

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting

A regularly scheduled Village of Owego Mayor and Board of Trustees meeting was held on Monday, February 15, 2016 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 Phoebe Morris Mike Phelps
Clerk-Treasurer:	Rod Marchewka
Village Attorney:	Robert McKertich
Police Chief:	Karen Vinti
WWTP Supt.:	Ron Horton
DPW Supt.:	Jeff Soules
Absent:	Trustee May

Pledge and invocation.

7:00 pm - Public Hearing on Senior Citizen Tax Law Change

Public Comment:

Jim Legursky – if seniors get a discount then someone else has to pay for it.

7:02 pm – Public Hearing closed.

Motion by Mayor Millar, seconded by Trustee Morris, to approve the following resolution:

**VILLAGE OF OWEGO
A RESOLUTION APPROVING LOCAL LAW NO. 1-2016**

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 15th day of February, 2016, the following resolution was offered and seconded:

WHEREAS, the Village of Owego scheduled a public hearing for February 15, 2016, for Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2016 entitled “A Local Law Amending the Village of Owego Senior Tax Exemption”; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Village and posted on the Village Clerk’s signboard; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held at the Village Board Room, 20 Elm Street, Owego, New York on the 15th day of February, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, it has been determined by the Village Board of the Village of Owego that adoption of the

proposed Local Law does not constitute an "action" as defined and can be considered without further regard to SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Village to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Village Board hereby adopts said Local Law as Local Law No. 1-2016 entitled "A Local Law Amending the Village of Owego Senior Tax Exemption" a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk be and hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State; and

RESOLVED that this resolution will take effect immediately.

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

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Trustee Hartman, seconded by Trustee Morris, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO HIRE A FULL-TIME EMT

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 15th day of February, 2016, the following resolution was offered and seconded:

WHEREAS, the Village of Owego seeks to hire a full-time EMT; and

WHEREAS, Linda Van Dusen has applied for the position and has received a favorable recommendation from the Personnel Committee upon an interview.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Owego hereby hires Linda Van Dusen to the position of EMT; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Linda Van Dusen shall serve a 52-week probationary period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Linda Van Dusen shall be paid \$20 per hour and receive the following benefits: Health Insurance, Dental Insurance, Platinum 12 Eyeglasses, Retirement, Life Insurance, HSA Account and Disability; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Trustee Hartman, seconded by Trustee Manville, to approve the following fire department members as follows:

**Motion: New OFD member:
February 15, 2016**

The following motion for approval is made to the Village of Owego Board of Trustees on this date of Feb. 15, 2016

Be it so moved that the Village of Owego Board of Trustees herein approves the following person(s) as member(s) of the Village of Owego Fire Department in compliance with Village Charter Section

§ C-53, Duties of Trustees wherein it is stipulated that the Trustees shall appoint said members, and

Whereas, the person(s) has been investigated by their respective Company, the Fire Chief and approved by the Owego Fire Department's Fire Board, none of which found reasons to withhold said membership(s),

Be it therefore resolved that the Village of Owego Board of Trustees hereby approves as a member(s) of the Owego Fire Department the following person(s)

**Eric Benjamin, 140 Talcott St, Owego – Company #3
David Zlinsky, 491 Strong Rd, Owego – Company #5
Cheri Zlinsky, 491 Strong Rd, Owego – Company #5
Stephanie Cole (Co. #2), 1460 Montrose Turnpike, Owego- Transfer**

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

Motion Carried 6-0

7:10 pm – Public Hearing to Repeal the Architectural Board of Review

No public comment.

7:11 pm – Public Hearing closed

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

**VILLAGE OF OWEGO
A RESOLUTION APPROVING LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2016**

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 15th day of February, 2016, the following resolution was offered and seconded:

WHEREAS, the Village of Owego scheduled a public hearing for February 15, 2016, for Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2016 entitled “A Local Law Repealing the Architectural Board of Review”; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Village and posted on the Village Clerk's signboard; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held at the Village Board Room, 20 Elm Street, Owego, New York on the 15th day of February, 2016 at 7:10 p.m. and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Village Planning Board the County Planning Board both reviewed the Local Law and recommended approval of the Law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, it has been determined by the Village Board of the Village of Owego that adoption of the proposed Local Law constitutes an Unlisted Action, as defined under said regulations. The Village Board has considered the possible environmental impacts of the Local Law. The adoption of said Local Law will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and the Village Board adopts a negative declaration with respect to the Local Law; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Village to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Village Board hereby adopts said Local Law as Local Law No. 2-2016 entitled “A Local Law Repealing the Architectural Board of Review” a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk be and hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State; and

RESOLVED that this resolution will take effect immediately.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Mayor Millar, and Trustee Morris voted aye. Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, and Trustee Phelps voted no.

**Motion Did Not Pass –
No Action Taken**

Motion by Trustee Manville, seconded by Trustee Hartman, to table Resolution for Local Law No. 2. Trustee Ceccherelli, Mayor Millar, and Trustee Morris voted aye. Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, and Trustee Phelps voted no.

**Motion Did Not Pass –
No Action Taken**

Attorney McKertich would like to see this brought up again

Motion by Trustee Hartman, seconded by Trustee Phelps, to approve a temporary full-time person be hired to take the place of Anita Harding who will be retiring in August 2016. This will be a Civil Service Position and not a CSEA Position (confidential secretary). **Roll Call Vote:** Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morris, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Trustee Hartman, seconded by Trustee Ceccherelli, to set a Public Hearing for March 7, 2016 at 7:00 pm at 20 Elm Street, Owego, NY regarding modification to the Office Park Sign Law. **Roll Call Vote:** Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morris, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Trustee Ceccherelli, seconded by Trustee Hartman, to approve the Two Rivers Greenway Project signage with an additional cost of approximately \$2,000.00. **Roll Call Vote:** Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morris, and Mayor Millar voted aye. Trustee Phelps abstained.

Motion Carried 5-0-1

Discussion on NYS Heritage Preservation Grant – Consensus is to go forward for a grant for the Central Fire Station and 90 Temple Street (OPD).

EDU Category Review Application for Heinz & Monica Hoffman.

Motion by Mayor Millar, seconded by Trustee Morris, to approve the denial by WWTP Supt. Ron Horton. The Hoffman's have 5 apartments which equals 5 EDU's as per Local Sewer Law. **Roll Call Vote:** Trustee Ceccherelli, Mayor Millar, and Trustee Morris voted aye. Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, and Trustee Phelps voted no.

**Motion Did Not Pass –
No Action Taken**

Attorney McKertich – you are voting against your own Village Laws. Make Changes to the Law, Change the definitions, but by doing nothing; How do we apply the Law?

Would like to see a re-vote to approve the Superintendent's findings.

WWTP Supt. Horton - There is no extra money by switching to EDU. Take into consideration the Town of Owego, Outside Septic Haulers, and base number of users inside the village. Also, factor in debt services (upgrade).

No new action taken.

Motion by Trustee Ceccherelli, seconded by Trustee Morris, to approve the Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting minutes of February 1, 2016 as submitted by the clerk-treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morris, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Trustee Hartman, seconded by Trustee Morris, to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2016 as submitted by the clerk-treasurer.

Note: DPW shows an overage due to FEMA Buyouts and Demolitions – actual budget 48%

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

Motion Carried 6-0

Department Head Reports:

WWTP Supt. Horton –

Date: 2/12/16

To: Village Board of Trustee's

From: Ron Horton, Supt. WWTP

Re: Department update

1. Submitted both state and federal annual bio-solids reports.
2. Maintenance completed on settling tank and returned to service.
3. Attended project meeting on the 2nd. Next meeting scheduled for Feb. 23rd.
4. Completed tentative budget. No increase is anticipated.
5. Researched replacement of 2004 Ford F-450.
6. Work on the upgrade continues. The grit vortex chamber equipment is being installed and electrical work in the headworks continues.
7. Bid opening for Water St. pump station upgrade is February 29th.

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: February 12, 2016

RE: DPW Activity Report

- Clapper valve inspections completed
- Culvert inspections completed
- Buy Out 2 has received an extension June 30, 2016
- Fix light globes on Court & Main Street
- Paint break room and hall
- Salt roads and clear sidewalks
- Code refuse removal
- Replace light bulbs on Lake Street
- Sign machine repairs
- Refuse pick up Paige St underpass
- Clean Cemetery ditches
- Pick up limbs from wind storm
- Chip trees on Water Street
- Repair signage at boat launch

- Picking Christmas trees
- Code violations for residential refuse - 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
- Punxsutawney Phil the groundhog must die a slow painful death

Any Questions or concerns, please call me.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Ceccherelli – no report

Trustee Hartman –

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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:

- EMS has (10) EMT's going for annual 12 Lead EKG update training on Feb. 19, 2016
- On Feb. 14, 2016 at 14:00 hours the OFD held the last call rites for Kenneth Wolff. Ken was Lifetime Member and past Chief of OFD. Ken was also past Tioga County Fire Coordinator and brought the 911 system to Tioga County.
- (3) New member to OFD: Eric Benjamin Co. #3, Cheri Zlinsky and David Zlinsky Co. #5. Stephanie Cole has transferred from Co. #2 into Co. #5.

PLANNING / ZONING:

- Planning Board met to review the removal of the Architectural Review Board from the OHPC requirements. The Planning Board recommended the removal and forwarded to Village Board of Trustees for adjudication.
- A review of request to modify OP district signage was discussed and recommended by the Planning Board that it be forwarded to the village Board of Trustees for Adjudication. The modification would set the new signage sizes at (4sf) of signage for every (100lf) of road/street frontage with a maximum total sign size of (25 sf).
- Discussion was held on the merits of request to rezone 95 West Main Street from and R3 to B. The planning Board tabled until next meeting as there is additional data and clarifications needed before Planning can consider either positive or negative recommendation.

DPW:

- When is DPW going to replace the Central Station exterior stairwell door off of Temple St. as it is getting worse by the day?
- Leaves still need removing from catch basins grates at the west intersection of Temple St. & North Avenue. Gratings are blocked enough they have trouble taking in water from rain or ice/snow melt and then become frozen over making slick spots waiting for fall victims.
- Attended the Town of Owego/Village DPW meeting. Have a set of Plans and program for review and comment. Brought to the table the renewed interest in the prospect of fully merging the Town and Village DPW units. The building and site designs has not yet advanced far enough that is prohibitive to

such considerations and the A&E offered that design is amendable at this point and it could offer potential cost reductions on project as some service and some support functions space could be consolidated.

Submitted: February 15, 2016
Cc: Clerk/Treasurer, ERH files

Trustee Phelps –

When will 803 be back in service?
Trustee Hartman – mid march.

On the \$3,000,000.00 New York Rising Grant – What are the plans? Why not merge? Can we do anything else with the money?

Mayor Millar – money is to get DPW and Town DPW out of the flood zone. If there is any money left over for the village – may be able to use it on other projects. Town Joint Meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2016.

Trustee Manville – no report

Motion by Trustee Manville, seconded by Trustee Ceccherelli, to schedule a Public Hearing for 7:10 pm on March 7, 2016 at 20 Elm Street, Owego, NY regarding the amendment of Chapter 166 of the Sewer Law. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morris, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Public Comment:

Luke Schulze – 121 Temple Street – objects to EDU's – he has a four (4) family.

Jim Legursky – opposed to the temporary hiring for DPW secretary.

Motion by Trustee Ceccherelli, seconded by Trustee Morris, to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

