

March 3, 2009
4:30 p.m.
Town Hall, Route 434
Apalachin, New York

REGULAR MEETING OF THE OWEGO TOWN BOARD

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

Absent: None

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

Supervisor Sweeney called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were placed on file as presented.

C. Consideration of Bids (None)

D. Public Hearing (None)

E. Reports of Department Heads

The following Department Heads were present: Andrea Klett, Assessor, Scott Vasisko, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, Mick Trivisonno, Director of Utilities, Judy Quigley, Town Attorney, Carol Sweeney, Supervisor, and Mike Zimmer, Town Clerk/Tax Receiver.

Andrea Klett, Assessor, reported that her Department has processed 1600 exemptions so far. Owego Associates properties are back in Section 1 on the Assessment Roll.

Scott Vasisko, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, stated that he has been in touch with Bob Hollenbeck who will be conducting the fireworks display at the Hickories around the fourth of July Holiday. Painting and trim work is almost complete at the Town Hall.

Mick Trivisonno, Director of Utilities, stated that the sludge thickener on the Apalachin Sewer Treatment Plant is online now. In addition to his report, Trivisonno requested permission for employees to attend training.

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Davis and unanimously carried, Dave Benjamin, Rodney Valentine, Matt Shofkom, Jeff Parker, Dick Horton and Mick Trivisonno were authorized to attend a Distribution Training Seminar on March 26 at a cost of \$17.00 per participant.

Supervisor Sweeney Report

1. The Town Clerk's and the Planning and Zoning Department's February monthly report is on file in my office.
2. The Town's Sales Tax revenue for 2008 came in about \$80,000 over the total for 2007 although the revenues for the fourth quarter of 2007 and the fourth quarter of 2008 were about the same. The January 2009 revenue is about 8% lower (approximately \$10,000 lower) than the January 2008 revenue. We are going to keep a close watch on this revenue for the next couple of months to see how much of a decline is happening in the revenue. Last year's sales tax revenue was increased by the cost of home heating fuels and gasoline which probably is not going to be true this year.

F. Privilege of the floor

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

G. Presentation of Petitions, Communications, Notices and Transfers

1. Tioga Opportunities Senior of the Year nominations

Nominations for the Tioga Senior Citizen of the Year award are due by April 17.

2. SEQR - Final Scope for Draft - Marcellus Shale

The DEC is proposing a draft State Environmental Impact Statement for horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing.

3. Assembly bills regarding dog licensing

Councilman Castellucci will work with the Town Clerk in preparing a letter opposing the legislation requiring microchipping and obedience as prerequisites for obtaining a license.

H. Abstracts

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

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| General Checking #209795 - 209858 | |
| HM - Capital Reserve Machinery | #140 |
| HN - Sewer District Ext. 15 | #139 |
| HZ - Shady Hill Water | #130 |
| IA - Water Extension 20 | #123 |
| IB - Water Tank Replace/Repair | #166 |
| IC - Digester Cover | #139 - 140 |

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| General Fund | 32327.66 |
| General Fund - Outside | 125912.11 |
| Highway - Town Outside | 98574.89 |
| Water Districts | 14890.52 |
| Route 38 Water | 382.77 |
| Sewer Districts | 17510.07 |
| Route 38 Sewer | 407.78 |
| Capital Reserve Machinery | 69730.00 |
| Sewer District Extension 15 | 1751.26 |
| Shady Hill Water Project | 2000.00 |
| Water Extension 20 | 2531.30 |
| Water Tank Replace/Repair | 2624.80 |
| Digester Cover | <u>164956.11</u> |
| TOTAL ALL FUNDS | \$533599.27 |

I. Unfinished Business

1. Youth Bureau Funding

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Castellucci and unanimously carried, the Waterman Conservation Center will be given \$17,000.00 for running the 2009 Summer Recreation Program for five weeks instead of six. The Coburn Free Library and the Apalachin Library will receive \$1500.00 for their Summer Reading Programs.

J. Reports of Standing Committees

Councilman Schumacher, Parks Committee Chair, reported that the Town has received several checks for the fireworks display.

Councilman Morgan, Water & Sewer Committee Chair, reported on the Tioga County Municipal Officials Flood Summit. The program will be held on April 22, 2009, at the Owego Treadway Inn. The deadline for registration is April 15, 2009.

Councilman Morgan requested that the lease of Town owned property be added to the Executive Session.

Councilman Castellucci, Highway Committee, stated that he has spoken with the driver involved in the incident on Nuel Court at the Trotman's residence. Castellucci stated that after speaking with the parties involved, the stories are conflicting. A discussion was held with the Town Attorney.

Motion by Castellucci, seconded by Davis and unanimously carried, a general counseling letter to Town Highway Employees regarding Town Policies regarding interaction with town residents will be drafted by the Town Attorney.

K. Presentation of Petitions, Motions and New Business

1. Tioga County Kennel Club RE confirm dates of shows

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Morgan and unanimously carried, the Tioga County Kennel Club was authorized to use the Hickories Park on the following dates for their annual dog shows: August 21 and 22, 2010, and August 20 and 21, 2011.

2. Town Court Notice RE: Conference and training dates

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Davis and unanimously carried, the Town Justices and Court Clerks were authorized to choose one training session each and to have all reasonable expenses paid.

3. NYS Comptroller RE: Town of Owego Highway Procurement

The report regarding the Town of Owego Highway Procurement compiled by the State Comptroller's office is now available in the office of the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk will publish a legal notice in the Press and Sun Bulletin regarding its completion and availability for perusal.

4. NYS Association of Towns Report

Councilman Castellucci gave an overview of the resolutions adopted at the Association of Towns Business Meeting.

5. Permission to attend Town Clerks Conference

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Castellucci and unanimously carried, Loretta Marchewka was authorized to attend the New York State Town Clerks Conference April 26 to the 29 in Rochester, NY, with all reasonable expenses paid.

L. Second Privilege of the floor

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

M. Executive Session

1. Union Negotiations

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Morgan and unanimously carried, the Board entered into Executive Session regarding Union Negotiations and the lease of Town Property at 5:27 p.m.

Supervisor Sweeney reconvened the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

Motion by Schumacher the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,