

Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting

A Village of Owego Mayor and Board of Trustees Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 beginning at 7:00 pm at 20 Elm Street, Owego, NY 13827.

Deputy Mayor:	Rusty Fuller
Trustees:	Laura Eberly Ron Pelton Charles Plater Fran VanHousen
Clerk-Treasurer:	Rod Marchewka
Attorney:	Nate VanWhy
DPW Supt.:	Jeff Soules
EMS Captain:	Robin Shaver
Fire Chief:	Jim Morris
Absent:	Mike Baratta Ed Morton

Pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Deputy Mayor Fuller chaired the meeting in Mike Baratta's absence.

Public Comment:

Mandy Neira & Liz Skovia presented a parade permit request to close off Lake Street from 6:00pm to 9:00pm on October 29, 2021 for a costume parade.

The Village Board to review - no action taken.

Julie Nucci – addressed the Board on the Community Rating System for flood insurance.

There is only one outstanding FEMA violation and that concerns Weitzman's elevation certificate. DPW Supt. Soules to look into the problem.

Jeff – former code did not tell Weitsman that they would need a Flood Plain Management Certificate.

Jeff VanWagenen –

- Still need secretary to take minutes for the Planning & Zoning Boards (will pay \$50 per meeting)
- West Main Street water line project has started. SUEZ has been in touch with Delta on water lines for the new DPW Building
- Fire hydrant training as follows:
  - Owego – 9-14-2021
  - Nichols – 9-13-2021
- Village to receive 20 new fire hydrant wrenches
- George Street and West Avenue are now complete.

Department Head Reports:

EMS Captain Shaver -

- EMS Captain Robin Shaver – would like to thank SUEZ Water for the donation of car seats for ambulances
- 169 calls in August
- 1,011 for the year

**Motion by Trustee VanHousen, seconded by Trustee Eberly, to accept Lucas Kemmerling into the EMS Squad. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Eberly, Fuller, Pelton, Plater, and VanHousen voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 5-**

Interviews are ongoing for EMT position.

Fire Chief Jim Morris –

- 5 new fire department applicants

**Motion by Trustee Fuller, seconded by Trustee Plater, to approve Tyler J. Taft, 893 Glen Mary Drive, for new membership into Company #5 as a junior firefighter. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Eberly, Fuller, Pelton, Plater, and VanHousen voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 5-0**

**Motion by Trustee Fuller, seconded by Trustee Plater, to approve Steven Bidwell, 395 Glen Mary Drive, for new membership into Company #5 as a junior firefighter. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Eberly, Fuller, Pelton, Plater, and VanHousen voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 5-0**

**Motion by Trustee Fuller, seconded by Trustee Plater, to approve Josh Morley, 2878 Marshland Road, for new membership into Company #5 as a junior firefighter. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Eberly, Fuller, Pelton, Plater, and VanHousen voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 5-0**

**Motion by Trustee Fuller, seconded by Trustee Plater, to approve Kenneth Coleman, 861 Glen Mary Drive, for new membership into Company #5 as a junior firefighter. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Eberly, Fuller, Pelton, Plater, and VanHousen voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 5-0**

**Motion by Trustee Fuller, seconded by Trustee Plater, to approve Emma Roden, 26 Talcott Street, for new membership into Company #2. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Eberly, Fuller, Pelton, Plater, and VanHousen voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 5-0**

- New training on water rescue
- AFG Grant is still out
- Someone is reporting license plates stolen but they are not

Utilities Director Tracy Babcock –

**Motion by Trustee Pelton, seconded by Trustee Eberly, to approve the low bid purchase of two (2) 6” Pratt Industrial Butterfly Valves, bids as follows:**

<b>R.M. Headlee</b>	-	<b>\$11,238.00</b>
<b>Koester</b>	-	<b>\$16,814.00</b>
<b>Siewert</b>	-	<b>\$12,696.00</b>

**Purchase will be from R.M. Headlee at a cost not to exceed \$12,500.00.**

**Roll Call Vote: Trustees Eberly, Fuller, Pelton, Plater, and VanHousen voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 5-0**

- Working on quotes on the WC System on digester – low quote so far is \$17,500
- UV System is up and running – tests show a “2” when it can be up to “200”

DPW Supt. Jeff Soules –

- Two (2) trucks are down – waiting on parts
- Pump station on Erie Street – 1 pump has failed. The other is on last legs. Cost would be about \$33,000.00 – money to come from the CHIPS Fund

**MEMO**

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

From: Superintendent of Public Works - Jeff Soules

Date: September 7, 2021

RE: DPW Activity Report

- Plant grass seed on Water Street Lot
- Repair alternator on Truck #55 and replace fuel filters
- Cup up tree in Evergreen Cemetery
- Clean drains from rain storm on August 18
- Pick up barrels and branches from rain storm
- Clean up down trees on Water Street
- Trim weeds at Draper and Mayor Parks
- Full burial Evergreen Cemetery, Section 9, Lot 52
- New tires on Cemetery John Deere mower
- Ash burial Evergreen Cemetery, Section 6, Lot 24
- Catch basin clean out and repair on George Street
- Bee removal in Section 6 Evergreen Cemetery
- Trim brush in Parking lot behind OPD
- Mow Erie Street and Fire Training area
- Mow grass on the corner of Main Street and Spencer Ave.
- Meeting at OPD new water line install
- 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 Eberly, seconded by Trustee Pelton, to approve the following transfers:**

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A.3089 State Aid Payment for contractors	A.1490.40.093 – New Muni Bldg.	\$115,209.18
A.3090 State Grants	A.8668.40.446 – Rehabilitation Loans	\$48,250.70
E.4540.10.110 EMS Full-time Mistakenly taken out of General Fund instead of EMS Fund	A.4540.10.110 – EMS FT-General Fund	\$2,673.83
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$166,133.71</b>

**Roll Call Vote: Trustees Eberly, Fuller, Pelton, Plater, and VanHousen voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 5-0**

**Motion by Trustee Eberly, seconded by Trustee Pelton, to approve pay applications in the amount of \$293,158.31 for the contractors of the new DPW/Municipal Bldg. as follows:**

Nelcorp	-	\$10,003.50
Slavik	-	\$ 3,420.00
Petcosky	-	\$61,133.16
Edger	-	\$218,601.65

**Roll Call Vote: Trustees Eberly, Fuller, Pelton, Plater, and VanHousen voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 5-0**

**Motion by Trustee Eberly, seconded by Trustee Pelton, to approve the Village of Owego Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2021 with corrections. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Eberly, Fuller, Pelton, Plater, and VanHousen voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 5-0**

**Motion by Trustee Pelton, seconded by Trustee Eberly, to approve the two (2) sets of Payment of Bills as follows:**

<b>FY2022 P1</b>	
General Fund	\$294,177.03
Emergency Medical Service	\$12,621.61
Sewer Fund	\$118,498.71
Main Plant Upgrade	<u>\$25,191.73</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$450,489.08</b>

<b>FY2021 P12 (Accounts Payables)</b>	
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$65,154.67</b>
<b>Sewer Fund</b>	<b><u>\$4,458.31</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$72,612.98</b>

**Roll Call Vote: Trustees Eberly, Fuller, Pelton, Plater, and VanHousen voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 5-0**

Trustee Reports:

Trustee VanHousen –

**Motion by Trustee VanHousen, seconded by Trustee Pelton, to authorize a pay increase of \$1.00 per hour from \$23.11 per hour to \$24.11 per hour for EMT Sonya Bement starting with the next pay period. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Eberly, Fuller, Pelton, Plater, and VanHousen voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 5-0**

- Phase 1 of the taking down of trees in the Evergreen Cemetery is half-way done
- Grants for the Evergreen Cemetery have been submitted
- New pot holes and road repair in the cemetery
- Discussion on what to do with the DPW Building
- Discussion on smoking and smoking marijuana in the parks and on sidewalks, etc.
- Discussion on Planning and Zoning Boards applications for Liberty and Temple Project and the Steamer House on North Avenue – nothing voted on yet

Trustee Pelton –

- Still have a lot of wrong-way traffic on Spencer
- Catch basins – if you live by one, please help out and clean them if you can

Deputy Mayor Fuller –

**Motion, by Trustee Fuller, seconded by Trustee Eberly, to declare the OPD canine car (Crown Vic) as surplus. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Eberly, Fuller, Pelton, Plater, and VanHousen voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 5-0**

Discussion on proposed code change.

**Motion by Deputy Mayor Fuller, seconded by Trustee Eberly, to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7:00pm at 20 Elm Street, Owego, NY, regarding proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2021 Chapter 117, entitled “Flood Damage Prevention”. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Eberly, Fuller, Pelton, Plater, and VanHousen voted aye.**

**Motion Carried 5-0**

Public Comment:

Mike DuVarney – as a smoker I think restrictions are getting out of hand.

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**Motion by Deputy Mayor Fuller, seconded by Trustee Eberly, to adjourn at 8:43pm.**

**Unanimously Approved**