

September 1, 2009
4:30 p.m.
Town Hall, 2354 State Route 434
Apalachin, NY

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, Debra Standinger, Planning & Zoning Administrator, Scott Vasisko, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, Mick Trivisonno, Director of Utilities, Dave Ferris, Highway Superintendent, Judy Quigley, Town Attorney, Mike Zimmer, Town Clerk and Carol Sweeney, Supervisor.

Debra Standinger, Planning & Zoning Administrator, reported that the Code Enforcement Officers have been busy working on several violations.

Scott Vasisko, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, stated that all the seasonal Park Employees have left the department for this year.

Mick Trivisonno, Director of Utilities, gave a brief overview of a water main interconnect project between the existing Town of Owego District 5 and United Water in the Village.

Dave Ferris, Highway Superintendent, stated that CHIPS Projects for the year are complete and he has submitted the necessary documentation to be reimbursed.

Councilman Schumacher stated that the Allen Glen Project was a big undertaking for the Town

and that he wished to offer his thanks to Dave and the Department of all of their efforts.

Supervisor Sweeney's report included the following:

1. The information for the Budget Workshops will be in everyone's boxes by today. We will start the budget workshop on Tuesday, September 8th, at noon in the board room. It continues on Wednesday at 9 am. Please let me know if you cannot make any session. My thanks to Ruth Casterline and Cheri Grenier that have been working so hard with me on getting the budget to this point.
2. We closed on our EFC financing in the SMRF (Short term market rate financing) program for the digester covers project last Thursday. We do not know when we can go into long term EFC financing but this rate is good for up to three years.
3. I attended a recent BMTS policy meeting where we were given an update on the NYS DOT 5 year capital program and the NY State Dedicated Fund which they stated was "on life support". The State Dedicated Fund is currently paying over half of its revenue to pay interest and principal on debt. All the CHIPs capital funds is borrowed money every year. By 2012-2013, the debt service ratio will rise to an all-time high of nearly 73 percent as projected by the State Comptroller. The Federal Highway Trust Fund has had to have an emergency infusion of billions of dollars to keep it solvent. While the costs of bridge and highway construction is rising rapidly these highway dedicated funds are not anywhere keeping up with the projected costs.

F. Privilege of the floor

With permission of the Board Agenda Item I. Unfinished Business 1. Bolles Hill Bridge Replacement to this time. Dave Ferris, Highway Superintendent, reviewed a phone call with Mr. Farhinger regarding the installation of one 138" X 96" pipe versus the two 7' wide pipes currently being used.

Judy Quigley, Town Attorney, gave an overview of how the Town can work with the Borough of Little Meadows in the repair of the bridge.

Residents raised several questions and concerns to the Board.

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Davis and unanimously carried, the Boles Hill Road Bridge Replacement be on the next agenda.

Mr. Lynn Little, North Cafferty Hill Road, presented the remainder of a petition requesting the completion of Ditch clean up in his neighborhood.

G. Presentation of Petitions, Commuciation,, Notices and Transfers

1. Letter from John Sydor RE: Colleen Craig

Mr. Sydor complimented Mrs. Craig on her assistance involving researching a past problem with

his license. Sydor cited her customer focus and work ethic and did not wish it to be unnoticed.

2. Letter from Tioga County Treasurer's office RE: Omitted Taxes

Supervisor Sweeney stated that she was unsure of where it could appear in the budget and since there is not a code to enter it under.

Motion by Castellucci and seconded by Davis authorizing the Supervisor to send a letter to the County to state that we will be including in the budget another copy of the paperwork for omitted taxes that was already delivered to them as a reminder of the omitted taxes but that amount will not be actually listed in the budget.

3. Transfers

Motion by Morgan, second by Davis and unanimously carried the following transfers were approved:

GENERAL FUND - TOWN WIDE

\$97.70	from A.1110.4143	Justice - School/Dues/Travel
	to A.1110.4410	Justices - Contracts for Services
\$136.60	from A.5010.4310	St. Admin - Legals
	to A.5010.4100	St. Admin - Material & Supplies
\$227.81	from A.5010.4310	St. Admin - Legals
	to A.5010.4143	St. Admin - School/Dues/Travel
\$735.38	from A.5132.4110	Hwy Garage - Repairs & Upkeep
	to A.5132.4410	Hwy Garage - Contracts for Service

GENERAL FUND - TOWN OUTSIDE

\$283.67	from B.1620.4200	Buildings - Electric
	to B.7140.4300	Playgrounds - Insurance
\$100.00	from B.8010.4143	Zoning - School/Dues/Travel
	to B.8010.4410	Zoning - Contracts for Service
\$77.60	from B.8010.4143	Zoning - School/Dues/Travel
	to B.8020.4310	Planning - Legals
\$250.00	from B.8010.4143	Zoning - School/Dues/Travel
	to B.8020.4600	Planning - Vehicle Expense

HIGHWAY - TOWN OUTSIDE

\$2000.00 from DB.5110.4100 Hwy Repairs - Material & Supplies
to DB.5110.4410 Hwy Repairs - Contracts for Service

\$3000.00 from DB.5110.4520 Hwy Repairs - Gasoline
to DB.5110.4410 Hwy Repairs - Contracts for Service

\$10,000.00 from DB.5110.4525 Hwy Repairs - Diesel Fuel
to DB.5110.4410 Hwy Repairs - Contracts for Service

\$10,000.00 from DB.5110.4830 Hwy Repairs - Patch
to DB.5110.4410 Hwy Repairs - Contracts for Service

\$15,000.00 from DB.5110.4825 Hwy Repairs - Curbs & Catch Basins
to DB.5110.4410 Hwy Repairs - Contracts for Service

\$4,334.00 from DB.5110.4525 Hwy Repairs - Diesel Fuel
to DB.5110.4810 Hwy Repairs - Dust Treatment

\$2,737.62 from DB.5130.4300 Hwy Machinery - Insurance
to DB.5130.4410 Hwy Machinery - Contracts for Service

\$6,372.80 from DB.5110.4525 Hwy Repairs - Diesel Fuel
to DB.5110.4835 Hwy Repairs - Pipe

H. Abstracts

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

A. General Fund	28345.41
B. General Fund Town Outside	2914.20
DB Highway Town Outside	75093.43
F Water District	99577.55
FA Route 38 Water	479.75
G Sewer District	42611.84
GA Route 38 Sewer	454.84
HM Capital Reserve Machinery	<u>46816.08</u>
Total	296293.10

J. Reports of Standing Committees

K. Presentation of Motions, Resolutions and New Business

1. CPA Auditing Services 2009-2011

Motion by Castellucci, seconded by Davis and unanimously carried, the Supervisor was

authorized to sign the agreement with Ciaschi, Dietershagen, Little, Mickelson and Company, LLP for auditing services for 2009, 2010 and 2011.

2. Public Sector 2010 Contract

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Castellucci and unanimously carried, the Supervisor was authorized to sign an agreement with Public Sector HR Consultant LLC for professional services commencing January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2010.

L. Second Privilege of the floor

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

M. Executive Session

1. An Individual Personal Matter, Lease of Town Property, CNYOG v. Town and Union Negotiations and OCG v. Town

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Schumacher and unanimously carried, the Board entered Executive Session RE: An Individual Personal Matter, Lease of Town Property, CNYOG v. Town and Union Negotiations and OCG v. Town at 4:27 p.m.

Supervisor Sweeney reconvened the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

N. Adjournment

Motion by Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Zimmer
Town Clerk