

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting

A Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting was held on Monday, August 1, 2022 beginning 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 (virtual)
Police Chief:	Joe Kennedy
EMS Captain:	Paul Cole
Absent:	Trustee Ed Morton

Insert “A” – Visitor Sheet – available for review at the Clerk’s Office.

Pledge and invocation.

Public Comment:

Tammi Seeley – 664 Cranes Nest Road, Owego, NY – informed the board that they would like to sponsor a farmers market on the gazebo side of the courthouse lawn on Saturday, September 17, 2022.

Trustee Spencer said the Comprehensive Plan recommended that area. Consensus of the board is to approve the request.

Porch Fest is set for August 6th on Front and Main Street.

Kevin Millar thanked the board for applying for the ClimateSmart Grant. The next step will be forming a task force. Kevin also thanked DPW and Ken Wolff for all their help with the Cannawanna Nature Area.

Julie Nucci – thanked the board for supporting the ClimateSmart Communities grant application.

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee VanHousen and seconded by Trustee Spencer, to approve the EMS fund applying for a credit card with Chemung Canal Trust Company with a \$5,000.00 spending limit. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Fuller, Pelton, Plater, Spencer, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee Fuller and seconded by Trustee Spencer, to approve payment of bills for the month of July as follows:

General Fund	-	\$299,803.71
EMS	-	\$ 37,299.48
Sewer Fund	-	<u>\$ 25,119.83</u>

Total \$362,223.02

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 Pelton, to approve the board of trustee's minutes of July 25, 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

Department Head Reports:

August 1, 2022: Village of Owego EMS Department – Report
Reporting Period: July
Operations June:

- Dispatched to:
 - 126 emergency medical calls for service for the month
 - 15 calls for mutual aid/ALS – provided
 - Mutual aid received – TBD
- 37 volunteers responded to calls

Administration:

- Attended a county meeting regarding Nichols EMS
- Reviewed Tioga County EMS “Study”

Vehicles as of July 5:

- 2031:
 - 18,109 miles. In service. No known issues
- 2032:
 - 103,121 miles. Out of service – unknown issue
- 2033:
 - 110,674 miles. In service. A/C compressor changed last week
- 2051:
 - 42,382 miles. No known issues

DWP Supt. Fred Ulrich –

MEMO

To: Village of Owego Mayor Mike Baratta and Village Board of Trustees

From: Superintendent of Public Works – Fred Ulrich

Date: August 1, 2022

RE: DPW Activity Report

- Hill Street Catch Basin Repair
- Pot hole patching on Font, Fox, John, West Ave., Erie, Spruce, Adaline, Paige and Ross Street
- Light pole repair Courthouse and Court Street Bridge

- Assemble bench for lobby of new municipal building
- Repairs Jacobsen Tractor #41
- Presentation at Kiwanis Club meeting
- Repairs Truck #25
- Block off Gazebo stairs for repairs
- Trim trees in Evergreen Cemetery
- North Ave street light repair
- Put up signage for Railroad work on East Main Street
- Install payment box in front of new municipal building
- Trim back weeds on Prospect Street and Fifth Ave.
- Hang flower baskets on North Ave. from Streetscape grant
- Repairs to seams at pool
- Install bike racks on North Ave. from Streetscape grant
- Make break away couples for Court Street bridge lights
- Repair picnic tables in Marvin Park
- Repairs to Pavilions in Marvin Park
- Attend Street Sweeper shared services agreement meeting at the County
- 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.

- The cleaning, trimming, and repairs to the gazebo are complete - Kiwanis will be painting it soon
- Pavilion, pool and pump house will be completed soon
- The recent North Avenue Streetscape (between Main Street and Temple Street) project is complete
- Working on tree trimming and black top patching in Evergreen Cemetery
- NYSEG replacing street light poles
- Stray cat issue is still intensive. Stray Haven will bring in a mobile neutering operation to help with the stray cat issue. The consensus of the board is to go ahead with the mobile neutering operation

National Nite Out is on August 2, 2022 at Marvin Park.

Clerk Treasurer Rod Marchewka –

- 2022-2023 Village tax bills were mailed out on the 31st

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Fran VanHousen –

Submitted a report from the 8-1-2022 Evergreen Cemetery Committee (copy is on file at the clerk's office).

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee VanHousen and seconded by Trustee Fuller, to approve Rick Kazmark as a new member of the Cemetery Committee. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Fuller, Pelton, Plater, Spencer, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Friends of the Evergreen Cemetery will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 1pm to 3pm.

Communications:

- Ribbon cutting at Home Central on Tuesday, August 2nd at 11:30am
- Porchfest is scheduled for Saturday, August 5th
- Monster Trucks will again be at Marvin Park
- The Kid's Picnic sponsored by the VFW and Legion was held on July 30th and was a big success with an estimated attendance of between 500 & 600 adults and children

Public Comment:

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.