

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting

A Public Hearing and regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Owego Mayor and Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm at 20 Elm Street, Owego, New York, 13827. The following people were in attendance:

Mayor:	Kevin Millar
Trustees:	Earl Hartman
	Ann Lockwood
	Mike Phelps
Clerk-Treasurer:	Rod Marchewka
DPW Supt.:	Jeff Soules
WWTP Supt.:	Ron Horton
Village Attorney:	Cheryl Sacco (standing in for Attorney McKertich)
Absent:	Trustee Jantz
	Trustee May
	Trustee Yetter
	Police Chief Vinti

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge and Invocation.

No Public Comment.

Insert "A" – Sign in sheet.

Mayor Millar opened the Public Hearing on the 2% Tax Cap Override at 7:01 pm.

Attorney Susan English outlined the 2% Tax Cap Law and the Tax Freeze. Most communities that adopt the 2% Tax Cap Override do so even if they do not plan on going over the cap. By adopting the 2% Tax Cap Law you don't get penalized if your budget is over the allowable amount. The Tax Cap Law must be adopted before the Village Budget is adopted.

Mayor Millar closed the public hearing at 7:09 pm

No action on a vote at this time.

Jeff Golden (Haele TV) was not able to attend the meeting and will be at the March 2, 2015 meeting.

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

A RESOLUTION APPROVING 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 17th day of February 2015, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Village of Owego seeks to temporarily supplement its Police Department by using retired police officers on a full time basis; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Owego has negotiated a Memorandum of Agreement with the Owego Police Benevolent Association; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Owego finds it in the best interest of the Village to enter into said Memorandum of Agreement; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Owego hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the Owego Police Benevolent Association, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Owego hereby authorizes the Mayor of the Village of Owego to execute said Memorandum of Agreement; and

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

CERTIFICATION

I, Rodney Marchewka, do hereby certify that I am the Village Clerk of the Village of Owego and that the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Village board of the Village of Owego at a meeting thereof held at the Village Board Room, 20 Elm Street, Owego, New York on the 17th day of February 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Mayor Kevin Millar	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Earl Hartman	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Ann Lockwood	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Eric Yetter	<u>Absent</u>
Trustee Karl Jantz	<u>Absent</u>
Trustee Mike Phelps	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Steve May	<u>Absent</u>

Motion Carried 4-0

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

A RESOLUTION HIRING THREE RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS 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 17th day of February 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, the Village Board of the Village of Owego finds it in the best interests of the Village to supplement its Police Department by hiring three retired police officers pursuant to the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Village Board of the Village of Owego hereby approves the hiring of Rudy Parker, Darryl Dibble, and Michael Buemi pursuant to the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement with the Owego Police Benevolent Association; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said police officers shall serve a six month term pursuant to Paragraph One of the Memorandum of Agreement; and

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

CERTIFICATION

I, Rodney Marchewka, do hereby certify that I am the Village Clerk of the Village of Owego and that the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Village board of the Village of Owego at a meeting thereof held at the Village Board Room, 20 Elm Street, Owego, New York on the 17th day of February 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Mayor Kevin Millar	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Earl Hartman	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Ann Lockwood	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Eric Yetter	<u>Absent</u>
Trustee Karl Jantz	<u>Absent</u>
Trustee Mike Phelps	<u>Aye</u>
Trustee Steve May	<u>Absent</u>

Motion Carried 4-0

Motion by Trustee Phelps, seconded by Trustee Hartman, to approve the board meeting minutes of January 20, 2015 as submitted by the clerk-treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hartman, Trustee Lockwood, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 4-0

Motion by Trustee Hartman, seconded by Trustee Phelps, to approve the board meeting minutes of February 2, 2015 as submitted by the clerk-treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hartman, Trustee Lockwood, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 4-0

Motion by Trustee Hartman, seconded by Trustee Lockwood, to approve the board meeting minutes of February 6, 2015 as submitted by the clerk-treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hartman, Trustee Lockwood, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 4-0

Election Update –

The Village of Owego Election will be on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 – the following have filed petitions and accepted the party nominations.

On the ballot:

ROW A – A POSITIVE CHANGE PARTY	ROW B – REBUILD OWEGO PARTY
Lisa L. Curatolo – Trustee 1 st Ward	Phoebe Shafer-Morris – Trustee 1 st Ward
Robin E. Manville – Trustee 2 nd Ward	Jacque C. Millar – Trustee 2 nd Ward
Ann L. Lockwood – Trustee 3 rd Ward	Jenny Ceccherelli – Trustee 3 rd Ward

Permanent absentee ballots to be sent out by end of week. Contacted the county about election supplies and booths.

Motion by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Phelps, to accept the February Treasurer's Report as submitted by the clerk-treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hartman, Trustee Lockwood, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 4-0

Department Head Reports:

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 13, 2015

RE: DPW Activity Report

- Met with Homeland Security for PW closeout OPD basement, Marvin cleaning
- Request extension for Buy Out 2, Elevation Projects
- Cemetery wall quote – snow storm delay
- Set up ice rink
- Letters out to elevation homeowners – deadline January 30th only 5 responses
- Salt streets, clear sidewalks and River Walk, clear parking lots
- Pick snow in business district
- Code violations for residential refuse - ongoing
- Forever green property maintenance - ongoing
- Measure DSNY cut outs on going
- Repair DPW equipment
- Parks winter equipment maintenance ongoing
- Cemetery winter equipment maintenance ongoing
- Pot hole patching ongoing
- Brush and leaf pick up ongoing
- Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation meetings scheduled
- Removed snow from various Village and NYS streets

Any questions or concerns please call me.

Code Enforcement Officer Mead report to Supt. Soules as follows:

February 13, 2015

Jeff,

Items to address to board on February 17, 2015:

- 1) The Vehicle Storage Permit under section 190-6 of Village Code – need an application for said permit or revoke the ordinance.
- 2) Building height, 35 feet is maximum allowed height in R1 and R2 district, 45 feet in R3 and R4 districts. Two houses that are ready to elevate now, one is in an R2 and will need a variance. The second is in an R3, which is allowed 45 feet, may come close, if not over.

Maybe an exception for maximum height allowed on any structure elevated for flood protection?

James Mead

Code Enforcement

- DPW Supt. Soules passed out a few samples of the CHARTER AND CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF OWEGO, NEW YORK, V24 Updated 01-01-2011 / PART II GENERAL LEGISLATION / chapter 190, VEHICLES, JUNKED / §190-6 Permit application; fee; and §190-7 Removal of junk vehicles by village.
- Regarding the elevation project – would recommend that the height requirement for homeowners go before the Planning and Zoning Boards for a variance.
- Plowing, shoveling, picking of snow continues and we are doing our best with the weather conditions. Mayor Millar thanked the department of public works' workers for their fine work on behalf of the village.
- Garage door is in for the replacement of the damaged one at the central fire station.

WWTP Supt. Horton –

- New compact loader is in
- Bernier & Carr expect to have new specs for village attorney to review by February 23, 2015

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Phelps – Public Safety Committee will be having Trustee Lockwood make a motion on a police request.

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:
Treasurer

Electronic copies of full report has been filed with the Clerk-

1. OFD:

- (9) EMS attended and completed advanced cardiac – 12 lead training at UHS on Feb. 13th 2015
- Owego OFD Fire Police is in discussions with the Tioga County Fire Coordinator and other Fire Police units in Tioga County about creating a Tioga County Fire Police coalition to provide uniform training, support and backup to each other's units as needed.

2. PLANNING / ZONING:

- No report

3. Resource Water Protection:

- Resource data is being collected and coordinated within the committee and an update will be published at the March 4th meeting.

4. EDU Challenge:

- Once again United Water has promised to have their proposal to us soon – hopefully by the end of February 2015.

5. **DPW:**

6. Door locks on Central Station need lubricants
Interior door from stairwell – level one – still needs attention

Submitted by: Earl Hartman, Trustee Ward 2/Commissioner for Fire, Planning, Zoning

Trustee Lockwood –

Motion by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Phelps, to move that Chief Vinti provide the Village Safety Committee by February 25 a complete budget to staff the police force she would need to be effective as stated in her organizational chart (copy provided). This budget needs to include all operating expenses as well as labor and any fringe costs projected for five years. Also, needed would be what impact this budget will have on property tax payers in the village per thousand dollars of assessment. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hartman, Trustee Lockwood, and Trustee Phelps voted aye. Mayor Millar voted no.

Motion Denied 3-1

Motion by Trustee Lockwood, seconded by Trustee Hartman, to change the date in the previous motion to March 2nd and get rid of the line “as stated in her organizational chart – copy provided” and add 24-7 coverage and adequate supervision. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hartman, Trustee Lockwood, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 4-0

Public Comment:

Jamie Striley – make sure we compare apples to apples when we review information from the village and county.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm

