

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting

A special Village of Owego Mayor and Board of Trustees meeting was held on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 10:00 am at 178 Main Street, Owego, New York, 13827. The following people were in attendance:

Mayor:	Kevin Millar
Trustees:	Jenny Ceccherelli Earl Hartman Rob Manville Steve May Mike Phelps
Clerk-Treasurer:	Rod Marchewka
Village Attorney:	Robert McKertich
Absent:	Trustee Morris

Pledge and invocation.

Public Attending:

Ed Morton

Purpose of the special meeting is to discuss current litigation against the Village of Owego (Woodburn et al vs. Village of Owego).

Motion by Trustee Ceccherelli, seconded by Trustee May, to go into executive session to discuss litigation against the Village of Owego.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee May, Trustee Phelps voted no. Mayor Millar abstained.

Motion to go into Executive Session Denied 5-0-1

Trustee Phelps read the following statement:

Attorney Marilyn Berson from NYSUPA, the law firm which (also) represents Owego PBA, has filed lawsuit on behalf of Village (2) residents David Woodburn and Paul Bennett whom are of the opinion it was unlawful for the Village Board to unanimously approve hiring Siena to conduct a public survey on policing the Village of Owego. Attorney Berson and her law firm are retained for legal counsel by Owego PBA and myself as a member of Vestal PBA (a hand written copy is on file at the clerk's office).

Motion by Trustee Ceccherelli, seconded by Trustee May that Attorney McKertich would like it on record that he is opposed to having an open meeting and it is against his recommendation to discuss ongoing litigation in open session. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee May, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Discussion on pending litigation – Woodburn vs. The Village of Owego.

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10:40 am no action taken.

Motion by Trustee May, seconded by Trustee Ceccherelli, to go into executive session for litigation review. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee May, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Back in regular session at 11:06 am – no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 am.