

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting

A regularly scheduled Village of Owego Mayor and Board of Trustees meeting was held on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 7:00 pm at 20 Elm Street, Owego, New York, 13827. The following people were in attendance:

Mayor:	Kevin Millar
Trustees:	Jenny Ceccherelli
	Rob Manville
	Steve May
	Mike Phelps
Clerk-Treasurer:	Rod Marchewka
Village Attorney:	Robert McKertich
DPW Supt.:	Jeff Soules
Police Chief:	Karen Vinti
Fire Chief:	Dan Gavin
Absent:	Trustee Morris
	Trustee Hartman
	WWTP Supt. Horton

Sign in Sheet – Insert “A”.

Pledge and invocation.

7:00 pm - Public Hearing on Armstrong Place – “one way and one-side parking”.

Rusty Fuller presented the board with a petition opposing a one-way street on Armstrong (copy of petition is on file at the clerk’s office).

Mr. Fuller pointed out there were also some on the street that favored a one-way street but not a majority.

Trustee May also conducted a survey of Armstrong Place.

Attorney McKertich to work on a Local Law to make parking on the west side only.

Public Hearing closed at 7:03 pm.

Rusty Fuller also encouraged the board to change Hill Street to Franz Way.

**Motion by Trustee Manville, seconded by Trustee May, to change the name of Hill Street to Franz Way. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Manville, Trustee May, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 5-0**

Public Safety Committee Survey –

Siena College would like a conference call with Mayor Millar, Attorney McKertich, and Trustee May. The time for the meeting is tentatively set for Friday, November 6, 2015 at Attorney McKertich’s office on Lake Street.

**Motion** by Trustee Ceccherelli, seconded by Trustee May, to permit closing of Lake Street from 6 am to 10 am on November 11, 2015 by Ithaca College film crew. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Manville, Trustee May, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

**Motion Carried 5-0**

**Motion** by Trustee Ceccherelli, seconded by Trustee May, to approve the Village of Owego Board of Trustees Minutes of October 19, 2015 as submitted by the clerk-treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Manville, Trustee May, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

**Motion Carried 5-0**

**Motion** by Trustee Ceccherelli, seconded by Trustee Phelps, to approve the Special Joint Fire District Meeting of October 26, 2015 as submitted by the clerk-treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Manville, Trustee May, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

**Motion Carried 5-0**

**Motion** by Trustee May, seconded by Trustee Ceccherelli, to approve payment of bills as follows:

<b>General Fund</b>	-	<b>\$155,984.54</b>
<b>Sewer Fund</b>	-	<b>\$ 28,791.92</b>
<b>Sewer Preventive Maint-Fund</b>	-	<b>\$ 3,068.00</b>
<b>Sewer Plant Upgrade</b>	-	<b>\$ 73,957.82</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$261,802.28</b>
<b>Wire Transfer (SU)</b>	-	<b>\$2,190,306.00</b>

**Discussion –**

**BCA**

**Elevation – Chris Marchewka & Julie Nucci**

**Fire Department – Image Trend**

**WWTP – WM Schultz Construction**

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

**Motion Carried 5-0**

Department Head Reports:

Police Chief Vinti –

Submitted a Letter of Commendation for Officer Michael Buemi & Officer Jacob Meehan for their actions while on duty in the Village of Owego, which resulted in the apprehension of a male suspect threatening to harm others and himself.

On October 26, 2015 at about 7:50 pm Officers Michael Buemi and Jacob Meehan were dispatched to assist the New York State Police in an attempt to stop a vehicle that the State Police and Tioga County Sheriff's Department were actively pursuing. The suspect operating the vehicle was armed with a firearm and is threatening to harm others and himself. Officer Meehan was operating the Owego Police vehicle while Officer Buemi was the passenger, when the suspect vehicle entered the Village of Owego coming

northbound on Montrose Turnpike the officers immediately attempted to stop the vehicle. The suspect vehicle went around their patrol vehicle and continued toward the Court Street Bridge when members of Law Enforcement cornered the vehicle and forced it to stop. Officer Buemi immediately exited the patrol vehicle and without hesitation deployed his department issued TASER rendering the suspect incapacitated and thus causing him to drop the .22 rifle he was threatening to use. Meanwhile, other law enforcement members were able to take the suspect safely into custody.

Due to the heroic acts by Officer Meehan and Officer Buemi on this evening, no members of the public, law enforcement or the suspect were injured. Both officers performed their duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner.

Sincerely,

Karen L. Vinti  
Chief of Police

- OPD vehicle was damaged when it was hit by a State Trooper vehicle – NYS Trooper insurance will pay for the damage
- Light poles on bridge were damaged in a hit and run. Suspect came forward and an investigation is ongoing
- Sargent Kobylarz attended Forensic Interview Training (CPS)
- In-service Training was held on October 28, 2015

DPW Supt. Soules –

MEMO

To: Village of Owego Mayor Kevin Millar and Village Board of Trustees  
From: Superintendent of Public Works – Jeff Soules  
Date: October 30, 2015  
RE: DPW Activity Report

- Met with Crawford & Sterns regarding cemetery wall project
- Bid package out for the demolition 9 flood homes
- Met with school contractor regarding dry well on school property
- Measured waterlines Village owned buildings for back flow preventers
- Repaired OPD outdoor electric outlet
- Vehicle took out two poles at the bridge and Front Street
- Concrete work near 291 Prospect Street
- Leaf machines are out
- Install truncated dome bump pads on newly paved intersections @ handicap walks
- Met with storm recovery agent from Governor's office for exit interview of 3 PWs
- Code violations for residential refuse/high grass – ongoing
- Forever green property maintenance – ongoing
- Forever green property maintenance – ongoing
- Measure DSNY cut outs on-going
- Repair DPW equipment
- Pot hole patching ongoing
- Brush and leaf pick up ongoing
- Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation meetings scheduled

Any questions or concerns, please call me.

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Fire Chief Gavin –

Damage to 804 – will be down until Thanksgiving

Fire Chief Gavin will be out of town for two weeks. Chief Morris will be in charge.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Ceccherelli – no report

Trustee Phelps –

Presented a package from Trustee Hartman outlining request for repairs and the fact that the fire department has been giving information to the Village on these types of situations that need attention.

The village should look at applying for a grant to do restoration to the Central Fire Station.

DPW Supt. Soules responded:

The village has spent \$50,000 on a new roof - \$30,000 on a new heating system - \$25,000 on new electric, and also fixed overhead door and more.

Trustee Manville – no report.

Trustee May – The village should be looking at all revenue sources. Down the road there will have to be big cuts if things keep going the same way. Tax Rate Cap is ¾ % for next year.

Mayor Millar –

Mayor's Report

November 2, 2015

Oct 14 -Attended Long Term Flood Resiliency Presentation in Big Flats

Oct 15 -Attended Council of Governments

Oct 20 -Met with Town Assessor regarding not totally exempt property

Oct 27 -Attended NYRCR Project Kick off Meeting

Oct 27 -Met with engineer regarding cemetery repairs

Oct 28 -Attended Emergency Recovery Workshop at TC PS Building

Oct 29 -Attended meeting at Tioga Downs regarding fiber optic line coming to Owego

Oct 30 -Attended Tioga Downs Groundbreaking

Public Comment:

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

