

February 23, 2010
5:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 2354 State Rte 434
Apalachin, New York

REGULAR MEETING OF THE OWEGO TOWN BOARD

Present: Supervisor Donald Castellucci, Jr.
Council: Dean A. Morgan and John P. Schumacher and Lynne L. Davis

Absent: None

A. Call to order, roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Castellucci called the meeting to order and asked Councilman Davis to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were placed on file as presented.

C. Consideration of Bids (None)

D. Public Hearings (None)

E. Reports of Department Heads

The following Department Heads were present:

Mark Clark, Highway Superintendent
Andrea Klett, Assessor
Debra Standing, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Judy Quigley, Town Attorney
Donald Castellucci, Jr., Supervisor
Michael Zimmer, Town Clerk

Mark Clark, Highway Superintendent: reported that three estimates were obtained for electrical work in the Mechanics Bay at the Highway Garage:

Patterson Electric Owego, NY	\$6435.00
PJ Electric Apalachin, NY	5995.00 325.00 for electric

Blanding Electric
Owego, NY

7995.00

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Morgan and unanimously carried, on the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent, the low estimate submitted by PJ Electric in the amount of \$5995.00 was accepted.

The Highway Superintendent also reviewed a price from the State Price list for the purchase of a 2011 Ford 450.

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Davis and unanimously carried, the Highway Superintendent was authorized to purchase from the State Price List Award #20774/PC 63652 a 2011 Ford 450 4X2 Crew Cab at a cost of \$45044.03.

A discussion was held regarding brush pickup for the clean up after the recent storms. Consensus of the Board was to investigate a long range plan for this service.

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by by Davis and unanimously carried, the Highway Superintendent was authorized to place an ad in the Pennysaver regarding Brush Pickup in the Spring.

The Assessor reported that as a result of the mailing from Senator Libous, seventeen new senior citizens signed up for the Enhanced Star Program. Unfortunately, the Senator's mailing started a frenzy of calls from Seniors regarding the status of their STAR Application.

The Planning and Zoning Administrator, reported that she has not received any of the documentation promised from the representatives of the Jackson MX track: therefore she requested that the public hearing be re-scheduled for March 16, 2010.

The Town Attorney stated that Scott Edsall requested that the Town's website be linked off his internet site and found no problem with the request. Included in her report was a request from the Highway Department's Union Shop Steward who requesting the Board consider re-opening negotiations regarding the Call Out Order regarding Snow removal.

Don Castellucci, Supervisor - report appears at end of minutes.

F. Privilege of the floor

The consensus of the Board was to move agenda item K.4. Appoint Board Member to this time.

Motion by Castellucci, seconded by Morgan and unanimously carried, James M. Hamlin was appointed to the vacancy on the Town Board, which shall expire on December 31, 2010.

Motion by Castellucci, seconded by Schumacher and unanimously carried, James M. Hamlin was withdrawn from the Board of Ethics since he was appointed to the Board.

G. Presentation of petitions, communications, notices and transfers

1. Monthly Statement of the Supervisor

The Monthly Statement of the Supervisor is on file with the Town Clerk.

H. Abstracts

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Hamlin and on a roll call vote unanimously carried, the following bills were approved for payment:

General Fund	\$12330.25
General Fund - Town Outside	11847.70
Highway Town Outside	57605.25
Water Districts	8200.47
Route 38 Sewer	346.05
Sewer Districts	23792.61
Route 38 Sewer	99.41
Capital Reserve Machinery	22960.37
Lighting District 1	449.51
“ ” 2	961.55
“ ” 3	863.18
“ ” 4b	159.92
“ ” 5	523.56
“ ” 6	1269.67
“ ” 7	164.16
“ ” 8	109.22
“ ” 9	48.91
“ ” 4a	52.90
“ ” 10	<u>68.14</u>
TOTAL All Funds	\$141852.83

I. Unfinished Business (None)

J. Reports of Standing Committees

Councilman Morgan requested a letter of thanks be sent to Dan Myers for his service on the REAP Board.

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Schumacher and unanimously carried, a thank you will be sent to Dan Myers for his service representing the Town on the REAP Board.

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Davis and unanimously carried, the sale of the trucks will be referred to the Highway, Utilities and Parks Department for investigation of other ways to advertise the sale of the vehicles.

Councilman Morgan, explained that Garden Home Management which is one of the Utilities Department's largest consumers claims that not one of the three invoices for October arrived. On behalf of the Director of Utilities, Morgan stated that if approved, this would be a one time wavier of the penalty.

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Davis and unanimously carried, the Board waived the penalties totaling \$1832.55 from the Water and Sewer Invoices 10630,10631, and 10632 for Garden Home Management.

Councilman Davis was working with the Planning & Zoning Office regarding the numerous signs at the intersection of Route 434 and Pennsylvania Ave. Davis expressed interest in exploring a directory sign at the intersection.

Councilman Schumacher stated that the Parks Maintenance Supervisor was interested in developing a contract with the AYAA (Apalachin Youth Athletic Association) regarding the Association's use of Muth Park. In addition, Schumacher stated that the Parks Department was interested in purchasing a new "honey wagon" for gray water removal from campers at the park and adjusting the cost of the service.

Councilman Schumacher stated that the Bandshell Cover needs replacing. The current cost is \$9000.00. Other alternatives for the replacement of the bandshell will be investigated

K. Presentation of Resolutions, Motions and New Business

1. STBOA Training - Sprinklers

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Hamlin and on a roll call vote unanimously carried, Mike Katchmir, Ron Schmidt and Debra Standinger were authorized to attend the STBOA Quarterly Meeting regarding Fire Sprinklers on Wednesday, March 10 in Oneonta, New York with all reasonable expenses paid.

2. Permission to attend NYS Town Clerks Conference

Motion by Hamlin, seconded by Davis and unanimously carried, Mike Zimmer, Town Clerk and Loretta Marchewka, Deputy, were authorized to attend the New York State Town Clerks Conference April 25 through April 28 in Saratoga Springs, New York with all reasonable expenses paid.

3. Stormwater Conference

Motion by Hamlin, seconded by Davis and unanimously carried, Debra Standinger, Planning & Zoning Administrator, Tim Valentine, Deputy Highway Superintendent and Councilman Morgan were authorized to attend the Western New York Stormwater Conference and Trade Show March 24 and 25, 2010 in Buffalo, New York with all reasonable expenses paid.

L. Second Privilege of the floor

With no one else wishing to be heard, the second privilege of the floor was closed.

M. Executive Session - an Individual Personnel Matter

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Hamlin and unanimously carried, the Board re-entered Executive session at 6:13 p.m.

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Davis and unanimously carried to add laborer position to the Town's Civil Service List.

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Davis and unanimously carried, hire Eric Frederick retroactive to Feb 3, 2010 at the rate of 10.00 per hour with a probationary period of 52 weeks.

Executive Session Minutes taken by John Schumacher.

N. Adjournment

Motion by Morgan to adjourned the meeting was at 6:23p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Zimmer
Town Clerk