

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting

A regularly scheduled Village of Owego Mayor and Board of Trustees meeting was held on Monday, July 6, 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 (joined meeting at 7:10 pm)
	Phoebe Morris
	Mike Phelps
Clerk-Treasurer:	Rod Marchewka
Village Attorney:	Robert McKertich
DPW Supt.:	Jeffrey Soules
Code Enforcement Officer:	Jim Mead
WWTP Supt.:	Ron Horton
Police Chief:	Karen Vinti

Pledge and invocation.

Insert "A" – Sign in sheet.

Public Comment:

Chris Knickerbocker – 24 Paige Street – I have done data surveys for Binghamton University for over 20 years and the survey sent out by the Village Public Safety Committee does not meet an acceptable standards. Please do not send anymore survey that are an embarrassment to the Village.

Jim Legursky – 96 S. Depot Street – I never heard of a board telling a committee what to do. Let the man do the job. This is the first survey ever done on the police department.

Barb Krolczyk – 130 McMaster Street – any date set yet to tear down 134 McMaster?

DPW Supt. Soules – no date set yet.

How can cars and diesel truck's park in vacant lot at the corner of Central & Fox (formerly Mike's Deli)?

John Loftus – 161 Talcott Street – Discussed the Lock Down Nuisance Law. Mr. Loftus is concerned that victims of domestic violence may not report incidents because of fear of getting evicted or locked down.

Rusty Fuller – 95 Liberty Street – in his opinion the Village Public Safety Committee's survey is a flawed document and urges the board not to send the survey out.

Theresa Gosart – 69 Paige Street – I feel Mr. May has not done proper research. Do not decrease the police services.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Tioga County IDA desires to apply for up to \$249,600 in financial assistance through the 2015 Consolidated Funding Applications under the 2015 Empire State Development Grant Funds, and

WHEREAS, the applications proposes funding to assist the water development of the E-Site in order to make the property a shovel-ready site, and

WHEREAS, the reason for seeking funds is to develop the site into a disaster-resistant development including; office development, satellite medical clinic, pharmacy, commercial development with retail, education and tourism center, and an assisted senior living center, this proposed funding source would help supply the site with an above ground water tank, and 8” and 12” water mains, and

WHEREAS, the intent of the Tioga County IDA grant application is to advance this site, and help make it shovel-ready for development, and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that the applicant obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipalities governing and impacted by the project.

NOW THEREFORE, the Village of Owego Board of Trustees, duly convened at a meeting on the date of July 6, 2015 hereby does;

RESOLVE, that the Village of Owego Board of Trustees approves and endorses the 2015 Empire State Development Grant application for assistance prepared and to be submitted by the Tioga County IDA.

Trustee Ceccherelli	<u> Aye </u>
Trustee Hartman	<u> Aye </u>
Trustee Manville	<u> Aye </u>
Trustee May	<u> Recused </u>
Trustee Morris	<u> Aye </u>
Mayor Millar	<u> Aye </u>
Trustee Phelps	<u> Aye </u>

I, Rodney Marchewka, Village of Owego Clerk-Treasurer, do hereby certify that the above resolution was passed at a meeting of the Village of Owego Board of Trustees held on July 6, 2015, and is incorporated in the original minutes of said meeting OR on file and of record, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

Rodney Marchewka
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Owego

Date

(Seal)

Motion Carried 6-0-1

Motion by Trustee Ceccherelli, seconded by Trustee Morris, to approve Local Law #3 of 2015 Tax Map #128.16-1-8 from R2 to Industrial. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee May, Trustee Morris, Trustee Phelps voted aye. Mayor Millar abstained.

Super majority overrides the planning board vote.

Motion Carried 6-0-1

Property Tax Map # 128.16-1-8 Concerning Local Law #3, Eleven (11) questions on Part 2 of the SEQR were answered “no”. Therefore, it has been determined that based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Motion by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Ceccherelli, to set a Public Hearing July 20, 2015 at 7:00 pm on the Lockdown Nuisance Law. 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, approve the Tax Warrant for the 2015:

Tax Warrant

To: Rodney M. Marchewka, Village of Owego Clerk-Treasurer

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to receive and collect from the person named in the tax roll hereunto annexed, the several sums stated in the last column hereof opposite their respective names, being a total of:

For the current budget:	\$2,100,627.00
For charges for services (code):	8,063.44
For relieved sewer rent and charges:	<u>188,384.04</u>
Total:	\$2,297,074.48

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED to receive and collect such sums without additional charges between the first day of August and the first day of September 2015 both inclusive; and therefore to collect with such of the sums as have not been thereof collected an additional charge of five per centum for each month or fraction thereof until November 15, 2015 when turned over to Tioga County for collection.

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED TO DELIVER TO THE Tioga County Treasurer on or after the 15th day of November 2015, the list of unpaid taxes as described for collection.

Dated: July 6, 2015
Tax Rate: 19.02
On the assessed value of: \$110,446,958

Kevin J. Millar, Mayor

Village of Owego

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 Mayor Millar signing the street lighting contract for the underpass on North Avenue. 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 Hartman, to go into executive session on personnel issues. 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 Morris, seconded by Trustee Ceccherelli, to hold an attorney-client session. 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 Ceccherelli, to approve the budget amendments as listed:

Budget Amendments

From: A.2665	Sale of Equipment	\$451.00
To: A.9950.90.092	Fire Reserve	
From: A.2665	Sale of Equipment	\$9,994.00
To: A.9950.50.902	DPW Reserve	
From: A.2665	Sale of Equipment	\$1,053.00
To: A.9950.90.901	Police Reserve	

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 Village of Owego Board of Trustees Minutes 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 approve the Payment of Bills as submitted by the clerk-treasurer.

Discussion on signing authorization.

Recess 8:07 pm to 8:12 pm

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

Motion Denied 3-1-3

Presentation on the Village Fire Department forming a Fire District. The reason we want to do this is to insure the continuation of the Owego Fire Department. The village residents will elect fire commissioners. Mr. King stated that the mayor for one has stated he wanted to get rid of the fire department.

Mayor Millar objected to this and stated he never said that.

Mr. King said he got that information second hand, he did not hear that directly from the mayor.

The Owego Fire Department will acquire a piece of land from the Town of Tioga (under the Main Street Bridge) which makes them eligible to try to become their own district.

The new fire district would want a complete transfer of all assets of the Owego Fire Department transferred to the new fire district.

The budget would be the same as the current village budget.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it has been proposed to establish a joint fire district encompassing all of the Village of Owego and all of the Town of Tioga’s “Owego Fire Protection District”; and

WHEREAS, this board is in favor of considering such a joint fire district.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this board that it is in the public interest for the boards of the Town of Tioga, Town of Owego, and Village of Owego to hold a joint meeting at one location within the proposed joint fire district for the purpose of jointly proposing the establishment of a joint fire district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this board hereby resolves to meet in public with the Town of Tioga and the Town of Owego for the purpose of scheduling a joint meeting to discuss the joint fire district and set a date for the joint public hearing, and such meeting shall be held on the 27th day of July, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hubbard Auditorium, County Office Building, 156 Main Street, Owego, New York.

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 6th day of July 2015 at 7:00 pm said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Trustee Ceccherelli	<u> Aye </u>
Trustee Hartman	<u> Aye </u>
Trustee Manville	<u> Aye </u>
Trustee May	<u> Aye </u>
Trustee Morris	<u> No </u>
Trustee Phelps	<u> Aye </u>
Mayor Millar	<u> Abstained </u>

(seal)

Rod Marchewka
Clerk-Treasurer

Date

Department Head Reports:

DPW Supt. Soules -

MEMO

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

From: Superintendent of Public Works - Jeff Soules

Date: June 28, 2015

RE: DPW Activity Report

- Storm cleanup
- Tree trimming after storm
- Sweep for Newark Valley after the storm
- Clean out drains and ditches
- Set OPD generator on pad
- Pick road kill
- Marvin Park restroom repairs
- Hang electrical cords for Strawberry Festival
- Put out & pick up detour signs, road cones, no parking signs, trash barrels for Strawberry Festival
- Clean both pools and get running
- Pool house repairs Pool is open
- Pool is open
- Jack hammer around catch basins, man holes for milling
- Flag for milling work
- Milling of Talcott, McMaster, Stakmore, Front, Ruth, Wineywood and Apple Blossom
- Grade and Roll Stakmore Lane
- Sweep up grindings
- Get parks ready for Tioga County Fair
- Install drain at Little League
- Code violations for residential refuse/high grass - 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, please contact me.

- Paving Talcott, McMaster and Stackmore Lane this week

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WWTP Supt. Horton –

Would like another meeting with the sewage haulers. Date set for July 28, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the village board room at 20 Elm Street.

Date: 7/2/15

To: Village Board of Trustee's

From: Ron Horton, Supt. WWTP

Re: Department update

1. Walls for headworks building have been formed.
2. Asbestos abatement in the headworks building has been undertaken. Remaining material to be removed when demolition of existing north wall occurs.
3. Continue to remove center wall in drying beds should be complete by July 10th.
4. Burial of sludge line from drying beds to press room is complete.
5. Monthly job meeting was held, contractors laid out what had been accomplished to date and what their goals are for July. Next meeting scheduled for July 29th.
6. Surveys were sent out to contract haulers for their input into the receiving station project.
7. Met with BCA after project meeting to discuss the septic receiving project and the timeline involved. They feel that they can meet our timeline and will discuss it further with the village at the next septage project meeting. Tentatively scheduled for the week of July 20th. Best dates for contract haulers appears to be Tuesday thru Thursday of that week. Please consider those dates and hopefully we can pick one at this board meeting.
8. On June 22nd NY DEC Div. of Water conducted an annual inspection of the wastewater treatment plant. We received a satisfactory score. See attached.
9. Paved trench on E. Main St
10. Heavy rain on the 30th did substantial damage to the access corridor, additional work will have to be performed to make it useable again.
11. Completed 364 permit renewal and submitted.

Police Chief Vinti –

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL REPORT

Hours worked:

Friday June 19, 2015	68 hours worked
Saturday June 20, 2015	89.5 hours worked
Grand Total	157.5 hours worked

Total Calls for Service	66
Total Arrests	8
Total vehicles towed	14
Total parking tickets issued	40

Respectfully submitted,

K. L. Vinti

Chief of Police

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Hartman –

Motion by Trustee Hartman, seconded by Trustee Ceccherelli, to approve 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):

- Company #2 - Danielle Dupuis, 140 Gaskill Road Owego NY**
- Company #5 – Lucas Kemmerling, 123 Davis Hill Road, Owego NY**

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 Payment of Bills 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

Public Comment:

Jim Legursky – there has been no new business or building of homes in the village for years.

Rusty Fuller – on the fire department becoming a district. The Owego Fire Department is afraid of the village board eliminating them or merging with the town.

Theresa Gosart – regarding the fire department – don’t divorce yourself from the village. Please stay.

Jim King – the new district will be subject to the 2% Cap.

Into executive session at 9:37

No action taken.

Motion by Trustee Hartman, seconded by Trustee Morris, to adjourn.

Unanimously Approved.

