

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting

A Village of Owego Mayor and Board of Trustees Meeting was held on Monday, October 18, 2021 beginning at 7:00 pm at 20 Elm Street, Owego, NY 13827 in person and virtually via GoToMeeting.

Deputy Mayor:	Michael Baratta
Trustees:	Laura Eberly Rusty Fuller Ed Morton (online) Ron Pelton Fran VanHousen
Clerk-Treasurer:	Rod Marchewka
Attorney:	Nate VanWhy
C&G Intern:	Gina Middletown
DPW Supt.:	Jeff Soules
EMS Captain:	Robin Shaver
Absent:	Trustee Plater

Sign in sheet "A"

Pledge of allegiance. Moment of silence for the passing of Four Star General and Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell.

Invocation.

Public Comment:

None.

Department Head Reports:

EMS Captain Robin Shaver –

- 115 calls in 17 days
- Turn-around time at hospitals are between ½ hour to 45 minutes due to over crowding
- Still need to get the territory issue resolved
- There is currently no Tioga Contract. Would like a letter to be able to bill for ambulance services
- Would like old air tanks removed to the basement due to lack of space in central fire station (EMS will help move tanks). Trustee Fuller will get with Fire Chief Morris
- New ambulance is a godsend for transporting heavier patients
- Sent a letter opposing union ambulance moving into Owego territory

Motion by Trustee VanHousen, seconded Trustee Pelton, to approve membership into the Owego EMS for Leonard Fore, 1228 Straits Corners, Owego, NY 13827. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Eberly, Fuller, Morton, Pelton, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Captain Shaver is still working on finding another full-time EMS employee.

DPW Supt. Jeff Soules –

MEMO

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

From: Superintendent of Public Works - Jeff Soules

Date: October 18, 2021

RE: DPW Activity Report

- Install flat screen TV in boardroom
- Install drainage pipe in Winey Wood
- Ash burial Evergreen Cemetery
- Change tires on Truck #25
- Meeting with Suez Water
- Truck #25 annual inspection
- Zoom meeting for CRS Management Software
- Street light repair
- Blacktop drainage project on Winey Wood
- Meeting with Delta and contractors for DPW building
- Chip tree branches and brush
- Forever green property maintenance – on going
- 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.

Motion by Trustee Fuller, seconded by Trustee Eberly, at recommendation of Supt. Soules that the following DPW workers receive a \$1.00 per hour raise effective with the beginning of the next pay period:

**Ken Wolff
Joseph Miner
Keegan Bulger**

Roll Call Vote: Trustees Eberly, Fuller, Morton, Pelton, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Trustee Fullers, seconded by Trustee Eberly, at the recommendation of Chief Kennedy the hiring of Ronald Plocek as a part-time police officer at a starting salary of \$20.00 per hour effective October 18, 2021 subject to the minimum probationary period. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Eberly, Fuller, Morton, Pelton, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Trustee Fuller, seconded by Trustee VanHousen, approving Police Chief Kennedy apply for a DASNY/SAM grant in the amount of \$72,136.00. This is a no cost grant to the Village tax-payers. Monies will be used for the purchase of a police vehicle & all necessary equipment to outfit it, upgrade house and patrol computers; outfit officers with tasers, body cameras and portable radios. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Eberly, Fuller, Morton, Pelton, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Trustee Fuller, seconded by Trustee Eberly, to approve payments for the new municipal building in the amount of \$404,809.55 for the following contractors:

Petcosky	\$6,850.75
Edger	\$374,797.80
Slavik	\$23,161.00

Roll Call Vote: Trustees Eberly, Fuller, Morton, Pelton, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Trustee Fuller, seconded by Trustee Pelton, to approve payments for the new municipal building in the amount of \$260,624.88 for the following contractors:

Petcosky	\$63,590.13
Edger	\$168,492.00
Slavik	\$7,932.50
Nelcorp	\$20,610.25

Roll Call Vote: Trustees Eberly, Fuller, Morton, Pelton, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Trustee Fuller, seconded by Trustee Pelton, to approve the Resolution from the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium and authorize the mayor to sign the 2022 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement. (It has been reviewed by Nate and he sees no issues). Roll Call Vote: Trustees Eberly, Fuller, Morton, Pelton, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Trustee Pelton, seconded by Trustee Eberly, to approve the following:

Resolution

Declare Lobar, Inc., Village of Owego WWTP Disinfection Improvement Project Complete and Authorize Final Payment to the Contractor

WHEREAS, Hunt Engineers has issued a certificate of substantial competition for the Lobar Inc, Village of Owego WWTP Disinfection Improvement Project and recommends that final payment in full be paid to said contractor, and

WHEREAS, Lobar, Inc. has presented the Village with final draw request #8 in the amount of \$50,000.75 to pay their final contract amount in full, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lobar, Inc, Village of Owego WWTP Disinfection Improvement Project be declared complete and final payment in the amount of \$50,000.75 be authorized to be paid by the Village Treasurer.

Roll Call Vote:

**Trustee Eberly Aye
Trustee Fuller Aye
Trustee Morton Aye
Trustee Pelton Aye
Trustee VanHousen Aye
Mayor Baratta Aye**

Motion Carried 6-0

Discussion on sale of cannabis in the Village.

Motion by Trustee VanHousen, seconded by Trustee Fuller, to set a public hearing date of November 15, 2021 at 7:00pm at 20 Elm Street, Owego, NY regarding a local law entitled “A LOCAL LAW ENTITLED ‘CANNABIS LAW § 31 OPT-OUT.’” The purpose of this Local Law is to opt-out of licensing and establishing retail cannabis dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption establishments in the Village of Owego. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Fuller, Morton, Pelton, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta vote aye. Trustee Eberly voted no.

Motion Carried 5-1

Motion by Trustee Eberly, seconded by Trustee Fuller, to approve the Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of 10-4-2021 with the addition of the comment Trustee VanHousen made on plastic on windows at 90 Temple by Trustee VanHousen. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Eberly, Fuller, Morton, Pelton, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Trustee VanHousen had a question on perpetual care fund and the \$5,000.00 donation and would like all cemetery funds listed together on the Bank Activity Sheet.

Motion by Trustee Fuller, seconded by Trustee Eberly, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for September as submitted by the clerk-treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Eberly, Fuller, Morton, Pelton, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Eberly –

- Planning board to meet on October 26, 2021 at 7:00pm
- Zoning board to meet on October 27, 2021 at 6:00pm
- OHPC has sent their report to the trustees

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Thanks to Pat Gavin for all the work done on the Steamer House Project.

Meg (DPW) has said no to being a secretary for planning and zoning boards.

Attorney VanWhy – by state law minutes must be taken and filed. It is going on two years – action must be taken to correct this soon.

Mayor Baratta volunteered to take minutes for a few meetings to help get them back on track. They may need to move to a bigger meeting room due to large crowd at the last meeting.

Trustee Fuller –

The PBA is sponsoring a community bonfire on Friday, October 22, 2021 at Marvin Park.

Mayor's Report:

Fire House Subs will be at the central fire station this week.

Public Comment:

Pat Gavin – Firemen's Fountain has been shut down for the winter. John Boland will be painting the base. The Steamer Project is moving forward. Thanks to the board and Supt. Soules for their support.

Trustee Pelton – I have a report of someone sleeping in the gazebo. OPD to look into this.

Motion by Trustee Fuller, seconded by Trustee Eberly, to adjourn at 8:45pm.

Unanimously Approved.