

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting

A regularly scheduled Village of Owego Mayor and Board of Trustees meeting was held on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 7:00 pm at 20 Elm Street, Owego, New York, 13827. The following people were in attendance:

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| Mayor: | Kevin Millar |
| Trustees: | Jenny Ceccherelli |
| | Earl Hartman |
| | Rob Manville |
| | Steve May |
| | Phoebe Morris |
| | Mike Phelps |
| Clerk-Treasurer: | Rod Marchewka |
| Village Attorney: | Robert McKertich |
| WWTP Supt.: | Ron Horton |
| DPW Supt.: | Jeff Soules |
| Absent: | Police Chief Vinti |

Sign in Sheet – Insert “A”.

Pledge and Invocation.

Herb McDowell – representing OFD wanted to know when would a public hearing on the fire department request to become a fire district be re-scheduled.

Nicholas Jackson – 119 Chestnut Street, had a complaint about garage at (115 or 117 Chestnut Street) – presented the board with pictures as proof. Jeff Soules to give to code.

Diane Campbell – the Owego Crop Walk will be Sunday, September 27, 2015 starting time 2:00 pm at Owego Methodist Church, Main Street, Owego, NY. Diane passed out registration forms to the board.

Motion by Trustee Hartman, seconded by Trustee Ceccherelli, to approve the Crop Walk Proclamation. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee May, Trustee Morris, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 7-0

7:05 pm - continuation of Public Hearing on Public Nuisance Abatement Law

Roger Katchuk – spoke in favor of the law – would be an important tool in enforcement.

Danielle Nuzzo – 20 Church Street – New Hope Center – discussed Section 4B in the Law. She is concerned for victims of domestic violence.

Next Public Hearing set for August 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Attorney McKertich – the law is set up so as NOT to punish the victim.

Public Hearing ended at 7:14 pm.

- Liquor License Renewals for:

- VFW
- Owego Elks

Copies were sent to OPD - no action needs to be taken by the board

Motion by Trustee Ceccherelli, seconded by Trustee Morris, to approve the Village of Owego Board of Trustees minutes of July 20, 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

Discussion on extending part-time police officers.

Motion by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Ceccherelli, to have an attorney/client privilege session about police and zoning. 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 Manville, authorizing the mayor to sign approval for an EFC Planning Grant at a cost of \$37,500 with the Village's share being \$3,750.00. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee May, Trustee Morris, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 7-0

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: July 31, 2015

RE: DPW Activity Report

- Met with DEC for creek inspection
- Hill Street & Spruce Street one way
- Trim damaged trees after storm – Front, Main, West
- Jackhammer grave in Section 7 for burial
- Clean out floor drain and repairs at 90 Temple St Judge Office and OPD basement
- Repair cabinets at OPD, look at sewer
- Repairs to shower at the pool
- Trim trees cemetery
- Weed eat mountain road
- Concrete at playground & new basketball nets installed
- End of fiscal year accrued payroll and accounts payable figures
- Ready for closeout of Stakmore Lane PW
- Restore NY II and III updates for NYS
- Clean drop inlets

- 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 or concerns, please call me.

WWTP Supt. Horton –

Date: 7/31/15

To: Village Board of Trustee's

From: Ron Horton, Supt. WWTP

Re: Department update

1. Met with contract haulers, BCA and Village board members on July 29th to discuss the status of the septic receiving project
2. Continued to side pole barn.
3. Took delivery of the trailer for zero turn mower.
4. Project meeting was held on July 29th, see attached.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Ceccherelli – no report

Trustee Hartman – presented signed contract for 803 (new fire truck)

Trustee Phelps – no report

Trustee Manville – no report

Trustee May – no report

Trustee Morris – no report

7:25 pm into attorney/client session

7:59 pm back in regular session

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

**A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE EMPLOYMENT OF TWO 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 3rd day of August 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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Owego hereby approves a six month extension of employment for officers Rudy Parker and Michael Buemi in accordance with paragraph 1 of the Memorandum of 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 May, seconded by Trustee Morris, to approve a Public Hearing to be held on August 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm on Village of Owego Local Law No. 5 of the Year 2015 a local law re-zoning Tax Map Number 128.16-1-8 from the Industrial (I) District to the Residential three (R-3) District. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee May, Trustee Morris, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye. Trustee Ceccherelli voted no.

Motion Carried 6-1

Motion by Trustee May, seconded by Trustee Manville, to send out a request for proposals for a Police Protection Survey. 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:

Theresa Gosart – 69 Paige Street – What is the survey? Mayor Millar – hiring a professional firm to do a survey.

Charlie Lohmeyer – 55 Spencer Avenue – thanked the mayor for having the catch basin cleared on Spencer Avenue, it helped a lot.

On the dog incident – needs to be a full accountability of what happened. Too many rumors – OPD looked reckless.

Mayor Millar – there will be a full report on the incident.

Robert McConnell – thanked the board for reconsidering the zoning on the south side.

Motion by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee May, to adjourn at 8:12 pm.

Unanimously Approved.