

The regular meeting of the Oswegatchie Town Board was called to order at 6:01 pm by Supervisor Nichols.

Present: Councilman Mike Stoner  
 Councilman Bruce LaRose- **Absent**  
 Councilman Ken Wilson - **Absent**  
 Councilwoman Lillian LaRose

Others: Bill Dashnaw, Budget Officer  
 Russ Lawrence, Code Enforcement  
 Tim Tuttle, Crematory

**RESOLUTION 145-2023 OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW #2**

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

RESOLVED to open the public hearing on Local Law #2 for 2023, Moratorium (Battery Energy Storage).

No one present for the public hearing as advertised.

**RESOLUTION 146-2023 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW #2**

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

RESOLVED to close the public hearing on Local Law #2 for 2023, Moratorium (Battery Energy Storage).

**RESOLUTION 147-2023 OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 2024 BUDGET**

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

RESOLVED to open the public hearing on the 2024 Preliminary Budget.

No one present for the public hearing as advertised.

**RESOLUTION 148-2023 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – 2024 BUDGET**

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

RESOLVED to close the public hearing on the 2024 Preliminary Budget.

**RESOLUTION 149-2023 APPROVE OCTOBER MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED to approve October minutes as presented.

**RESOLUTION 150-2023**

**WAIVE 30-DAY BEER/WINE LICENSE**

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

RESOLVED to waive the 30-day waiting period for acquiring beer/wine license for Shelli's Deli, 4787 SH 812, Heuvelton.

**RESOLUTION 151-2023**

**3 YEAR HVFD FIRE CONTRACT**

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

RESOLVED to approve the three (3) year Fire contract with the Village of Heuvelton and the Heuvelton Volunteer Fire Department in the amounts: \$132,311.00 for the year 2024; \$134,957.00 for the year 2025; \$137,656.00 for the year 2026.

**RESOLUTION 152-2023**

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION – DOG CONTROL**

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

RESOLVED to accept the resignation of long time Dog Control Officer, Jim Pipher, effective January 1, 2024.

**Crematory Report**

Reports provided. Tim Tuttle, discussed the need for repairs for both retorts. Received quotes for new glass niches, would like to move forward with the bidding process. Discussion held.

**RESOLUTION 153-2023**

**ACCEPT SEALED BIDS – RETORTS**

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

RESOLVED to place ad for retorts (with 2 options), bid opening December 8, 2023 at 2pm.

**RESOLUTION 154-2023**

**ACCEPT SEALED BIDS – GLASS NICHEs**

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

RESOLVED to place ad for glass niches (with 2 options), bid opening December 15, 2023 at 2pm.

**RESOLUTION 155-2023**

**BID TRACTOR & TRAILER**

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

RESOLVED to place tractor & trailer at Oswegatchie Memorial Park out to bid through International.

**RESOLUTION 156-2023**

**ACCEPT CREMATORY REPORT**

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

RESOLVED to accept crematory report as presented.

**Code Report**

Report reviewed. Received quotes for code software. Russ recommends Cloud Permit. The Ogdensburg City School District would like to request Lead Agency regarding a capital project which will be housed in the Town of Oswegatchie. Discussion held.

**RESOLUTION 157-2023**

**OGDENSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT – LEAD**

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

RESOLVED to authorize Ogdensburg City School District to act as Lead Agency for capital project in the Town of Oswegatchie.

**RESOLUTION 158-2023**

**ADOPT LOCAL LAW #2 - MORATORIUM**

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

RESOLVED to adopt Local Law #2 for year 2023, Moratorium (battery energy storage).

**RESOLUTION 159-2023**

**CODE SOFTWARE**

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

RESOLVED to authorize purchase of new Code software (Cloud Permit).

**RESOLUTION 160-2023**

**ACCEPT CODE REPORT**

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

RESOLVED to accept the Code officer’s report.

**Highway Superintendent**

Absent

**Supervisor**

Nothing to report

**Grant/Budget**

Receiving reimbursements from DEC for clean-up project. October water sample was good, another one will be done in the spring. Still hopeful that it will be unrestricted. Working on a \$100,000 grant for water chestnut issues. Suggested purchasing a weed puller instead of a cutter in addition to spraying for 10-12 years, which would help make it manageable. Could possibly use some ARPA (covid) money for purchase. Reviewed 2024 budget. Discussion had.

**RESOLUTION 161-2023**

**2024 BUDGET ADOPTED**

On a motion by Alfred Nichols, seconded by Mike Stoner, the following resolution was adopted – Vote – Lillian LaRose – Yes; Alfred Nichols – Yes; Bruce LaRose – Absent; Ken Wilson – Absent; Mike Stoner – Yes.

RESOLVED that the 2024 Preliminary Budget was reviewed, modified and adopted as the 2024 Final Budget with the recommended changes.

Town Supervisor	\$14,700
Town Councilmen	\$ 4,000
Highway Superintendent	\$71,500
Town Clerk	\$40,160
Town Justice (Cougler-Bouchey)	\$16,250
Town Justice (Denner)	\$16,250

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the taxes levy for the 2023 is as follows:

General Fund	\$323,343
General Outside Fund	-0-
Highway Townwide Fund	\$266,177
Highway Outside Fund	-0-
Oswegatchie Memorial Park	-0-
Fire Districts – Heuvelton	\$132,311
Morristown	\$ 23,000

**RESOLUTION 162-2023**

**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:

General Fund:	\$200.00 from 19904.01 ( <i>Contingency</i> ) to 13554.01 ( <i>Assessor CE</i> )
	\$500.00 from 19904.01 ( <i>Contingency</i> ) to 13401.01 ( <i>Budget Officer PS</i> )
	\$5,000.00 from 19904.01 ( <i>Contingency</i> ) to 14101.01 ( <i>Town Clerk PS</i> )
	\$5,013.22 from 19904.01 ( <i>Contingency</i> ) to 90108.01 ( <i>State Retirement</i> )
	\$2,600.00 from 19904.01 ( <i>Contingency</i> ) to 90308.01 ( <i>Social Security</i> )
Highway Fund:	\$412.18 from 90308.03 ( <i>Social Security</i> ) to 90108.03 ( <i>State Retirement</i> )
	\$1265.51 from 90308.04 ( <i>Social Security</i> ) to 90108.04 ( <i>State Retirement</i> )
Osw. Memorial:	\$924.09 from 90608.11 ( <i>Medical Ins.</i> ) to 90108.04 ( <i>State Retirement</i> )

**RESOLUTION 163-2023**

**BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT**

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

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

Warrant #11 Vouchers numbered 1-38	General Fund	\$ 155,707.33
	Highway Townwide	27,467.23
	Highway Outside	3,000.00
	Osw. Memorial	18,274.79
	Trust & Agency	27,902.37

Other Disbursements: \$0.00

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Vicki L. Thornhill, Town Clerk