

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting

A regularly scheduled Village of Owego Mayor and Board of Trustees meeting was held on Monday, December 21, 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 Earl Hartman Rob Manville Steve May Phoebe Morris Mike Phelps
Clerk-Treasurer:	Rod Marchewka
Village Attorney:	Robert McKertich
Police Chief:	Karen Vinti
WWTP Supt.:	Ron Horton
Absent:	DPW Supt. Soules

Sign in Sheet – Insert “A”.

Pledge – Moment of Silence for Pearl Harbor.

7:00 pm - Public Hearing on Repealing the old Architectural Review Board Law.

7:01 pm – Public Hearing closed with no public comment.

Trustee Hartman – this matter will be discussed by the Village Planning Board in February. Consensus is to hold off on decision until after the planning Board meets.

Motion by Trustee May, seconded by Trustee Morris, to hold an executive session to discuss pending litigation. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee May, Trustee Morris, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 7-0

7:02 pm into executive session.

7:16 pm out of executive session.

Public Comment:

Rusty Fuller – Liberty Street – has a presentation on the fire department – will hold off until the January 6, 2016 meeting.

On the police survey, Mr. Fuller says that \$651,000 a number given out by the sheriff is not an accurate number. It is too low.

Teresa Gosart – 69 Paige Street – why spend \$7,500.00 on a police survey that is now just the same as the one that was sent out by Trustee May? The village hired a survey company and then changed the survey.

The village board reviewed the draft resolution for the January 6, 2016 joint meeting. Attorney McKertich to email to the other boards. Exhibit A has not been filled in yet.

Village board reviewed the Local Law to Abolish the Owego Fire Department – may be acted on at the January 6, 2016 joint meeting.

Request for Proposal for Power Purchase Agreement (Solar Array). Attorney McKertich would like to review. Will be brought back up at the regularly scheduled January 4, 2016 board meeting.

Motion by Trustee Ceccherelli, seconded by Trustee Hartman, to approve the following Resolution:

**A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE EMPLOYMENT OF ONE RETIRED POLICE OFFICER
PURSUANT TO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

At a meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Owego held at the Village Board Room, 20 Elm Street, Owego, New York on the 21st day of December 2015, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Village of Owego has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Owego Police Benevolent Association authorizing the hiring of retired police officers on a temporary full time basis; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2015, the Village Board hired retired police officers Rudy Parker, Darryl Dibble and Michael Buemi for a period of 6 months pursuant to the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2015, the Village Board extended the employment of officers Rudy Parker and Michael Buemi for an additional six months; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Owego hereby approves a six month extension of employment for officer Darryl Dibble in accordance with paragraph 1 of the Memorandum of Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.
Discussion:

Trustee Manville needs more information. Cole, Starzak and Ruspantini will be in the police academy from January thru May. Still short 2 full-time officers.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee May, Trustee Morris, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye. Trustee Hartman passed and then voted aye. Trustee Manville abstained.

Motion Carried 6-0-1

Motion by Trustee May, seconded by Trustee Morris, to approve the Village of Owego Board of Trustees Minutes of December 7, 2015 as submitted by the clerk-treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee May, Trustee Morris, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Trustee May, seconded by Trustee Manville, for the village board to give permission to the Town of Owego to use a pellet gun to get rid of pigeons at the Town of Owego Barns on Delphine Street. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee May, Trustee Morris, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Trustee Ceccherelli, seconded by Trustee Morris, to approve the Treasurer's Report for November as submitted by the clerk-treasurer.

Discussed:

**Sweet Fund
Cemetery**

Transfer between appropriations - \$30,000.00 from A.1420.10.120 to A.1420.40.140

Void check for elevation – erroneously made out to Rod Marchewka – instead of Chris Marchewka

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

Motion Carried 7-0

Department Head Reports:

WWTP Supt. Horton -

Date: 12/21/15

To: Village Board of Trustee's

From: Ron Horton, Supt. WWTP

Re: Department update

1. Job meeting is scheduled for the 22nd.
2. NY DEC Asset Management application submitted.
3. Repairs to sewer lateral at 80 Main St.
4. Jet rodded and root cut Erie St near intersection of East Ave.
5. Construction continues with a scaled down work force. Areas have been cleaned, work continues in the aeration basins and headworks. Project is scheduled for a 10 day shutdown beginning Dec. 23rd.
6. 2 – 20 yd. containers of bio-solids removed by Dickson Environmental.

DPW Supt. Soules –

M E M O

To: Village of Owego Mayor Kevin Millar and Village Board of Trustees

From: Superintendent of Public Works - Jeff Soules

Date: December 18, 2015

RE: DPW Activity Report

- Install truncated dome bump pads on newly paved intersections @ handicap walks
- Meeting at the County regarding CHIPS allocations for next year
- CRS meeting November 18th – drive around, November 19th – discussion
- Generator startup at OPD
- Pool pumps pulled, door repaired
- Repair outlet box at gazebo
- Gather carts
- Woodchips on nature trail
- Unclog sink Clerk's office
- Put out flags for Pearl Harbor Day

- Clean up at DPW yard
- Lights on the River set up and take down no parking, barrels, cones, lights, etc
- Salt trucks out for slippery roads
- Haul fill
- Remove bike racks
- Put banners up
- Get snow equipment ready
- Pump out and clean Paige Street underpass
- Leaf machines are out
- Code violations for residential refuse/high grass - 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.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Ceccherelli –

At the last OHPC meeting an agreement has been reached with 51 Front Street. Changes were made to moving the garage window and lighting. Unanimously approved by the OHPC.

Trustee Hartman –

December 21, 2015 VOB Mtg.

Commissioner Report Summaries

Village of Owego, New York
Earl Hartman Trustee Ward 2/ Commissioner of: OFD, Planning & Zoning

Note to File: Electronic copies of full report has been filed with the Clerk-Treasurer

OFD:

- Lynda VanDusen and Robin Shaver have their NYS Advanced Critical Care EMT, aka ALS, exams. Both Lynda and Robin are dedicated EMT's that respond with us under mutual aid agreements.
- Paul Cole and Stephanie Cole are now certified Firefighter Officer 1
- Lori Wagner and Danielle Coats have taken their NYS EMT B exams and are waiting their results.
- All fluorescent lighting has been changed over to LED systems at Fire Stations: Central Station, Station 2 and Station 3. No incandescent fixtures were changed out. Why?

PLANNING / ZONING:

- Planning Board will meet on Feb. 9th, 2016 to consider the repealing of the Architectural Board of Review that is embedded in the Owego Historic Preservation Committee's structure.

Submitted: December 21, 2015
Cc: Clerk/Treasurer, ERH files

Trustee Phelps –

Question - on the finding from the State Financial Review Board?
Clerk-Treasurer Marchewka - They have called should be available soon.

Question - Status of elevated houses on George Street and 90 Spencer Avenue?
Referred to Jeff Soules.

Trustee Manville –

Question - 145 Temple – status on buyout list?
Mayor Millar – scheduled to be torn down – must be torn down 90 days after closing. Will be doing all the demos at the same time so that the contractor does not have to haul equipment back and forth.

Question - How about the house on Liberty Street? Code has been into this house – it may not be as bad as we first thought.

Trustee May –

Question - review of the court?
Question - status of 2013-2014 Audit? CPA has final paperwork and is doing a final review.

Trustee Morris –

Would like some action on the old smith house at the corner of Main and Spencer Avenue. It has rats, cats, and skunks. Also there are a lot of “Zombie Houses) that are just sitting there with nothing being done to them. Would like to have something like Binghamton has (Land Bank) to renovate these properties.

Mayor Millar –

- Accepted the resignation of Kim Trahan from the OHPC – appointed Jim Overwiser to replace with the continuing term

Public Comment:

Teresa Gosart – does the police department have vacancy or positions not filled?
Police Chief Vinti – yes, two positions.

On the Fire District – not all information is in yet. If the village board does not understand what is going on how is the general public supposed to understand? Need to get more facts out to the public.

Rusty Fuller – how do I go about getting rid of my problem pigeons? Referred to the health department.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

