

Village of Owego
22 Elm Street
Owego, NY 13827

AGENDA

Regular Meeting

Monday, September 18, 2023

7:00pm

Mayor – Mike Baratta, III
Clerk-Treasurer Rod M. Marchewka
at 22 Elm Street, Owego, NY 13827

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<i>Mayor</i>	<i>Mike Baratta</i>	
<i>1st Ward</i>	<i>Ed Morton</i>	<i>Finance/Grants/Insurance</i>
<i>1st Ward</i>	<i>Laura Spencer</i>	<i>OHPC/Grant/Zoning/Planning</i>
<i>2nd Ward</i>	<i>David Farrell</i>	<i>WWTP/Personnel</i>
<i>2nd Ward</i>	<i>Charles Plater</i>	<i>Deputy Mayor/DPW/Code Enforcement/Personnel, Fire</i>
<i>3rd Ward</i>	<i>Fran VanHousen</i>	<i>EMS/Cemetery</i>
<i>3rd Ward</i>	<i>Rusty Fuller</i>	<i>Police</i>

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- Public Comment
- Department Head Reports
- MOA
 - Resolved, upon Motion by _ and seconded by _, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Village of Owego and the Owego PBA.
- Parade Permit
 - Resolved, upon Motion by _ and seconded by _, to approve the OACSD Home Coming Parade Permit.
- Unclaimed Money
 - Resolved, upon Motion by _ and seconded by _, to approve the use of abandoned /unclaimed evidence destruction currency be spent on expenses for National Night Out using the celebration (A.7550.0) expenditure account.
- Minutes
 - Resolved upon Motion by _ and seconded by _, to approve the board minutes of September 5, 2023.
 - Resolved, upon Motion by __ and seconded by __, to approve the board minutes of August 7, 2023 as presented/amended by the clerk-treasurer.
 - Resolved, upon Motion by __ and seconded by __, to approve the board minutes of July 17, 2023 as presented/amended by the clerk-treasurer.
- Trustee Reports
- Communications
- Mayor's Report
- Public Comment

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Agreement is entered into by and between the negotiating teams for Village of Owego (“Village”) and The Owego Police Benevolent Association (“PBA”), referred to collectively as the “parties.”

WHEREAS, the Village and the PBA are parties to a collective bargaining agreement which has an expiration date of July 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2023, the PBA, in light of the Village’s receipt of federal funds as a result of the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA funds”), demanded that the Village negotiate compensation for each member of the PBA who worked during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Village and PBA have, in an effort to continue a harmonious relationship between the parties, engaged in good-faith negotiations regarding the Village’s receipt of federal funds as a result of the ARPA funds, and the provision of certain portions of the ARPA funds to employees in the PBA’s bargaining unit who worked between March 1, 2020 and February 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Village intends to provide a single, lump sum payment to certain PBA unit members in recognition of their hard work and dedication to ensuring the continued provision of services to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Village and PBA agree as follows:

1. Currently employed PBA members who worked for the Village any time during the period of March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021 (“applicable time period”) (i.e., Police Officers Pike, Starzak, Demuth, Parker and Winchell) shall receive from the Village, in the first full pay period after Village approval of this agreement, a single, lump-sum payment of \$1,600.00, subject to applicable taxes, withholdings and deductions.
2. The Village agrees that should it make a payment to any other Village employee(s) as a Covid bonus in an amount higher than that paid to PBA members as recited in paragraph 1 above, it shall notify the PBA and increase its members’ payments to equal that payment. Said increase will be paid in the first full pay period after the payment to the other employee(s).
3. The PBA and Village agree that the ARPA payment is the result of negotiations between the Parties and is in full and complete satisfaction of any bargaining obligations the Village may have regarding additional pay for work conducted by PBA members during the COVID pandemic, bonuses related to funds the Village received as a result of the COVID pandemic, and related issues of premium pay, hazard pay or COVID bonuses.

4. Any dispute between the Parties regarding this MOA and issues related thereto shall be resolved in accordance with the grievance procedure in the CBA.

FOR THE VILLAGE

FOR THE PBA

Michael Baratta III Date
Mayor

Andrew Pike Date
President



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Village of Owego

20 Elm Street

Owego, New York 13827

Office of the Mayor	607/687-1710	Village Police Dept.	607/687-2233
Village Clerk/Treas.	607/687-3555	FAX	607/687-2235
FAX	607/687-1787	Dept. of Public Works/Code	607/687-1101
Sewer Dept.	607/687-2282	FAX	607/687-1062
FAX	607/687-2344	Village Garage	607/687-1221

PARADE PERMIT APPLICATION

Date of Application: Sept 6, 2023 Day/Date of Assembly: Oct 14th 2023
 Name of Organization: Owego Apakcha School District Rain Date: _____
 Address: Sheldon Side Blvd.
 Purpose of Assembly: OFA Home coming
 Person Making the Request: Wasyla Phone: (607) 343-3816
 Person in Charge of the Assembly: Ryan Hallenbeck Phone: (607) 760-2043
 Person in Charge of Clean Up: same Phone: _____
 Parade Marshall's Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Forming Time: 10:00 AM Moving Time: 11:00 AM
 Forming Location: Temple St # of Divisions: _____
 Parade Route: Temple St, North Ave, George St, Sheldon Side Blvd.

Is police protection required? Yes No SRO Patrols

Equipment Required? ie Barricades, trash receptacles, etc.

Temple St blocked off for set up

Approve Disapprove/Reason: _____

[Signature]
Chief of Police, Village of Owego

Village Board notified on this date: _____ Approved request on: _____

Request denied on this date/reason: _____

Village Clerk Treasurer

NOTE: List of parade units participating in the parade must be submitted to the Owego Police at least 14 days prior to the assembly date.

Parade Reference: Village Code of Ordinances Section 150-10 (a) (b)

AFTER THE EVENT

Were there any known reportable injuries during this assembly? No Yes
If yes, give name of injured, names of witnesses and description of the incident in detail:

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Print Name: _____

Cc: Superintendent of Public Works, Clerk Treasurer, Chief of Police

VILLAGE OF OWEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Joseph Kennedy
90 Temple Street Owego, New York 13827



Phone (607) 687-2234
FAX (607) 687-2235

Email: opdchief2386@gmail.com

TO: Chief Joseph Kennedy

FROM: Inv. Shane W. Rollison

RE: ABANDONED / UNCLAIMED / EVIDENCE DESTRUCTION CURRENCY

Chief Kennedy,

I Inv. Shane W. Rollison am a Police Officer with the Village of Owego Police Department and been serving as a Police Officer since 1995. My current rank is Police Investigator and I have been working for the Owego Police Department since January 24TH 2020. I am assigned as the Evidence Custodian for the Village of Owego Police Department and assume all responsibilities related to any and all evidence currently in the possession of the Village of Owego Police Department. I am writing this letter to inform you that on Wednesday the 6TH day of September 2023, I am turning over the following monies to the Village of Owego which have been deemed abandoned / unclaimed and / or acquired due to evidence destruction. Copies of evidence sheets and further documentation can be provided upon request.

Case #'s:

55714	21 E 0038	\$60.00 - TOT'd Village by victim
59577	22 E 0015	\$60.00 - unclaimed / abandoned
23V-00516	23 E 0026	\$20.00 - unclaimed / abandoned
23V-00528	23 E 0025	\$240.00 - unclaimed / abandoned

TOTAL: \$380.00

Respectfully:

Inv. Shane W. Rollison #761

Village of Owego Police Department

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S. Rollison", with the number "#761" written to the right of the signature.

Inv. Shane W. Rollison 09/06/2023

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Kennedy", written over a horizontal line.

Chief Joseph Kennedy 09/06/2023

The Village of Owego Board of Trustees held a meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7:00pm in the boardroom at 22 Elm Street, Owego, NY 13827 in person and virtually via GoToMeeting.

Mayor:	Michael Baratta
Trustees:	David Farrell
	Rusty Fuller
	Ed Morton (virtual)
	Charles Plater
	Laura Spencer
	Fran VanHousen

Clerk-Treasurer:	Rod Marchewka
EMS Captain:	Paul Cole

Virtual attendee - Julie Nucci

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Insert "A" - Sign in Sheet

Public Comment:

Cindie L. Bobnick - 289 Front Street asked the following questions:

- 1) Are OHPC meetings video tapped? Mayor Baratta - normally yes.
- 2) How long does it take to get approval from OHPC on a project? Mayor Baratta - about one month.
- 3) Do you have to live in the Village to be on the OHPC? Mayor Baratta - no.

Mike Duvarney - 67 Paige Street - planning board member - we need help for our meetings for video conferencing.

Department Head Reports:

EMS Captain Paul Cole -

September 5, 2023: Village of Owego EMS Department – Report
Reporting Period: August 2023

Operations:

- Dispatched to this month:
 - 148 Emergency Medical calls for service
 - 20 Mutual Aide/ALS Assist Provided
 - 16 Mutual Aide Received.

Administration (above and beyond normal activities):

- Work Continues on Owego EMS special project – Plan still Sept 18 resolution.
- 2 paramedics received their updated EMT cards via CME hours.

Vehicles as of September 4, 2023:

- 2031:
 - 22,455 miles. In service.
- 2032:
 - 125,648 miles. In Service. Lights on order.
- 2033:
 - 134,326+ miles. Out of service, scheduled work being performed.
- 2051:
 - 45,696 miles. In Service. No known issues.
- Call list for the month handed out to the mayor and trustees
- Discussed with board members a Points Program for EMS active volunteers. Would require a Village vote to be approved to be discussed in an upcoming workshop. Any questions - any questions can be directed to Paul by phone or email

Resolved, upon a motion by Trustee Fuller and seconded by Trustee VanHousen, to approve the SRO contact with Owego Apalachin Central School District and approve Mayor Baratta signing the contract. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Farrell, Fuller, Morton, Plater, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye. Trustee Spencer voted no.

Motion Carried 6-1

Resolved, upon a motion by Trustee Spencer and seconded by Trustee Fuller, to approve Owego Police Department applying for a \$19,000.00 grant from the Hooker Foundation to purchase six (6) stationary speed signs for the Village. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Farrell, Fuller, Morton, Plater, Spencer, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 7-0

DPW Supt. Fred Ulrich -

MEMO

To: Village of Owego Mayor Mike Baratta and Village Board of Trustees
 From: Superintendent of Public Works – Fred Ulrich
 Date: September 5, 2023
 RE: DPW Activity Report

- Open bathrooms under Grandstands for free lunch event
- Removal of dead tree down in Evergreen Cemetery
- Mark grave in Section 22 for stone placement
- Pave John, Prospect, and Temple Street
- Catch basin repair on Fulton Street
- Fill potholes on Fox Street
- Pick up parts Ithaca Agway for leaf machine and mower
- Burial location for ash burial Section 22
- Garbage removal per Code on North Ave.
- Submit FEMA Report for Acquisition Projects
- Ready Draper Park for Tioga ASAP event Thursday, August 31
- Garbage removal and mow per Code on George Street

- Mow grass per Code on West Ave.
- Paige Street Pump repair
- Fill in sinkhole at 105 Halstead Ave.
- Pool closure for the season
- Chip brush
- Measure DSNY cut outs on going
- Repair DPW equipment
- Mowing and Trimming on going
- Pot hole patching on going
- Cleaning Drains
- Planning and Zoning meetings scheduled
- OHPC meetings scheduled

Any questions or concerns please call me.

- The storm grates need to be looked at on the bridge, Front, Paige, and Temple Streets, and Central Avenue

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee Plater and seconded by Trustee Fuller, to approve a 2010 Elgin Crosswind (ID#JNAPC8IL4AAF80111) and a 2004 Jacobsen Turf Cat T628D (ID#94671301801) as surplus. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Farrell, Fuller, Morton, Plater, Spencer, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 7-0

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee Fuller and seconded by Trustee Plater, to approve transferring \$5,000.00 from A.2705 (Gifts & Donations) to A.3120.20.130 (Equipment) for a donation from the Mildred Faulkner Foundation to OPD for ballistic shields. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Farrell, Fuller, Morton, Plater, Spencer, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 7-0

The Village clerk informed the board that the DRI funding will have to get bonding for (Bond Anticipation Note, or a BAN) or take out a type of sliding equity loan or agreement to pay on the various projects as they are completed. The Village must pay the engineering firm and contractors and then be reimbursed by the State. The turn-around-time for reimbursement from the State can take many months. We are currently waiting for \$289,000.00, which we submitted to the State in May. Pending payments right now are \$126,257.32 that we have paid and are waiting on checks to clear to request reimbursement.

A new bill from Bothar in the amount of \$455,999.13 has been submitted which the Village needs to make payment on.

Resolved, upon a Motion by Trustee Fuller and seconded by Trustee Spencer, to authorize Payment of Bills as follows:

Accounts Payables from FY23 -

General Fund	-	\$ 38,952.50
EMS Fund	-	\$ 122.44
Sewer Fund	-	\$ 5,432.29

Trust & Agency	-	\$ 828.72
Total	-	\$ 45,335.95
General Fund	-	\$ 195,095.64
EMS Fund	-	\$ 1,870.20
Sewer Fund	-	\$ 22,868.41
Trust & Agency	-	\$ 72,26
Total	-	\$ 219,906.51

Resolved, upon Motion by Trustee Spencer and seconded by Trustee VanHousen, to approve the board minutes of August 21, 2023 as presented/amended by the clerk-treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Farrell, Fuller, Morton, Plater, Spencer, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 7-0

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Dave Farrell -

- Recommended that when streets are dug up after they have been paved that they should be put back into their original condition, not just a patch. I will be reviewing street opening permits

Trustee Charles Plater -

- The central fire station garage doors will have windows installed as soon as they come in. They didn't have them at the time of installation

Trustee Laura Spencer -

- We need an email on Trahan that says she has been awarded the grant for house elevation
- Discussed compensation for Julie Nucci for proposed work done for the Village on Hazard Mitigation Community Rating System, FEMA Storm Water Project, and the Climate Smart Communities Grant. Attorney VanWhy is working on a contract for the mayor and board to review
- The Village should look into the Uniform Solar Permit
- A public hearing on the Source Water Protection Program to protect the water aquifer should be scheduled
- We need to look into a resolution for Flood Plain Management
- The next OHPC meeting is Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 7:00pm
- Julie Nucci is invited to address the board on the projects that she has been working on, on behalf of the Village

Communications:

- Trustee Fuller will be doing an audit of the Village Justice as required by the Uniform Justice Court Act
- Porchfest will be held on Sunday, October 1, 2023
- Discussion on porta potties in Draper Park and Mayor's Park and whether or not we should have them in our other parks, such as Boland Park on Prospect Street

Mayor's Report:

- DRI milling - Hyde Lot
- DRI paving behind movie theater
- Bids for the Central Fire Station roof and clock tower are due Thursday, September 7th by 1:00pm

Resolved, upon a Motion by Trustee Plater and seconded by Trustee VanHousen, to replace the words "merit raise" in the August 7, 2023 meeting with the words "retention/salary adjustment". Roll Call Vote: Trustees Farrell, Fuller, Morton, Plater, Spencer, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 7-0

Resolved, upon a Motion by Trustee Fuller and seconded by Trustee Plater, to make Jared Fiacco a full-time police officer working as a school resource officer (SRO) at a salary of \$41,995.20. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Farrell, Fuller, Morton, Plater, Spencer, VanHousen, and Mayor Baratta voted aye.

Motion Carried 7-0

Public Comment:

Cindie Bobnick - question on what work is being done on flood mitigation? Mayor Baratta - we will be able to reduce flood insurance costs to Village residents if we follow the guidelines set by the CRS.

In addition, there is the potential for a \$20,000,000.00 grant for storm water upgrade with the Army Corp of Engineers.

Resolved, upon a Motion by Trustee Fuller and seconded by Trustee Plater, to adjourn at 9:30pm.

Unanimously Approved