

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting

A regularly scheduled Village of Owego Mayor and Board of Trustees meeting was held on Monday, October 17, 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
	Ed Morton
	Mike Phelps
Clerk-Treasurer:	Rod Marchewka
Village Attorney:	Robert McKertich
DPW Supt.:	Jeff Soules
WWTP Supt.:	Ron Horton
Assistant Fire Chief:	Jeff Hiller
Absent:	Trustee Morris
	Police Chief Vinti

Insert "A" – Sign in Sheet

Pledge and invocation.

Public Comment:

John Loftus – 161 Talcott Street – Presented a letter from the Owego Hose Teams (on file at the clerk's office) asking the mayor and trustees for permission to sponsor the undertaking of refurbishing the Fireman's Statue in the Courthouse Square. If permission is granted, their focus will be:

- 1) Repairing or replacing the pump and water source to proper working order
- 2) Clean, restore, and repaint the statue
- 3) A design that would incorporate new sidewalks as well as landscaping
- 4) Design a memorial of stamped concrete as part the sidewalk design to remember our fallen comrades

Partners already committed to working with the Owego Hose Teams are Suez, Justin Hulslander, Marine Corp League, and Global Industrial Services, Inc.

It is also believed that if granted permission to do this project that there will be others that step forward.

Discussion on insurance and prevailing wage.

Bill Nadon – 31 Fox Street – is the new owner of Bill's Restaurant (formerly the Grand Central) – is concerned about the steps from the North Avenue underpass to Depot Street. He says a lot of people use them even though they are in need of repair and he would like the village to repair them not close them off.

Discussion on the village currently looking into both options and there is no decision at this time.

Jeff VanWagenen from SUEZ Water informed the board that the North Avenue underpass will be down to one lane Wednesday, October 19, 2016, from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am. NYS DOT repairs.

Motion by Trustee Hartman, seconded by Trustee Ceccherelli, to approve the Owego Hose Team request to upgrade and repair the Firemen's Statue in the Courthouse Square in compliance with all village regulations and insurance coverages. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morton, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor May voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Jeff VanWagenen – SUEZ – advised that Well #1 on George Street is out of service. They will be putting River Street #4 back on line and village residents may experience some cloudy or discolored water for 2 to 3 days. He also asked that the Owego Fire Department not use any hydrants (unless a fire breaks out) until further notice (approximately 4 to 6 weeks). He also asked that village departments such as WWTP and DPW not draw from them – no drills, flushing, or street sweeping. A posting will be on SUEZ's website and the village will post a notice on their website.

Informational item:

- 30 day advanced notice for a Liquor License received via certified mail for Shaukat, LLC for 106 Southside Drive

Bond Resolution for the Sewer Digester Project has not been received yet from bond counsel.

Jared Thisse from BCA discussed change orders on Phase I - \$69,000.00 owed to BCA for additional time on the project.

Trustee Hartman – what effort was made to get the project done on time?

Mayor May – if a problem caused by Schultz Construction then they would owe BCA \$69,000.00.

Ron Horton – village officials were told about all sewer project meetings, but no one from the village has ever attended a sewer meeting with the contractors, BCA, and village.

Mayor May – village will not sign change orders until they can be reviewed by WWTP Supt. Ron Horton, Mayor May, Attorney McKertich, BCA, Schultz, and Trustee Hartman. We need to see what is owed and by whom it is owed.

Jared Thisse – BCA – Phase II –

Will take 4,000 to 5,000 man hours of engineering and will have to be closed on by September of 2017 to qualify for zero percent financing from the EFC.

The village board reviewed a letter that is to be sent out to residents and posted on the village website. Changes were made and the letter will be mailed this week.

Motion by Trustee Ceccherelli, seconded by Trustee Manville, to post the following Legal Notice in the paper:

**Legal Notice
March 21, 2017 Village Election**

Resolve that the next annual election of the Village of Owego, New York will be on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 and that the No.1 Central Fire Station located on North Avenue in the Village of Owego, Owego, New York be used as the polling place for said election and that the said polls shall be open from 12:00 noon until 9:00pm on the said day at which time and place the following offices are to be filled:

Trustee for the 1st Ward, for a term of two years to succeed Phoebe Morris

Trustee for the 2nd Ward, for a term of two years to succeed Robin Manville

Trustee for the 3rd Ward, for a term of two years to succeed Jenny Ceccherelli

Be it further resolved that in accordance with Section 15-104 of the election law, the Village Clerk of the Board be and is hereby directed to cause a notice of election to be published in the Tioga County Courier and cause to conspicuously post in at least six (6) public places within the Village of Owego.

Dated: October 12, 2016

**Rod M. Marchewka
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Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Owego**

Discussion started by Trustee Morton asking to look into having the elected officials change from 2 to 4 years.

Motion by Trustee Ceccherelli, seconded by Trustee Manville, to table Election Designation of Offices until Attorney McKertich researches possible changes in terms of office. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morton, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor May voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Minutes of 10-3-2016 will be held over until the meeting of November 7, 2016.

Motion by Trustee Hartman, seconded by Trustee Morton, to approve the Treasurer's Report for September as submitted by the clerk-treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morton, and Trustee Phelps voted aye. Mayor May abstained.

Motion Carried 5-0-1

Department Head Reports:

Assistant Fire Chief Hillard –

- Working on contract renewal with the Town of Nichols

WWTP Supt. Horton –

Date: 10/17/16

To: Village Board of Trustee's
From: Ron Horton, Supt. WWTP

Re: Department update

1. Repaired lateral at 115-117 North Ave.
 2. Replaced manhole frame and cover at Liberty and Main St.
 3. Replaced cover at William and Main St.
 4. Construction at MP is substantially complete. There are a few punch list items to be finished and the floor in the pole barn to be poured. The floor is scheduled to be done this week. All the prep work was done by village work crews. Most of the work remaining is fine tuning the system which is being done remotely by Xylem and AquaLogics. In general by the end of this week or early next week work crews from the contractors will be off the job site.
 5. There was an issue this weekend with the blowers surging and the systems not communicating with one another. Weekend operator, Koester Assoc. and Xylem worked to correct the problem.
 6. Blaze Dinmore has completed and passed the Basic Operations, Activated Sludge, and Laboratory courses which are required to obtain his operator's license. He still has to pass the ABC board certification exam which will be scheduled by the Water Environmental Federation after they have reviewed and approved his application.
- Annual Inspection by NYS DEC on 10-18-2016

DPW Supt. Soules –

MEMO

To: Village of Owego Mayor Steve May and Village Board of Trustees

From: Superintendent of Public Works - Jeff Soules

Date: October 17, 2016

RE: DPW Activity Report

- Burial at Evergreen Cemetery
- Mill East Front Street, Liberty Street and William Street
- Notices to residents for street paving on October 11 and 12
- Pave East Front Street, Liberty Street, William Street and West Ave.
- Mow lawn at 100 McMaster Street
- Winterize bathrooms at Marvin Park
- Drain repair on East Front Street
- Repair Catch Basin on going
- Clean street drains
- FEMA quarterly reports filed
- Sweep for Town of Owego
- 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.

- Asked for a one year extension on the Cemetery Grant

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Ceccherelli – Randy Crawford will be at the central fire station on 10-25-2016 regarding the grant.

Trustee Phelps –

Motion by Trustee Phelps, seconded by Trustee Manville, to approve new fire department member Amanda Barker into Fire Company Wave Hose #2. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morton, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor May voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

- Would like Jeff Soules to look at an LED light at station #3

Mayor's Report:

Passed out a copy of the following proposed Local Law:

**VILLAGE OF OWEGO
LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF THE YEAR 2016**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF OWEGO ZONING CODE REGARDING THE
PERMITTED USES IN A CB DISTRICT**

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Owego as follows:

Section 1. Amendment to Section 195-84 of the Zoning Code

Section 195-84 of the Village of Owego Zoning Code shall hereby be amended by adding new subsection I as follows:

- Nonhazardous research, testing, design, development, and training for aerospace, telecommunications, medical, computers, electronics and robotics, including light assembly of products but only to the extent that it is accessory to the research and development activities on the same site and is located in a fully enclosed structure.

Section 2. Remainder

Except as hereinabove amended, the remainder of the Code of the Village of Owego shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Separability

The provisions of this Local Law are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words, or parts of this local law or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this

local law would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and as if such person or circumstance, to which the local law or part thereof is held inapplicable, had been specifically exempt therefrom.

Section 4. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Discussion:

DPW Supt. Soules – to review and see if an actual law needs to be approved. He will talk to the county about it.

Public Comment:

John Loftus would like to see the Nichols Fire Contract approved – it could be a liability to the village if we don't have a valid contract.

Motion by Trustee Ceccherelli, seconded by Mayor May, to adjourn at 8:37 pm.

Unanimously Approved.

