Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting

A public hearing and a regularly scheduled Village of Owego Mayor and Board of Trustees meeting was held on Tuesday, September 10, 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
	Phoebe Morris
	Mike Phelps
Clerk-Treasurer:	Rod Marchewka
Village Attorney:	Robert McKertich
DPW Supt.:	Jeff Soules
WWTP Supt.:	Ron Horton
Fire Chief:	Dan Gavin
Absent:	Police Chief Vinti

Insert "A" – Sign In Sheet.

Pledge and moment of silence for former Village Mayor, Bill Franz.

7:00 pm – Public Hearing on Local Law No. 5 – Re-Zoning Tax Map Number 128.16-1-8 from the Industrial (I) District to the Residential Three (R-3) District

Robert McConnell – 82 Southside Drive – The neighbors do not want the property to be industrial they would not mind it being zoned R3.

Public Hearing closed at 7:03 pm.

Attorney McKertich – the county and village planning board have recommended the change from Industrial to R3. The Village Comprehensive Plan recommends that area be R3.

Decision by the Village Board should not be based on future village use of the property.

Motion by Trustee Ceccherelli, seconded by Trustee Morris, to have an executive session for client-attorney privilege. 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:

Ann Lockwood – passed out information from the Canton Fire Department on billing for ambulance service (copy on file at clerk's office).

Ann Lockwood - What is being done about the steps at the North Avenue underpass?

Rusty Fuller – is DOT coming to talk about no left turn from North Avenue to Main Street? Mayor Millar – yes – at the next board meeting.

Rusty Fuller – what if we abolish the Owego Fire Department, is it tied to the Articles of Incorporation?

Motion by Trustee Ceccherelli, seconded by Trustee Morris, to set a public hearing on 117 Liberty Street as an unsafe structure for October 5, 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

- Office Park Zone – Review of sign and parking rules

Motion by Mayor Millar, seconded by Trustee Hartman, to task the village attorney to review and make recommendation on changes to the sign and parking laws. 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

- Armstrong Place – one side parking

Due to the difficulty of cars and trucks going down Armstrong Street – Village to look into making parking only on the west side. Mayor Millar passed out a letter to Armstrong Place residents for their review and input.

Motion by Trustee Phelps, seconded by Trustee May, that the Village hold a joint meeting with the Town of Owego and the Town of Tioga on the possibility of forming a fire district.

Time: 7:00 PM
Place: 56 Main Street (Hubbard Auditorium – Tioga County Office Building)
Date: September 14, 2015

Trustee Morris – the fire department should come to the village board first with any proposal for the boards review.

Trustee Phelps – the meeting is a good idea – I want to hear what they have to say.

Mayor Millar – to me this could be worrisome to the village taxpayers.

Trustee Ceccherelli – huge tax increase exposure for the village.

Trustee Hartman – I want public input.

Fire Chief Gavin – Options to look at billing for ambulance service. Open up different avenues for revenue. It may be a benefit for the village.

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

Motion Carried 4-3

Motion by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Ceccherelli, to approve a parade permit for a vintage bicycle parade at 10:00 am on September 12, 2015 at Draper Park. 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 payment of bills for August 2015 as submitted by the clerk-treasurer (note: separate Voucher Summary Reports for General, Sewer, and Disbursement checking accounts per audit review).

General Checking Account	A.01	$275,629.11
Sewer Checking Account	G.01	$48,148.26
Disbursement Account:		
Sewer Upgrade	SU	$278,092.94
Sewer Maintenance Reserve	GK	$ 453.79

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

Motion Carried 5-0-2

Department Head Reports:

DPW Supt. Soules –

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To: Village of Owego Mayor Kevin Millar and Village Board of Trustees
From: Superintendent of Public Works - Jeff Soules
Date: September 4, 2015
RE: DPW Activity Report

- Sign inventory
- New playground fiber at parks
- Signs on Hill Street
- Investigate signs on Brown's Lane
- Lights on Riverwalk repairs
- Court Street Bridge Lights are fixed
- Submitted paperwork to close out Stakmore PW
- Wire light poles North Ave.
- Banners North Ave.
- New leaf machine has arrived
- Lights at OPD
- Trim trees George St.
- Clean out pole barn
- Assist Kids picnic in Marvin Park
- Stolen picnic table from Livingston Park
- Clean drop inlets/rebuild and black top placed
- 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.

- On the McMaster Street Extension – doing a straight shot – will do the cul-de-sac after sewer and water issues are worked out
- New leaf vacuum machine has arrived

WWTP Supt. Horton –

Date: 9/4/15

To: Village Board of Trustee's

From: Ron Horton, Supt. WWTP

Re: Department update

1. Construction continues, block walls have been laid for blower building, block walls are being laid for the headworks building, pin and doweling continue for walkways in existing north tank, 8" RAS line has been installed, electric conduit for blower building and headworks has been installed to outside the parking area.
2. Steel siding completed on bio-solids building.
3. Work on bio-solid storage area to begin week of Sept. 8th.
4. Project progress meeting was held Aug. 26th. Next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 30th.

Fire Chief Gavin –

Review Plan to purchase a used ambulance from Sherburne. The fire department reviewed other similar ambulance this was the lowest price and best fit for the village.

Motion by Trustee Ceccherelli, seconded by Trustee Hartman, to purchase a used ambulance from Sherburne at a price of $20,000.00. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Ceccherelli, Trustee Hartman, Trustee Manville, Trustee May, Trustee Morris, Trustee Phelps, and Mayor Millar voted aye.

Motion Carried 7-0

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Ceccherelli – no report

Trustee Hartman -

June 1, 2015 VOB Mtg.

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:

- OFDEMS has the following in the EMT Medics 'program: CFR (2) EMT-B (2) EMT-CC (2)

- OFD FF has (9) in Firefighter1 training.
- We now have (3) NYS Certified Instructors with another nearing completion of certifications.
- August 19, 2015 OFD EMS hosted a "Clandestine Labs/ Hazmat Training and certifications updates. Classes were taught by NYSP and Homeland Security. (45) Attended the training and were re-certified.
- August 29th & 30th 2015 OFD EMS/FP/Chief 873 attended an excellent; intense hands on NYS OFPC and NYSDOT "Emergency Responders Highway Safety" training program held at the Nichols, NY Fire Station that was sponsored by Tioga County Fire Coordinator's office. Nearly every Fire/EMS/FP unit in Tioga County was represented with a class of approximately 43 attending.
- OFD is scheduling and will host training classes on: Firefighter Survival and School Bus Extraction and Rescue. hosting

PLANNING / ZONING:

- **Planning Board** met on August 11, 2015 to rezone parcel on South-side Drive from "I" to "R3".
- **Planning and Zoning Boards** met on August 11, 2015 to review Special Use Permits and Variances for the Tioga County IDA "Garden Apts. Project.

WWTP- EDU's

- Met with Trustee Manville (Chair) and Trustee Morris on the status of the EDU resolving. Trustee Manville to provide report at Sept. 8, 2015 meeting.

Trustee Phelps –

- Thanks for the new street signs on the flats.
- 51 Front Street – review of OHPC ruling on a garage

Trustee Manville –

- Still looking into EDU billing
- Need a work shop for review of sewer rates and need to educate the public

Trustee May –

- Questions about new hires at OPD

Trustee Morris – no report

Public Comment:

Rusty Fuller – I have information on Armstrong Place if you would like it.

Into executive session at 8:14 pm
Back in regular session at 8:22 pm

Motion by Mayor Millar, seconded by Trustee Manville, to re-zone the Southside property 128.16-1-8 from Industrial to R3. Yes vote means change from Industrial to R3.

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

Motion Carried 6-1

SEQR Review – Part 2

All eleven (11) questions on Part 2 of the SEQR were answered as "no". Therefore, motion by Trustee Ceccherelli, seconded by Trustee Hartman, no negative effect. 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:

Robert McConnell – thanked the board for vote on changing the zoning on the Southside Property.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

MEETING DATE: 9-8-15 INSERT: A

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #	COMPANY REPRESENTED
June Lockwood	34 Grace St	242-2479	
Robert McConnell	82 Southside	873-2919	Resident
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