

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting

A regularly scheduled Village of Owego Mayor and Board of Trustees meeting was held on Monday, September 19, 2016 beginning at 7:00 pm at 20 Elm Street, Owego, New York, 13827. The following people were in attendance:

Mayor:	Steve May
Deputy Mayor/Trustee:	Earl Hartman
Trustees:	Jenny Ceccherelli
	Rob Manville
	Phoebe Morris
Clerk-Treasurer:	Rod Marchewka
Village Attorney:	Robert McKertich
Police Chief:	Karen Vinti
DPW Supt.:	Jeff Soules
WWTP Supt.:	Ron Horton
Absent:	Trustee Morton
	Trustee Phelps

Insert "A" – Sign in Sheet

Pledge and invocation.

No public comment.

**Motion by Trustee Morris, seconded by, Mayor May to approve the MEGA Contract Extension with the change to Page 3, take out "all of". Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morris, and Mayor May voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 5-0**

**Motion by Trustee Ceccherelli, seconded by Trustee Hartman, to approve the Village of Owego Board of Trustees Minutes of September 6, 2016 as submitted by the clerk-treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morris, and Mayor May voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 5-0**

CPA has completed 2013-2014 Audit and will be filing required paperwork and starting on 2014-2015 ASAP.

**Motion by Trustee Hartman, seconded by Trustee Morris, to approve the August Treasurer's Report as submitted by the clerk-treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morris, and Mayor May voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 5-0**

Jared Thisse of Bernier Carr Engineers and Architects (BCA) presented the Part 2 Long Form SEQR (copy on file at the clerk's office).

**Motion by Trustee Hartman, seconded by Trustee Morris, to approve the Part 2 Long Form SEQR for the sewer digester project. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morris, and Mayor May voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 5-0**

- Discussion on bond resolution needed for 9.5 million dollars for the sewer digester project.
- Discussion on sludge haulers. Ron would like to see a Letter of Intent. How much will haulers be able to bring per day? If we do not use haulers the village will have to cover all additional costs.
- Jared Thisse – bids will need to be in by September 17, 2017.
- Discussed flow meter cards for the haulers (like Ithaca uses)
- Ron feels comfortable with the 25,000 gallons a day. In summer months it's not uncommon to average 30,000 to 35,000 gallons a day
- Conference call Friday 9:00 am with BCA

Ron stated we should be able to take grease as an added revenue.

Letter of Intent – 5 cents per gallon – village will look at Option #5.

Fire Chief Gavin is working with SUEZ Water about a hydrant to draw from the river to be used for Lake and Front Street by the Barley Corn and bridge. The village would have to cover this expense. Dan feels that SUEZ should cover this cost.

**Motion by Trustee Hartman, seconded by Trustee Manville, to approve new fire department member Tanner Harris into Company #4 (approved by the fire board). Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morris, and Mayor May voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 5-0**

Police Chief Vinti –

- No crossing guard applications received as of this meeting date
- Only one (1) part-time police officer application received to date

Village board meeting report for September 19, 2016

Officers Woodburn and Cole successfully completed Lost Person Behavior and Basic Wilderness Search Skills training held in Binghamton, NY

Officers Starzak and Ruspantini attended training for Motorcycle Safety and Enforcement training program at the Broome County Law Enforcement Training Center.

Officer Woodburn successfully completed Forensics Interviewing Best Practice in Rochester, NY. The training is specific to interviewing child victims of abuse working with a Child Protective worker.

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Vehicle 752- 2011 Crown Victoria- is out of service. According to mechanic at the Tioga County Garage the vehicle is unsafe to drive and having well over 100,000 miles and over 300,000 miles with the idle time included it will cost approximately \$4,600 to repair in order to use for patrol. Although there is no guarantee how long it will function as a safe patrol vehicle.

An alternative, is to take the motor from patrol vehicle 754 – 2008 Crown Victoria- will save on parts. The cost is approximately \$3,265.00. This is a less expensive option but will take 754 from the fleet. This vehicle has over 100,000 miles and is not marked but serves the department as a “school car” and is used for special events such as Strawberry Festival and Lights on the River.

In addition, Patrol vehicle 753, 2014 Ford Taurus, is out of service at least until Wednesday, September 21, 2016 due to mechanical issues.

This leaves the department with only one functioning police vehicle for over a week and no back up vehicle should anything happen with this one.

In my opinion, the best option is to purchase the new patrol vehicle that was budgeted for in the 2016-2017 fiscal budget. The funds for this purchase are coming directly from the police department’s reserve line that is specifically intended for the purchase of a vehicle. This is will save the department’s repair line item and will give the department proper, safe equipment to better serve the Village.

Respectfully,

K.L. Vinti  
Chief of Police

After discussion - consensus of the village board is to repair the vehicle.

Chief Vinti – my repair line is taking quite a hit.

WWTP Supt. Horton –

Date: 9/19/16

To: Village Board of Trustee’s

From: Ron Horton, Supt. WWTP

Re: Department update

1. US EPA collection system inspection.
2. Electric panel for Water Street pump station upgrade is scheduled for delivery 9/19/16. This upgrade was board approved at the March 7<sup>th</sup> VBM. Pumps and hardware have been delivered.
3. Updates to the SCADA panel.
4. Next project meeting is September 28<sup>th</sup>.

DPW Supt. Soules –

**MEMO**

To: Village of Owego Mayor Steve May and Village Board of Trustees  
From: Superintendent of Public Works - Jeff Soules

Date: September 19, 2016  
RE: DPW Activity Report

- Clear Creek Drains/clean leaves out of ditch
- Flags up in courthouse for Labor Day and 911
- Turn off Pool Pumps
- Replace Floor in Equipment Trailer
- Load of Scrap to Weitsman
- Dry well, rocks, blacktop catch basin at corner of McMaster and Fox Street
- Refuse removal from 115-117 Chestnut Street
- Mow grass at 550 East Main Street
- Submit elevation reimbursement receipts for 260 Main Street (Nucci)
- Repair Sewer Generator
- Repair Catch Basin on going
- Clean street drains
- FEMA quarterly reports filed
- Sweep for Town of Owego
- Dry out hazardous waste cans and ready for disposal
- Code violations for residential refuse & mowing – on going
- Forever green property maintenance – on going
- Measure DSNY cut outs on going
- Sweeping on going
- Repair DPW equipment
- Pot hole patching on going
- Brush and leaf pick up on going
- Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation meetings scheduled

Any questions or concerns please call me.

- A New Hope Center would like to put purple lights in the Courthouse Square for the month of October (Domestic Violence Awareness Month)
- Walk-Run Race is this Saturday – Trustee Morris to act as the Starter

Place on next agenda – designating October 13<sup>th</sup> as Patrolman Forrest Allen Hall Day – Attorney McKertich will draw up a resolution

Public Comment:

None

**Motion by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Ceccherelli, to hold an executive session for attorney client privilege. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morris, and Mayor May voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 5-0**

8:30 pm - executive session started

8:55 pm – back in regular session

No action taken

**Motion by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Hartman, to adjourn at 8:56 pm.**

**Unanimously Approved**

