

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: Councilman Mike Stoner
- Councilman Ken Wilson
- Councilman Lillian LaRose
- Absent: Councilwoman Bruce LaRose
- Others: Bill Dashnaw, Budget Officer/Grant Admin.
- Karl Cougler, Highway Superintendent (left 7:00 pm)
- Russ Lawrence, Code Enforcement (left 8:00 pm)
- Sean O'Brien, SLC Undersheriff/resident (left at 6:30 pm)

Privilege of the floor

Current St. Lawrence County Undersheriff, Sean O'Brien, was present to introduce himself and answer any questions the Board may have regarding the position of St. Lawrence County Sheriff in which he is seeking election this fall. Discussion held.

RESOLUTION 2023-54

APRIL MINUTES - APPROVE

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

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of April 17, 2023

RESOLUTION 2023-55

PORT-A-POTTIES – LABOR DAY

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

RESOLVED to authorize the rental of 5 (five) port-a-potties for Heuvelton 2023 Labor Day festivities.

RESOLUTION 2023-56

CREDIT CARD READER

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

RESOLVED to authorize the purchase of a credit card reader for the Town Clerk's office

RESOLUTION 2023-57

TAX COLLECTOR/TOWN CLERK AUDIT

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

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk/Tax Collector books were reviewed and audited by Councilmember Lillian LaRose and were found to be in good order.

Still need to audit Court (Alfred Nichols & Mike Stoner); Bookkeeper (Bruce LaRose, Bill Dashnaw)

RESOLUTION 2023-58

APPOINT K. PIERCE, ALT. GREVIENCE BOARD

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

RESOLVED to appoint Keith Pierce as an alternate to the Town Grievance Board.

Crematory/Mausoleum Report

Tim Tuttle – Absent

Report left for review. Discussion held regarding moving forward with hiring Tisdell Associates to engineer the need for the driveway/parking lot to be paved along with moving the flagpole at Oswegatchie Memorial Park. Mausoleum Admin, Vicki Thornhill, will guarantee the mausoleum area will look good for the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday. Discussion had.

RESOLUTION 2023-59**TISDEL – ENGINEER PAVING**

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

RESOLVED to hire Tisdell Associates to engineer paving at Oswegatchie Memorial Park

RESOLUTION 2023-60**ACCEPT CREMATORY REPORT**

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

RESOLVED to accept the Crematory report.

Highway Report

Still short an MEO due to disability. Tisdell had some issues with ransom ware which put them behind regarding the construction of a new salt barn. Need to have location surveyed as well. Discussion held.

RESOLUTION 2023-61**LARRY SHEPPARD – SURVEY**

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

RESOLVED to hire surveyor, Larry Sheppard, to survey location for construction of new salt barn at the highway department.

RESOLUTION 2023-62**TENTATIVE BID OPENING – SALT BARN**

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

RESOLVED to place bid ad for Salt Barn to be opened on June 22, 2023 at 3:00 pm at the Town Hall, 51 State Street, Heuvelton, NY

RESOLUTION 2023-63**ACCEPT HIGHWAY REPORT**

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

RESOLVED to accept Highway Report.

Code Report

Report presented. More neighboring complaints than usual. Lots of junkyard issues. Spoke with Town Attorney, Charles Nash, regarding moving forward with the moratorium for battery storage. Hoping for a tentative public hearing at the next meeting in June. Rich Mayhew provided an estimate of \$7000 for remodeling the upstairs bathrooms and provide hot water. Obtained some quotes for a

boat that Russ and Assessor, Mark Schnorr, feel would be very useful. Much discussion was held regarding the purchase of a boat. Feel that a drone may be a better option or boat rental. Need to do more research and will table it for now.

RESOLUTION 2023-64

PILOT – PIVOT SOLAR

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

RESOLVED to sign 15-year PILOT agreement negotiated by SLC IDA with PIVOT Solar located on County Route 6 (Smithers property)

RESOLUTION 2023-65

TENT. PUBLIC HEARING - BATTERY STORAGE

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

RESOLVED to hold a tentative public hearing for battery storage (moratorium) on June 19, 2023 at 6 pm

RESOLUTION 2023-66

BATHROOM UPGRADES – MAYHEW

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

RESOLVED to hire Rich Mayhew for bathroom upgrades estimated at \$7,000

RESOLUTION 2023-67

ACCEPT CODE REPORT

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

RESOLVED to accept the Code Enforcement report.

Budget/Grant Report

Bill Dashnaw discussed the clean up at the Collin’s property. DEC is now requesting more extensive testing and is unsure if it will be restricted at this point. Channel between Oswegatchie River and Black Lake will have markers placed. Moving forward with water chestnut issue/removal. Discussion held.

Supervisor Report

Financial reports provided with nothing to report.

RESOLUTION 2023-68

ACCEPT SUPERVISOR REPORT

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

RESOLVED to accept the Supervisor report.

RESOLUTION 2023-69

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

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

RESOLVED to approve the following Budget Modifications:

\$179,941.95 increase 51124.04 (*Perm Imp CE*) increase 3501.04 (*State Aid/CHIPS*)

RESOLUTION 2023-70

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

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

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

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| Warrant #5 Vouchers numbered 1-35 | General Fund | \$ 31,526.36 |
| | Highway Townwide | 10,453.88 |
| | Highway Outside | 3,767.57 |
| | Fire District | 22,000.00 |
| | Osw. Memorial | 6,665.84 |
| | Trust & Agency | 20,390.21 |

Other Disbursements: 0

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm

Vicki L. Thornhill, Town Clerk