

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting

A Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting was held on Monday, July 18 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 Ed Morton (virtual) Ron Pelton Charles Plater Laura Spencer Fran VanHousen
Clerk-Treasurer:	Rod Marchewka
Attorney:	Nate VanWhy (virtual)
Police Chief:	Joe Kennedy
EMS Captain:	Paul Cole
Hunt Engineers:	James Peckham, PE

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

Pledge and invocation.

7:00pm Public Hearing on a Local Law Authorizing the Village of Owego Public Bodies and Its Committees and Subcommittees to Use Videoconferencing Technology to Participate in Public Meetings.

No public comment.

Public Hearing closed at 7:02pm.

All board will follow the new law.

No SEQR needed (Type 2) it is meant to be flexible.

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee Fuller and seconded by Trustee Spencer, to approve the following Resolution:

VILLAGE OF OWEGO

A RESOLUTION APPROVING LOCAL LAW NO. 3 of 2022

At a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Owego held on the 18th day of July, 2022, the following resolution was offered and seconded:

WHEREAS, notice was given that the Village Board scheduled a public hearing for July 18, 2022 at 20 Elm Street, Owego, NY for Local Law No. 3 of the Year 2022 entitled “A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF OWEGO’S PUBLIC BODIES AND ITS COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES TO USE VIDEOCONFERENCING TECHNOLOGY TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC MEETINGS”; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Village and posted on the Village Clerk’s signboard; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on the 18th day of July, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, it has been determined by the Village Board that adoption of the proposed Local Law constitutes a Type II Action as defined under 6 NYCRR 617.5(26) and (33); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Village to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby adopts said local law as Local Law No. 3 of 2022, entitled “A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF OWEGO’S PUBLIC BODIES AND ITS COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES TO USE VIDEOCONFERENCING TECHNOLOGY TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC MEETINGS” a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and be it

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk be and hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State; and be it

RESOLVED that this resolution will take effect immediately upon filing with the Department of State.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

Public Comment:

Josh & Teri Whitmore – 58 North Avenue had complaint and concerns about garbage piling up out back, homeless people sleeping out back an on benches. Possible police and code violations. Both code and OPD have been made aware of these problems and will take appropriate action.

Mike Duvarney – 67 Paige Street – complaint about kids on go carts using Village streets and a construction trailer parked on Spencer Avenue.

Village Clerk Rod Marchewka swore in two new full-time police officers Nathan Aurelio & Justin Ketchum. Pictures were taken with the police chief, mayor, and board. Congratulations to Nathan & Justin.

Department Head Reports:

EMS Captain Paul Cole –

July 18, 2022: Village of Owego EMS Department – Report
Reporting Period: July 1 – 18

Operations June:

- Dispatched to:
 - 60 emergency medical calls for service so far for the month
- Administration:
 - Zachary Dewar elected to membership
 - Jennifer O'Brien resigned – moved to Wilkes-Barre

Vehicles as of July 17:

- 2031 – 17,748 miles. In service. No known issues.
- 2032 – 102,759 miles. In service after radiator replacement. No known issues.
- 2033 – 109,816 miles. In service. Siren repairs. No known issues.
- 2051 – 42,468 miles. In service. No known issues.

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee VanHousen and seconded by Trustee Fuller, to approve Zachary E. Dewar of 1797, E. Campville Road, Endicott, NY as a new volunteer in the Village of Owego EMS. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Fuller, Morton, Pelton, Plater, Spencer, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 7-0

DPW Supt. Ulrich –

MEMO

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

From: Superintendent of Public Works – Fred Ulrich

Date: July 18, 2022

RE: DPW Activity Report

- Cone off sinkhole on Farm Street and East Main Street
- Fill in pot holes Evergreen Cemetery
- Survey of catch basins for repair
- Water hydrant repair Marvin Park
- Repair pavilion wall Marvin Park
- Marvin Park light repairs
- Hang signage pool area
- Pick up frame and grates for catch basin repair
- Repair bleachers in grandstand
- Catch basin repair on Spruce, Talcott, and Hill Street
- Mow property on West Ave. and corner of Main and Fulton Street
- Pot hole patching on West Ave. and Cove Street
- Clean dirt pile in Marvin Park
- 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.

Projects include:

- Mowing
- 15 tons of road patch
- Tree trimming
- New street sweeper (shared services – Town of Owego/Village of Nichols/Tioga County)

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee Fuller and seconded by Trustee Spencer, to waive the liquor rules for the Owego Fire Department for Saturday, September 24, 2022 at the Firemen’s Pavilion at Marvin Park and issue a liquor permit. Roll Call Vote Trustees Fuller, Morton, Pelton, Plater, Spencer, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 7-0

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee Fuller and seconded by Trustee VanHousen, to waive alcohol rules for the Rainbow Trail and permit them to serve alcohol August 9th thru the 13th at the Tioga County Fair in the Firemen’s Pavilion at the Tioga County Fair. Serving must be in a fenced in area only and permits them to sell alcohol for that time period only. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Fuller, Morton, Pelton, Plater, Spencer, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 7-0

Discussion on installing 10 LED lights at a cost of \$134.00 each in Marvin Park. No action taken.

Trustee Ed Morton left the meeting.

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee Fuller and seconded by Trustee Spencer, to approve the Kids Picnic sponsored by the VFW on July 30th at Marvin Park and allow parking in non-parking areas of the park as per DPW superintendent approval. 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 Pelton, to approve the National Nite Out from 5pm to 8pm on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 in Marvin Park. This event is sponsored by OPD, EMS, and the OFD first responders. There will be a bounce house, food, and touch a truck. Parking will be allowed in non-designated parking areas of Marvin Park as long as approval is given from the DPW superintendent. 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 following 2022-2023 Tax Warrant:

Tax Warrant

To: Rodney M. Marchewka, Village of Owego Clerk-Treasurer

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to receive and collect from the persons named in the tax roll hereunto annexed, the several sums stated in the last column hereof opposite their respective names, being a total of:

For the current budget:	\$ 2,266,166
For charges for services (code):	0.00
For releived sewer rent and charges:	<u>\$261,349.07</u>
Total:	\$2,527,515.07

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED to receive and collect such sums without additional charges between the first day of August and the thirty-first day of August 2022 both inclusive; and therefore to collect with such of the sums as have not been thereof collected an additional charge of five per centum for each month or fraction thereof until November 15, 2022 when turned over to Tioga County for collection.

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED to deliver to the Tioga County Treasurer on or after the 15th day of November 2022, the list of unpaid taxes as described for collection.

Dated: July 7, 2022
Tax Rate: 20.339992
On the assessed value of: \$111,414,304

**Michael Baratta III, Mayor
Village of Owego**

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

Motion Carried 6-0

Discussion on New York ClimateSmart Communities:

- Cost
- Benefits
- In kind services
- Silver Jackets Training
- Code enforcement/software training
- Benefit to joining CRS
- 5-year project – where is the money coming from?

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee Spencer and seconded by Trustee Fuller, to hold a special meeting on July 25th at 7:00pm to authorize the applying for the NYS ClimateSmart Communities Grant because more details are needed and cost. Roll Call Vote: Trustees

Fuller, Plater, Spencer, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye. Trustee Pelton voted no.

Motion Carried 5-1

James Peckham, P.E. from Hunt Engineers discussed the DRI Village projects and reviewed:

- 1) Art Park
- 2) Marvin Park
- 3) Skate Park
- 4) River Trails
- 5) Fire station roof and clock tower
- 6) Street lighting on Southside Drive
- 7) Boat launch

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee Plater and seconded by Trustee VanHousen, to approve hiring Jake Toton full-time as a Motor Equipment Operator (MEO) as of August 1, 2022 at a rate of \$15.00 per hour with an eight (8) week probationary period. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Fuller, Pelton, Plater, Spencer, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee Plater and seconded by Trustee Pelton, to approve hiring Derek Judson full-time as a Motor Equipment Operator (ME) as of August 1, 2022 at a rate of \$15.00 per hour with an eight (8) week probationary period. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Fuller, Pelton, Plater, Spencer, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 6-0

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee Plater and seconded by Trustee Pelton, to approve hiring Justin Kackmeister full-time as an auto mechanic as of August 1, 2022 at a rate of \$20.00 per hour with an eight (8) week probationary period. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Fuller, Pelton, Plater, Spencer, VanHousen voted aye. Mayor Baratta abstained.

Motion Carried 5-1

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee Fuller and seconded by Trustee Spencer, to approve the transfer of \$10,095.00 from A.2705 (Gifts and Donations) to A.8810.40.240 (road maintenance) for guardrails at Evergreen Cemetery. 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 the transfer of \$10,572.97 from A.2705 (Gifts and Conations) to A.3120.40.020 (Ammunition) for ammunition for the officers. 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 the transfer of ARPA money in the amount of \$7,715.39 to pool repairs (A.7988.40.056). 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 the transfer of ARPA money in the amount of \$26,880.00 for 50% down on the DPW garage roof to shared services (A.1620.40.093). 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 Fuller, to approve the board of trustee's minutes of June 21, 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

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee Spencer and seconded by Trustee Fuller, to approve the board of trustee's minutes of June 27, 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

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee Spencer and seconded by Trustee Pelton, to approve the board of trustee's minutes of July 5, 2022 as presented/amended by the clerk-treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Fuller, Pelton, Plater, Spencer, and Mayor Baratta voted aye. Trustee VanHousen abstained.

Motion Carried 5-1

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee Spencer and seconded by Trustee Fuller, to approve the Treasurer's Report for June as submitted 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 Spencer –

- Met with Jayme Breschard
- The next OHPC meeting is scheduled for the first Thursday in August

Trustee Pelton –

- The old middle school is becoming an eyesore, there are a lot of junk vehicles

Trustee Plater –

- Pool is working fine

Mayor's Report:

- Update on Monster Truck Rally's request to use Marvin Park – the Village is not interested in renting the park for that venue at this time

Public Comment:

None.

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee Fuller and seconded by Trustee Plater, to adjourn at 10:55pm.

Unanimously Approved