The Village of Owego Board of Trustees held a meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 7:00pm in the boardroom at 22 Elm Street, Owego, NY 13827 in person and virtually via GoToMeeting.

Mayor:	Michael Baratta
Trustees:	Rusty Fuller
	Ron Pelton
	Charles Plater
	Laura Spencer
	Fran VanHousen
Clerk-Treasurer:	Rod Marchewka
Attorney:	Nate VanWhy
Fire Chief:	Jim Morris
EMS Captain:	Paul Cole
DPW Superintendent:	Fred Ulrich
Director of Utilities:	Tracy Babcock
Absent:	Trustee Ed Morton

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

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Public Comment:

Discussion on Tioga Gardens, II –

James Gensel, President – Fagan Engineers out of Elmira, NY
Chris Roland – Edgemere Development
Christine Curtis – Tioga County IDA

Discussed setting a date for a public hearing for the dedication of Belva Lockwood Lane, Owego Gardens II. This discussion included:

1) Survey plan showing the Precise limit of the road to be dedicated
2) 93 units ready with a waiting list of 140
3) No additional cost for additional fire hydrants
4) Home Leasing has temporary ownership of the road
5) Planning & zoning board and former superintendent of public works reviewed the plans
6) New water tower installed
7) It is out of the flood plain
8) Village will receive a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes)

The Village has a list of concerns regarding Belva Lockwood Lane as follows:

1) Road incline is straight down the hill with nothing to slow a sliding vehicle down except the ditches.
2) There are no guard railings to prevent vehicles from going off the road

3) There are no sidewalks for pedestrian access, which means they will need to walk on the road. (Baby strollers, bicycles etc.)
4) The water runoff from the hill has been an issue since the beginning with the overflow running down the road and along Southside Drive a NYSDOT roadway creating issues in the future for the Village. These roads also get encapsulated in ice causing obvious issues.
5) The manhole covers are at different grade than the road which will cause problems with plowing (snow removal)
6) The access road is surrounded by wetlands, which will a problem in the future as salt runoff will invade these properties and will be a NYSDEC issue.
7) The road construction was never mentioned or monitored during construction to be built to NYS Standards. Core drilling multiple sections would be required to verify NYS Standards are adhered to.
8) Questions about the upper drainage being diverted into the sewer line chase running under the road.

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee VanHousen and seconded by Trustee Plater, to set a Public Hearing for February 21, 2023 for the purpose of the Village of Owego taking over the roadway owned by Owego Gardens II. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Fuller, Pelton, and Spencer voted no. Trustees VanHousen, Plater, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Failed 3-3

Department Head Reports:

EMS Captain Paul Cole –

January 3, 2023: Village of Owego EMS Department – Report

Reporting Period: December 2022

Operations December:

- Dispatched to (December):
  - 134 Emergency Medical calls for service for month.
  - 30 calls for mutual aid/ALS provided
  - TBD mutual aids received – Just received
- 41 Volunteers responded to calls in December.

Administration (above and beyond normal activities):

- Community CPR class was held for a local business for some of its employees.

Vehicles as of January 3, 2023:

- 2031:
  - 18808 miles. In service. No Known issues
- 2032:
  - 114297 miles. In service. No known issues
- 2033:
  - 119157 Miles. In Service. No Known issues

- 2051:
  - 44037 Miles. In Service. No known issues

Director of Utilities Tracy Babcock –

Joshua Bowen-Judson started taking his operator courses from home.

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee Pelton and seconded by Trustee Fuller, authorizing the purchase of a Wilo FA10.51E submersible pump for Delphine pump station not to exceed $9,000.00 to be paid out of G.8130.20.130 (which has a balance of $25,000.00). Roll Call Vote: Trustees Fuller, Pelton, Plater, Spencer, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Fire Chief Jim Morris –

Any update on SRO that Trustee Fuller is reviewing?

Trustee Fuller – reviewing and making revisions at this time.

Jaws of Life – more research needed and see if there is a state bid price available.

DPW Supt. Fred Ulrich –

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To: Village of Owego Mayor Mike Baratta and Village Board of Trustees
From: Superintendent of Public Works – Fred Ulrich
Date: January 3, 2023
RE: DPW Activity Report

- Repairs to Kubota Tractor
- Clear off bridge and underpass
- Clean Fire Station parking lot
- Clean out Hyde parking lot
- Trim back trees on Adaline, Charlotte, and West Ave.
- Repair Court Street Bridge lights
- Replace Plexi-glass windows in Cemetery Mortuary
- Remove snow on Lake Street and OPD parking lot
- Put up No Parking signs on Main Street for tree trimming
- Trim trees on John and Main Street
- Chip branches from tree trimming
- Christmas tree pickup
- Take down Lights on the River banners
- Clean out salt spreader
- Move salt to barn from salt delivery
- Install new drainage pump on Paige Street underpass
- Clean out Catch Basins
- Chip brush
- Measure DSNY cut outs on going
- Repair DPW equipment
- Pot hole patching on going
- Cleaning Drains
- Planning and Zoning meetings scheduled

- OHPC meetings scheduled

Any questions or concerns please call me.

Attorney Nate VanWhy - The request for a Public Hearing on Chapter 98 is on hold – I will provide more details later.

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee Fuller and seconded by Trustee Pelton, to approve the Payment of Bills as submitted by the Clerk Treasurer for the month of December 2022 as follows:

General Fund	-	**$ 95,834.38**
Emergency Medical Services	-	**$ 24,756.84**
Sewer Fund	-	**$617,393.95**
Total		**$737,985.17**

Roll Call Vote: Trustees Fuller, Pelton, Plater, Spencer, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee Spencer and seconded by Trustee VanHousen, to approve the board of trustee's minutes of December 19, 2022 as presented/amended by the clerk-treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Fuller, Pelton, Plater, Spencer, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Laura Spencer –

- The Village was awarded the ClimateSmart Communities Grant in the amount of $125,000.00
- The next OHPC meeting is Thursday, January 5, 2023

Trustee Ron Pelton –

- Question on roof repair at 90 Temple?

Trustee Fran VanHousen –

- Thanks to DPW for the work on the window installation at the mortuary chapel
- Reminder – the grant received by Mildred Faulkner Truman must be completed by July

Trustee Rusty Fuller –

- Need more research on the Fire Department request for Jaws of Life replacement – ARPA money is going fast – should be looking for a grant option

Communications:

- Mayor Baratta received a card from H.O.M. thanking the Village for all of their work for the Lights on the River event

- We received a letter from NYS DOT with information on the repaving of street in the Village scheduled for this summer. Copies handed out to the Trustees. Streets include North, Park, Court, etc.

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee VanHousen and seconded by Trustee Pelton, to move the February 6, 2023 meeting to Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 7:00pm because some of the board will be attending the NYCOM Conference. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Fuller, Pelton, Plater, Spencer, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee VanHousen and seconded by Trustee Pelton, to adjourn at 8:52pm.

Unanimously Carried

MEETING DATE: 1-3-23 INSERT: A

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #	COMPANY REPRESENTED
JAMES GRENSEL	FAGAN ENGINEERS		~~FA~~ TIOGA IDA
Chris Roland	Edgemere Development		Home Lasing
Mike DuVarney	679 Rise ST	6029721582	SCIA
Christine Curtis	TIDA 51 E Main Stowned	6076878259	TIOGA CO IDA