

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting

A regularly scheduled Village of Owego Mayor and Board of Trustees meeting was held on Monday, May 18, 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
	Robin Manville
	Steve May
	Phoebe Morris (arrived at 7:10 pm)
	Mike Phelps
Clerk-Treasurer:	Rod Marchewka
Village Attorney:	Robert McKertich
DPW Supt.:	Jeffrey Soules
Police Chief:	Karen Vinti
Fire Chief:	Dan Gavin
Absent:	WWTP Supt. Horton

Pledge and invocation.

Public Hearing on Local Law No. 1 of 2015– A Local Law Amending the Village of Owego Vehicle and Traffic Law to Designate Hill Street and a Portion of Spruce Street as One-way Roadways

Public Comment:

None

Trustee Phelps reported that he has talked to all residents of the area, with no complaints.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:03 pm

Motion by Trustee Phelps, seconded by Trustee Manville, to approve the following Resolution:

VILLAGE OF OWEGO

A RESOLUTION APPROVING LOCAL LAW No. 1-2015

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 18th day of May, 2015, the following resolution was offered and seconded:

WHEREAS, the Village of Owego scheduled a public hearing for May 18, 2015, for Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2015 entitled “A Local Law Amending the Village of Owego Vehicle and Traffic Law to designate Hill Street and a portion of Spruce Street as One-Way Roadways”; 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 18th day of May, 2015 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 the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQR”), it has been determined by the Village Board of the Village of Owego that adoption of the proposed Local Law constitutes a Type II Action as defined under 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(16); 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. 1-2015 entitled “A Local Law Amending the Village of Owego Vehicle and Traffic Law to designate Hill Street and a portion of Spruce Street as One-Way Roadways” 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 May, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

*Note from DPW Supt. Soules – this will not take effect until we get it back from the state

LeeAnn Tinney – Tioga County Economic Development – addressed the board about the “Owego Garden Project” and presented the board with a Project Summary. She requested a Letter of Support for this project to the IDA.

Motion by Mayor Millar, seconded by Trustee Ceccherelli, to write a Letter of Support for this project. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee May, Trustee Morris, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 7-0

Melissa Kemp and John McNamara of Renovus Energy, a solar energy company, addressed the board and did a presentation on solar energy options and benefits for the Village of Owego. In order to qualify for incentives, the village must apply before June 1, 2015.

Motion by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Ceccherelli, to approve signing a non-binding Letter of Intent. A proposed project must be completed by January 2, 2017. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee May, Trustee Morris, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 7-0

Public Comment:

Jim Legursky – solar has done nothing for me except cost me money. Grant for the cemetery - this has been going on for years – we can’t afford it.

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

RESOLUTION TO HIRE A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

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 18th day of May, 2015, the following resolution was offered and seconded:

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

WHEREAS, Joseph Ruspantini 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 Joseph Ruspantini to the position of full-time police officer, conditional upon a background check in accordance with Standard Operating Procedures, including a physical examination, drug screening, and psychological examination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Joseph Ruspantini shall attend the Police Academy, sponsored by the Village of Owego, and shall complete the Police Academy within one year of his hire date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Joseph Ruspantini shall serve a probationary period commencing upon his hire and expiring 18 months from the date of his graduation from the Police Academy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Joseph Ruspantini shall be paid at the Class I rate in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement; and

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

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Morris, and Mayor Millar voted aye. Trustee Hartman passed and then voted aye. Trustee Manville abstained. Trustees May and Phelps voted no.

Motion Carried 4-2-1

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

RESOLUTION TO HIRE A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

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 18th day of May, 2015, the following resolution was offered and seconded:

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

WHEREAS, Mark Starzak 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 Mark Starzak to the position of full-time police officer, conditional upon a background

check in accordance with Standard Operating Procedures, including a physical examination, drug screening, and psychological examination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mark Starzak shall attend the Police Academy, sponsored by the Village of Owego, and shall complete the Police Academy within one year of his hire date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mark Starzak shall serve a probationary period commencing upon his hire and expiring 18 months from the date of his graduation from the Police Academy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mark Starzak shall be paid at the Class I rate in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement; and

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

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Morris, and Mayor Millar voted aye. Trustee Hartman passed and then voted aye. Trustee Manville abstained. Trustees May and Phelps voted no.

Motion Carried 4-2-1

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

WHEREAS, Daniel Gavin 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 Daniel Gavin to the position of full-time police officer, conditional upon a background check in accordance with Standard Operating Procedures, including a physical examination, drug screening, and psychological examination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Daniel Gavin shall attend the Police Academy, sponsored by the Village of Owego, and shall complete the Police Academy within one year of his hire date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Daniel Gavin shall serve a probationary period commencing upon his hire and expiring 18 months from the date of his graduation from the Police Academy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Daniel Gavin shall be paid at the Class II rate in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement; and

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

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 Manville, seconded by Trustee Morris, to hire Eco-Spray for foam insulation for the digester building at a cost of \$15,860.00 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 Hartman, seconded by Trustee Morris, authorizing repair of the upstairs air conditioner located at 90 Temple by Guagliardo Plumbing at a cost of \$7,700.00. 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 Memorial Day Parade Permit with a start time of 10:30 am on May 25, 2015. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee May, Trustee Morris, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 7-0

Trustee May reported that he received the answers to the draft questions from Tioga County Safety Committee Chairman Dale Weston and he will have a full report at the next meeting.

Question about Public Safety Committee meetings being open to the public.

Motion by Mayor Millar that in the future all meetings held by the Public Safety Committee be open to the public. Died for lack of a second.

Motion by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Ceccherelli, to approve the Owego Police Department transfers between appropriations as listed below:

FROM		TO		AMOUNT
A.3120.10.110	FT SALARIES	A.3120.10.120	PT SALARIES	\$49,617.25
A.3120.10.110	FT SALARIES	A.3120.10.315	OVERTIME	\$ 3,158.29
A.3120.10.110	FT SALARIES	A.3120.10.316	VACATION BB	\$ 3,837.60
A.9015.80.082	RETIREMENT	A.3120.20.130	EQUIPMENT	\$25,000.00
A.9015.80.082	RETIREMENT	A.3120.20.901	COMP. SOFTWARE	\$15,000.00
A.9015.80.082	RETIREMENT	A.3120.40.410	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$1,000.00
A.9015.80.082	RETIREMENT	A.3120.40.794	JUDGEMENTS	\$3,964.00
A.9040.80.072	WORKERS COMP	A.3120.40.794	JUDGEMENTS	\$13,000.00
A.9040.80.072	WORKERS COMP	A.9050.80.052	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$4,000.00
A.9060.80.032	HEALTH INS	A.9050.80.052	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$7,760.00

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 as submitted by the clerk-treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Morris, and Mayor Millar voted aye. Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee May, and Trustee Phelps vote no.

Motion Failed 3-4

Motion by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Hartman, to approve the Village of Owego Board of Trustees Minutes of May 6, 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 Hartman, seconded by Trustee Morris, to set a Public Hearing for Local Law #3 –Amend the Zoning Code to Allow Multiple Dwellings in the Office Park District on June 15, 2015 at 7:15 pm at 20 Elm Street, Owego, NY. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee Morris, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye. Trustee May recused himself.

Motion Carried 6-0-1

Trustee 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: May15, 2015

RE: DPW Activity Report

- Met with FEMA representatives regarding elevations
- Buy outs are moving along – will be able to send out offer letters in a couple of weeks
- Found a hydrant leak in Marvin Park
- Grass roots festival in Marvin Park 23-24th
- Flags on bridge and Memorial Day preparations
- Judge's office toilet repairs
- Kill weeds along ball fields
- Trees removed from Livingston
- Clean boat launch area
- Sweeper out
- Cemetery wall bid opening May 18th
- Code violations for residential refuse - ongoing
- Forever green property maintenance - ongoing
- Measure DSNY cut outs on going
- Repair DPW equipment
- Cemetery burials
- Pot hole patching ongoing
- Brush and leaf pick up ongoing
- Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation meetings scheduled

Any questions or concerns please call me.

Cemetery bids were opened at 2:00 pm on May 18, 2015 at 20 Elm Street and the results were as follows:

NAME OF COMPANY ADDRESS/PHONE	BASE BID WALL #3	Alternate A Wall #4	Alternate B Wall #1	Alternate C Wall #2	TOTAL
DYCON CONSTRUCTION 1841 PENN AVENUE PINEY CITY, NY 14871 607-733-2920	\$236,500.00	\$236,500.00	\$117,500.00	\$117,500.00	\$708,000.00
JUSTIN MARCHUSKA 436 AIRPORT ROAD ENDICOTT, NY 13760 607-786-3762	\$101,000.00	\$105,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$28,900.00	\$269,900.00
MADUGNO MASONRY 26 TRAFFORD ROAD BINGHAMTON, NY 13901 607-624-1699	\$129,842.00	\$132,289.00	\$38,980.00	\$44,723.00	\$345,830.00

Motion Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Ceccherelli, to accept the low bid by Marchuska Brothers at \$101,000.00 Base, Alternate A \$105,000.00, Alternate B \$35,000.00, Alternate C \$28,900 for a total of \$269,900.00. Contingent on performance bonds, a signed contract by both parties, DPW Superintendent checking references, and approval from NYS Office of Parks & Recreation. Attorney McKertich will draw up the contract. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee May, Trustee Morris, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 7-0

Police Chief Vinti –

- A motorcycle ran into the new police vehicle - waiting on an accident report from the Sheriff’s Department
- Sargent Kobylarz is no longer provisional
- The police department received a nice letter from someone who got a ticket complimenting Officer Gilford

Trustee Ceccherelli:

- Broken planters to be replaced in business district – part of a \$16,000.00 grant for beautification

Motion Trustee Hartman, seconded by Trustee Morris, to approve the following new hire members and transfers for the Owego Fire Department:

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| Company #1 Kaleb Ellis, 279 Prospect St., Owego | - | Junior Firefighter |
| Company #1 Kristen Martin 279 Prospect St., Owego | - | Junior Firefighter |
| Company #2 Palmer Perkins 576 Hollister Rd., Owego | - | Junior Firefighter |
| Company #3 Corey C. Hollister 71 Talcott St., Owego | - | |
| Company #4 Kristen Johnson 139 McLean Rd., Owego | - | Junior Firefighter |
| Company #5 Decker R. Ayers 119 Woodlawn Ave., Owego | - | Junior Firefighter |
| Robbie Roberts 13A Weber Rd., Owego | | |

Kevin Kunze 29 Cardinal Rd., Owego
Ryan McDowell 136 Talcott St., Owego
Sarah Wood 126 Talcott St., Owego
Haley Kunze 630 Cranes Nest Rd., Owego
Tara Roberts 13A Weber Rd. Owego – Junior Firefighter

Switching companies –

Michael Hopkins – from Company #2 to Company #4
Amy Hopkins – from Company #2 to Company #4
Joan Reynolds – from Company #2 to Company #3

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 Hartman, seconded by Trustee Morris, to approve the Owego Fire Department declaring light bars as surplus. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee May, Trustee Morris, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 7-0

Trustee Hartman –

No report

Trustee Phelps –

No report

Trustee Manville –

No report

Trustee May –

No report

Trustee Morris –

No report

Mayor Millar –

- Working on tax freeze
- Working on village budget this week
- Community Rating System is ongoing
- Fiscal Restructuring Board – all data in except waiting on the county

- Attended a meeting with NY Rising

Public Comment:

Theresa Gosart – 16 Temple – why aren't the Public Safety Meetings open to the public?

Jim Legursky – Air conditioning shouldn't cost so much.

Motion by Trustee May, seconded by Trustee May, to adjourn at 9:20 pm. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee May, Trustee Morris, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 7-0