

The regular meeting of the Oswegatchie Town Board, held at the Town Hall, Heuvelton, NY was called to order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Alfred Nichols,

Present: Councilman Mike Stoner
Councilman Ken Wilson
Councilman Bruce LaRose
Councilwoman Lillian LaRose

Others: Karl Coughler, Highway Superintendent
Bill Dashnaw, Budget Officer/Grant Admin.
Mark Schnorr, Assessor
Russ Lawrence, Code Enforcement

RESOLUTION 2023-41 OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDED SOLAR LAW

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

RESOLVED to open public hearing at 6:00pm for public comment regarding Local Law #1 of the year 2023, amended Solar Law.

No one present for comment. Russ Lawrence, Code Enforcement, reviewed the amendment with the Board.

RESOLUTION 2023-42 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDED SOLAR LAW

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

RESOLVED to close public hearing at 6:03pm regarding Local Law #1 of the year 2023, amended Solar Law.

Privilege of the floor

Mr. Dave Smith from ACCO Drive was present concerning the unnecessary clean-up of his property after this winters snowplow season. Pictures left for the board to review. Mr. Smith left at 6:09. Much discussion held.

RESOLUTION 2023-43 RES-Q-TUBE – BRIER HILL VFD

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

RESOLVED to provide \$2339.65 towards the purchase of a Res-Q-Tube to be housed at the Brier Hill Volunteer Fire Department.

RESOLUTION 2023-44 FEBRUARY/MARCH MINUTES - APPROVE

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

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of February and March 2023.

Discussion held regarding moving forward of the construction of a new salt barn at the highway department located on CR 6. Karl Cougler, Highway Superintendent, was hoping to piggyback using Sourcewell for the construction of a prefabricated salt barn with the understanding the foundation would have to be placed out to bid. Bill Dashnaw, stated he had not heard back regarding if the Town could utilize Sourcewell rather than placing the whole project out to bid, utilizing Tisdale Associates services. It was decided that the town needs to act quickly on this project in order to get it done this summer. Much discussion held.

RESOLUTION 2023-45**NEW SALT BARN/HIGHWAY**

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

RESOLVED to authorize Tisdale to move forward with bidding to be opened May 12, 2023 at 1:00 pm at the Town Hall, Heuvelton, NY if Sourcewell is not an option by April 21, 2023.

Assessor

Mark Schnorr resigned from the City of Ogdensburg effective April 30, 2023. The Town's 2023 tentative roll to be filed May 1, 2023, with grievance day being held May 25, 2023. Mark informed the Board that he has placed a clip board outside his office door for anyone looking for him (especially Amish) for when he is not here. Discussion held.

RESOLUTION 2023-46**ACCEPT ASSESSORS REPORT**

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

RESOLVED to accept the Assessor's report.

Crematory

Tim Tuttle was absent but left report. A note was left requesting help with spring yard clean-up as he is scheduled for surgery beginning of May and will not be able to get it done. Discussion held regarding the need to pave the driveway and move the flag pole area elsewhere.

RESOLUTION 2023-47**MEMORIAL PARK CLEAN-UP**

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

RESOLVED to seek professional services to assist with spring clean-up and move flag pole at Oswegatchie Memorial Park/Crematory.

RESOLUTION 2023-48**MEMORIAL PARK PAVING**

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

RESOLVED to move forward with paving the driveway/parking lot at Oswegatchie Memorial Park/Crematory.

Code Enforcement

Report provided. Discussion held regarding the need to address possible battery storages. Not enough information on how it all works, Russ suggested a moratorium for now. Discussion held.

RESOLUTION 2023-49 **PASS LOCAL LAW NO. 1 YEAR 2023 – SOLAR LAW**

On a motion by Lillian LaRose, seconded by Alfred Nichols, the following resolution was ADOPTED – Vote - Alfred Nichols (yes), Bruce LaRose (yes), Ken Wilson (yes), Lillian LaRose (yes), Mike Stoner (yes)

RESOLVED to pass Local Law No. 1 of the year 2023 (amended Solar Law)

RESOLUTION 2023-50 **DRAFT MORATORIUM – BATTERY STORAGE**

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

RESOLVED to authorize Town Attorney, Charles Nash, to draft a moratorium regarding battery storage.

RESOLUTION 2023-51 **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.

Highway Superintendent

Picking up trash and doing a lot of spring clean-up. Short an MEO who is out on disability. Sold the old truck. Discussion had.

RESOLUTION 2023-52 **ACCEPT HIGHWAY REPORT**

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

RESOLVED to accept the Highway report.

Supervisor Report

Nothing to report

RESOLUTION 2023-53 **BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT**

On a motion by Ken Wilson, 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 #4 Vouchers numbered 1-26	General Fund	\$ 36,866.50
	Highway Townwide	8,931.62
	Highway Outside	22,619.82
	Memorial Park	4,550.97
	Trust & Agency	23,496.22

Other Disbursements:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm