye. Trustee Jung abstained.

Motion Carried

Trustee Jung

- Meeting held regarding Workplace Violence – clarification needed on some input, another meeting to be scheduled

Trustee Patterson

- Cemetery Grant (Albany asking for more information)
- New truck route signs installed
- Flooding issues handled

Trustee Young

Absent

Trustee Sternberg

- Neighborhood Improvement Committee has met to review initial draft of Local Law for Rental Registrations and rentals; recommendations made to Village Attorney; Village Attorney working on final draft
- 11 properties in Village unfit for human occupancy
- NIC forwarding a letter of support to Thoma
- 2/18/2010 – New York State Historic Residential Tax Program
- Village inspections continuing
- Flood Mitigation Meeting
- Utility costs
- Possible energy audit with NYSEG & NYSERDA
- New boiler unit being installed at Fire Department
- 2010-2011 budget
- Vehicle Replacement Plan

Sewer

- Engineering report that the Sewer Department submitted to be in compliance with the Chesapeake Bay Plan has been okayed.

- Fuel oil boiler (will be coming back requesting approval to replace
- Reviewed minutes

Trustee Woody

- Submission of Mr. Tiemann's letter regarding skating rink

Motion by Trustee Woody seconded by Trustee Thomas to change the school property from "R3" at 100 Elm Street to "B" – Tax Map #128.072-15.00 as well as two parcels on opposite side of road.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Woody seconded by Trustee Patterson authorizing the Village Attorney to draft a Local Law regarding the school property zoning.

Unanimously Approved

Chief Bidwell stated if no action has been taken on the surplus 845/brush truck he would like DPW Superintendent to see if it can be used for Riverwalk.

Fire Department

Motion by Trustee Woody seconded by Trustee Thomas to approve the purchase of six turn out gear sets.

Unanimously Approved

Fire Chief Bidwell has finalized listing of fire members. He feels new members can be allowed into the following companies:

- Company 1 - 18
- Company 2 - 4
- Company 3 - 16
- Company 4 - 4
- Company 5 - 9

The Mayor is requesting a certified list of all members per company.

Motion by Trustee Woody seconded by Trustee Patterson to allow Chief Bidwell to accept applications of new members into the fire department first by bringing forth the tabled applications.

Unanimously Approved

- #841 is in need of repair – out of service (steering linkage) needs inspection
- Station 1 heat problem – caused by old doors
- Problem still with boiler

OPD

Monthly Report

Mayor

- 2010 Census
- United Water/Well Head Protection
- DOT/heavy truck traffic in Village
- Economic Development
- Biolife Upgrade to garage

Village Attorney

- Workplace Violence Changes
- Cemetery Grant (additional information)
- Rental properties
- Road Agreement
- Skope property – 495 Main

Privilege of the floor was offered.

Lee Dunham inquired about using paper ballots for the election.

Bob Ferguson, village resident from West Avenue, spoke of his concerns about the drilling outfit on Delphine & West Avenue. He has concerns if chemicals are involved. Are they mixing in the area? Is any of this under our control? It is zoned “industrial”.

Stuart Howard village resident and chair of Planning Board spoke to zoning issues in the village.

Village Attorney

Motion by Trustee Patterson seconded by Trustee Sternberg to schedule a Public Hearing on 2/16/2010 for the south side of East Avenue/no parking restriction.

Unanimously Approved

Motion by Trustee Jung seconded by Trustee Thomas to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.