

The regular meeting of the Oswegatchie Town Board was called to order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Alfred Nichols with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Councilwoman Lillian LaRose (arrived at 7:39 pm)
 Councilman Mike Stoner
 Councilman Ken Wilson
 Councilman Bruce LaRose

Others: Rusty Lawrence, Code Enforcement (left at 8:50 pm)
 Karl Cougler, Highway Superintendent
 Tim Tuttle, Crematory (left at 8:00 pm)
 Mark Schnorr, Assessor (left at 8:00 pm)
 Bill Dashnaw, Budget officer

Kirby's Auto Parts Junkyard paid the \$500/fine for not being in compliance prior to the July meeting. Russ, Code Enforcement, stated they are working on cleaning up the junkyards and suggested the Board approve both junkyard renewal applications.

RESOLUTION 101-2023

APPROVE KIRBY'S JUNKYARDS

On a motion by Bruce LaRose, seconded by Ken Wilson, the following resolution was ADOPTED –
 Vote – Yes – All

RESOLVED to approve Kirby's Auto Parts junkyards located on State Highway 812 and the Dump Rd.

Crematory Report

Tim provided a report. The number of cremations are down this year. Received three bids for the repair/replacement of retort ceiling/floor/walls. Some clarification is needed on all three prior to accepting one. Would like the flagpole area moved prior to winter if possible. Tisdell did some site work and provided a preliminary report regarding paving the driveway and moving the flagpole. Would like the flagpole moved to where the trees once stood and potentially add outdoor niches as well. Tim would like to advertise for a part-time crematory operator/groundskeeper. Danielle has had some medical issues and most likely won't return. Much discussion held.

RESOLUTION 102-2023

ARCHITECT – FLAGPOLE – MAUSOLEUM

On a motion by Ken Wilson, seconded by Mike Stoner, the following resolution was ADOPTED –
 Vote – Yes – All

RESOLVED to authorize seeking an architect to design potential development of niches adjoining the veteran's flagpole up to \$10,000.

RESOLUTION 103-2023

TISDEL – PRELIMINARY PARKING LOT

On a motion by Ken Wilson, seconded by Mike Stoner, the following resolution was ADOPTED –
 Vote – Yes – All

RESOLVED to accept Tisdell's preliminary report for paving the parking lot.

RESOLUTION 104-2023

P/T CREMATORY OPERATOR/GROUNDSKEEPER

On a motion by Mike Stoner, seconded by Ken Wilson, the following resolution was ADOPTED –
 Vote – Yes – All

RESOLVED to advertise for a part-time crematory operator/groundskeeper.

RESOLUTION 105-2023

ACCEPT CREMATORY REPORT

On a motion by Bruce LaRose, seconded by Mike Stoner, the following resolution was ADOPTED –
Vote – Yes – All

RESOLVED to accept the crematory report as presented.

Code Enforcement Report

Report provided. Receiving some complaints regarding vacant property not being mowed on SH 37. Russ has sent violations, however, owners are deceased and there is nothing we can do. Moratorium on battery storage has been delayed until November 2023 so that attorney, Charles Nash, can write up the local law. Annual harassment/discrimination training will be held October 16th. Highway and office staff at 2:30 pm, everyone else 5:00 pm prior to board meeting. OBPA has been working on replacing existing draining between Riverside & Ogdensburgh cemeteries. The City of Ogdensburg feels that they own the land on which they are replacing the drainage. All work has been put on hold until land ownership has been determined. Discussion held.

RESOLUTION 106-2023

ACCEPT CODE REPORT

On a motion by Ken Wilson, seconded by Mike Stoner, the following resolution was ADOPTED –
Vote – Yes – All

RESOLVED to accept Code report as presented.

Highway Superintendent Report

Paving is almost complete. Would like to place 2001 Rotary Mower out to bid. Salt barn construction will have to wait until further surveys and research have been completed. Discussion held.

RESOLUTION 107-2023

BID – 2001 ROTARY MOWER

On a motion by Ken Wilson, seconded by Mike Stoner, the following resolution was ADOPTED –
Vote – Yes – All

RESOLVED to place ad accepting bids for 2001 Rotary Mower.

RESOLUTION 108-2023

REJECT BIDS – SALT BARN

On a motion by Mike Stoner, seconded by Ken Wilson, the following resolution was ADOPTED –
Vote – Yes – All

RESOLVED to reject submitted salt barn bids.

RESOLUTION 109-2023

ACCEPT HIGHWAY REPORT

On a motion from Ken Wilson, seconded by Mike Stoner, the following resolution was ADOPTED –
Vote Yes – All

RESOLVED to accept the Highway report.

Grant report

Bill Dashnaw reported that the clean-up on Collin’s property is moving along. Collin’s Hammond has placed 8’ high pile of junk on a portion of the Town’s property. The contractor has been instructed to stop before going over the agreed contract amount as DEC will not allow funding for anything more. Looking to meet with Liberty Gas Co. regarding a gas line for the property and hoping to include water/sewer from the City as well. Should be wrapped up in a few weeks. Discussion!

Assessor Report

Working on housing sales reviews. The county sent a list of properties with vacant land. Mark would like the board to consider mileage reimbursement. Discussion had.

RESOLUTION 110-2023 **ASSESSOR – MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT**

On a motion by Bruce LaRose, seconded by Lillian LaRose, the following resolution was ADOPTED – Vote – Yes – All

RESOLVED to allow Assessor, Mark Schnorr, to submit for reimbursement of mileage.

RESOLUTION 111-2023 **ACCEPT ASSESSOR REPORT**

On a motion by Lillian LaRose, seconded by Mike Stoner, the following resolution was ADOPTED – Vote – Yes – All

RESOLVED to accept the Assessor’s report.

Supervisor Report

Financial reports presented. Nothing to report.

RESOLUTION 112-2023 **BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

On a motion by Ken Wilson, seconded by Mike Stoner, the following resolution was ADOPTED – Vote – Yes - All

RESOLVED to approve the following Budget Modifications:

\$5,000.00 increase 14104.01 (*town clerk ce*) from 19904.01 (*contingency*)

RESOLUTION 113-2023 **APPROVE JULY MINUTES**

On a motion by Bruce LaRose, seconded by Lillian LaRose, the following resolution was ADOPTED – Vote – Yes – All

RESOLVED to approve July minutes as presented.

Budget Officer

Budget packet provided to each board member. The tentative budget will be in September. Much discussion was held regarding employee wages/salaries.

RESOLUTION 114-2023 **BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT**

On a motion by Lillian LaRose, seconded by Ken Wilson, the following resolution was ADOPTED - Vote – Yes - All

RESOLVED that the following bills were approved and presented to the Supervisor for payment.

Warrant #8 Vouchers numbered 1-48	General Fund	\$574,954.44
	Highway Townwide	13,771.52
	Highway Outside	16,325.92
	Oswegatchie Mem	16,790.98
	Trust & Agency	27,122.92

Other Disbursements: \$0

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm

Vicki Thornhill, Town Clerk