

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting

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

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

Insert "A" – Sign in Sheet

Pledge and invocation.

Public Comment:

None.

**Motion by Mayor May, seconded by Trustee Ceccherelli, to go into executive session for CSEA contract negotiations. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morris, Trustee Morton, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor May voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 7-0**

7:02 pm – into executive session

7:10 pm – regular meeting began

**Motion by Trustee Morton, seconded by Trustee Ceccherelli, to accept the revised insurance proposal for the CSEA as negotiated on 12-19-2016. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morris, Trustee Morton, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor May voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 7-0**

**Motion by Trustee Morton, seconded by Trustee Manville, to approve the insurance changes to the PBA as approved on 12-19-2016. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morris, Trustee Morton, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor May voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 7-0**

Jeff VanWagenen, SUEZ, addressed the board:

Well #1 is done and will be back on line.

We need 3 steps:

- 1) Run 300 gallons a minute up to 9,000 gallons

- 2) Run 500 gallons a minute up to 15,000 gallons
- 3) Run 700 gallons a minute up to 21,000 gallons

Total water used – 45,000 gallons

Discussion on dumping this water into the village sewer system at George Street.

**Motion by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Morton, to allow SUEZ to pay 3 cents per gallon (45,000 gallons) at a cost of \$1,350.00 to dump water into the village sewer system. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morris, Trustee Morton, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor May voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 7-0**

Jeff also wants NYSEG to work on Lake Street, if they need work, when they do the water line repairs in April so that the road will only be torn up once.

**Motion by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Manville, to approve the following Resolutions:**

**RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Owego, held at the Village Board Room, 20 Elm Street, Owego, New York on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016, the following resolution was offered and seconded:

**WHEREAS**, in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, the United States Congress, through Public Law passed the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-2, approved January 29, 2013), as amended (the “Act”), appropriating \$16 billion, later reduced to \$15.18 billion, to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (“CDBG-DR”) funds for necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure, and housing and economic revitalization in the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from a major disaster declared due to Superstorm Sandy and other eligible events, including Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, in calendar years 2011, 2012, and 2013, subject to the Federal statutes and regulations governing Community Development Block Grants, as modified by exceptions and waivers previously granted and which may hereafter be granted by HUD; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the CDBG-DR Grant Program and Federal Register Notice (79 Fed. Reg. 62,182), entitled Third Allocation, Waivers and Alternative Requirements for Grantees Receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Funds in Response to Hurricane Sandy (as amended), the State has received a third allocation of CDBG-DR funds from HUD in the amount of \$605,922,000 (of which \$185,000,000 has been allocated towards the proposals developed through the Rebuild by Design competition); and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Owego has been notified of its ability to participate in the New York State CDBG-DR Program; and

**WHEREAS**, implementation of the CDBG-DR Program requires the execution of the Subrecipient Agreement between the Village of Owego and the Housing Trust Fund Corporation, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Village Board on behalf of the Village of Owego that, the Village Board of the Village of Owego be hereby authorized to enter into the required Subrecipient Agreement with the Housing Trust Fund Corporation to secure CDBG-DR funds; and, to sign any and all documents required in the administration of the New York State CDBG-DR Program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morris, Trustee Morton, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor May voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 7-0**

CDBG Disaster Recovery sub-recipient agreement is tabled until the 1-3-2017 meeting.

**Motion by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Hartman to approve the Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting minutes of 12-5-2016 as submitted by the clerk-treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morris, Trustee Morton, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor May voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 7-0**

**Motion by Trustee Ceccherelli, seconded by Trustee Hartman, to approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2016 as submitted by the clerk-treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morris, Trustee Morton, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor May voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 7-0**

Department Head Reports:

WWTP Supt. Horton –

- Work on the second pump at Water Street pump station will start soon

Police Chief Vinti –

Village board meeting report for December 19, 2016

An invoice was submitted to Historic Owego Marketplace for 44 hours for a total of \$754.00 to cover Lights on the River. I received their check to cover those costs and that will be deposited in overtime salary line.

I would like the board to consider paying holiday rate of pay to part time employees. Currently there is no provision to pay for holidays for part timers covering holidays. I would recommend time and half of the current rate (\$18.00/hr.) to \$27.00/hour. This is still less the cost of a full time officer's regular rate for holidays or their overtime rate to cover a holiday.

I have an application from a former crossing guard who is interested in filling one of the open positions. With the boards permission I would like to hire him.

I am continuing to have difficulty completing a complete schedule to provide police coverage twenty four hours, seven days a week, due to lack of manpower. In January two of our part time officers will be available to cover some of these hours. I have been able to put an extra officer on for a specific DWI patrol on Friday and/or Saturday. I have not received a report from STOP DWI for next year's budget.

- Asked to approve raising the holiday pay for the 12 village holidays to time and a half for part-time officers

**Motion by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Ceccherelli, to make part-time police officer's holiday pay at time and a half. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morris, Trustee Morton, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor May voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 7-0**

Discussion on hiring school crossing guards.

**Motion by Trustee Morton, seconded by Trustee Ceccherelli, to go into executive session for attorney/client session regarding a personnel matter. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morris, Trustee Morton, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor May voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 7-0**

7:33 pm - into executive session

7:40 pm - back in regular session

**Motion by Trustee Morton, seconded by Trustee Ceccherelli, to hire a school crossing guard at \$10 per day (1 hour a day). Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morris, Trustee Morton, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor May voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 7-0**

DPW Supt. Soules –

**MEMO**

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

From: Superintendent of Public Works - Jeff Soules

Date: December 19, 2016

RE: DPW Activity Report

- Cleanup from Lights on the River Festival
- Tally the number of speed limit signs in the village
- Replace broken globes on the bridge
- Ash burial in Evergreen Cemetery
- Salt and Plow Village Roads
- Snow removal on sidewalks
- Vacuum and clean trucks
- Conference call with NYS Rising DPW Facility meeting
- Meeting with Department of State for the Brownfields Grant
- Meeting with Soil and Water Conservation regarding Flood Mitigation Projects
- Repair Catch Basin on going
- Clean street drains
- Sweep for Town of Owego
- Code violations for residential refuse – 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.

Lights on the south side of the bridge were out due to an ice storm – broken wire between weather head and NYSEG pole. NYSEG has been notified.

Fire Chief Gavin –

- Recognizing Firefighters for fire on Weiss Road
- Equipment Truck 851 back from PM service
- Engine 804 out for service
- 4 additional FAST team members, this brings our number to 7
- Mounting equipment for 803 ok to spend approximately 1,000 dollars for supplies? Jim Morris will be present to answer questions
- Hiring of EMT (Sonya Bement)
- New member Tyler Boland

Respectfully sent,

*Chief Daniel Gavin*

Phone: 607-687-1201

Fax: 607-687-1787

Village of Owego Fire Department Chiefs  
178 in Street, Owego, NY 13827

I would like to show thanks to four (4) fire fighters who did an outstanding job on the fire at Weiss Road:

- 1) Chris Franz
- 2) Jim Morris
- 3) DJ Smith
- 4) Adam Johnson

They did an outstanding job containing the fire and saving the structure. They also saved the tools in the garage and the Christmas presents that were stored there.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Manville had a short PBA consolidation grant meeting – no agreement reached at this time

All trustees and the mayor thanked the fire department for a fine job. Well done.

Trustee Morton – working on a budget and would like a tentative budget from all department heads by the regularly scheduled January 17, 2017 meeting date.

Mayor May – wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

