

May 18, 2010
7:00 p.m.
2354 State Route 434
Apalachin, NY

REGULAR MEETING OF THE OWEGO TOWN BOARD

Present: Supervisor Donald Castellucci, Jr.
Council: Dean Morgan, James Hamlin and John Schumacher

Absent: Councilman Lynne Davis

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

Supervisor Castellucci called the meeting to order and Andrea Klett, Assessor, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Minutes of the previous meeting - the 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 Vasiko, Parks Maintenance Supervisor

Mark Clark, Highway Superintendent

Mick Trivisonno, Director of Utilities

Judy Quigley, Attorney

Don Castellucci, Supervisor

Mike Zimmer, Town Clerk

The Highway Superintendent requested the discontinuance of two positions and the creation of two others.

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Hamlin and unanimously carried, the positions of MEO 1 and HEO2 were discontinued in the Highway Department.

Motion by Hamlin, seconded by Morgan and unanimously carried, two MEO II positions were created in the Highway Department effective May 31, 2010.

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Hamlin and unanimously carried, Ryan Miller was

appointed to the position of MEO II at a rate of \$13.00/hr effective June 1, 2010, and Ray Morgan was appointed to the position of MEO II at a rate of \$13.00/hr. effective June 1, 2010, with a probationary period of one year.

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Morgan and unanimously carried, the Board will sign the 2010 Agreement to Spend Highway Funds.

The Assessor reported that she is currently fulfilling the law by sitting with the Assessment Roll for 16 hours.

The Parks Maintenance Supervisor stated that there was no available camping space for reservations during the Firemen's Auxiliary Convention this summer. The convention conflicts with a Christian Music Festival scheduled for the same weekend.

Supervisor Castellucci's report included:

I responded to the Union Appeal of Disciplinary Action.

I copied John, Dean, Mick and Mark on the BMTS agenda. Please get me any feedback for the May 26th meeting.

Judy reviewed the contract for bidding the equipment in highway, sewer and water and parks. We can move forward with putting those vehicles out for auction after we get a contract with the auctioneers.

There will be a dinner to honor Bob Jensen of Apalachin at the Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award being Owego Treadway on June 3rd.

Emma Sedore left a job description to help with finding a replacement for her. I will get a copy to Jim Hamlin and Dean Morgan, members of our personnel committee, to start the process of finding a Town Historian.

I received information regarding a possible grant application for municipalities through the Floyd Hooker Foundation from Maureen Hawley. Please review it and get back to me with suggestions to apply.

F. Privilege of the floor

Patricia Bence, Woodhaven Drive, introduced herself as a reporter for a western Tioga County Newspaper. She encouraged continued updating of the town's website.

Paul Conti, Front St., questioned what if anything would be done regarding the older vehicles some of which were advertised for sale by bid and then rejected. Conti stated that he was working for an Auction Company and he would be willing to supply information.

G. Presentation of Petitions, Communications, Notices and Transfers - none

H. Abstracts

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

General Fund - Town Wide	\$9171.95
General Fund - Town Outside	5810.28
Highway - Town Outside	43307.57
Water Districts	72723.93
Route 38 Water	3606.92
Sewer Districts	113387.82
Route 38 Sewer	2493.16
Cap/Imp Equip.FD.Cons.Sew	17776.00
Water Tank Repair/Replace	25800.53
Lighting District 1	368.08
“ ” 2	856.08
“ ” 3	728.24
“ ” 4B	137.19
“ ” 5	446.31
“ ” 6	1137.00
“ ” 7	143.35
“ ” 8	91.98
“ ” 9	42.77
“ ” 4A	42.96
“ ” 10	<u>59.54</u>
Total All Funds	\$298131.66

I. Unfinished Business - none

J. Reports of Standing Committees

Councilman Morgan suggested moving the special meeting for the Recreation Permit regarding Jackson's Moto-cross track from the Town Hall to the County Office Building to better accommodate the audience. The consensus of the Board was to not change the location.

K. Presentation of Resolutions, Motions and New Business

1. Apalachin Fire Department - permission to conduct annual field days

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Hamlin and unanimously carried, the Apalachin Fire Department was authorized to conduct its 52nd Firemen's Field Days June 9-12, 2010.

2. Resolution RE: Red Hat Society

Motion by Hamlin, seconded by Morgan and unanimously carried, the following resolution

was carried:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the Red Hat Society was established in 1998 for the purpose of encouraging women in their middle age and to provide a place where they can share with one another their common life experiences and challenges; and

WHEREAS the Susquehanna Sweethearts Red Hat Society was founded in 2004; and

WHEREAS the Susquehanna Sweethearts are celebrating National Red Hat Day with a luncheon at the Owego VFW on May 22, 2010; and

WHEREAS the Town of Owego would like to acknowledge the members of the Susquehanna Sweethearts Red Hat Society for their ongoing efforts in providing encouragement, support and friendship to women in their middle age;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Owego, on behalf of the Town and its residents, hereby acknowledge the Red Hat Society and the Susquehanna Sweethearts Red Hat Society for the contribution they make to the community by providing an outlet where women of middle age can share and experience their middle years together in an atmosphere of support, encouragement, and humor, and we do further hereby proclaim May 22, 2010 as Red Hat Day in the Town of Owego.

3. Tioga County Water Quality Coordinating Committee - Stream Clean up

A thank you from Wendy Walsh was reviewed regarding the Town's participation in the Stream Clean Up Project.

4. Resolution RE: purchase of Highway Department Truck

Motion by Hamlin, seconded by Morgan and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas the Town of Owego Highway Superintendent wishes to purchase a 2011 Ford 4X4 F-250 Pickup Truck at a total cost of \$27,177.73; and

Whereas as appropriation of \$27,177.73 from the Capital Reserve Machinery Equipment Fund is necessary to pay for said truck;

Now, therefore be it

Resolved, that payment be made to Van Bortel Ford, Inc. from the Capital Reserve Machinery Equipment Fund, Account No. HM. 5131.2000 in the amount of \$27,177.73 for the purchase of said truck.

5. Proposal - Crestview Heights Pump Station

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Hamlin and unanimously carried, the Supervisor was authorized to sign a contract with Hunt Engineers for engineering services regarding the replacement of the Sanitary Sewer Pump Station at the bottom of Holiday Hill at a cost not to exceed \$6500.00.

Councilman Morgan suggested the Supervisor, on behalf of the Town, send a thank you note to Roy Shriner at the Tioga County Sheriff's Department for having the Weekend Work Crew pick up the tires at exit 66.

L. Second Privilege of the floor

With no one in attendance wishing to speak, the second privilege of the floor was closed.

M. Adjournment

Motion by Morgan the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Zimmer
Town Clerk