

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

Present: Councilmember Lillian LaRose
Councilmember Bruce LaRose
Councilmember Mike Stoner
Councilmember Ken Wilson

Others: Russ Lawrence (left at 8:10pm), Bill Dashnaw, Karl Cougler (left at 8:10pm), Tim Tuttle (left at 7:26 pm)

Junkyard Renewals

LaFave’s is no longer operating as a Junkyard. Owner Sheran LaFave is working on cleaning-up the junkyard. Kirby’s Auto Sale did not return renewal applications to Town Clerk. Discussion held regarding the \$250 fee for not being in compliance which includes failure to return completed renewal applications.

RESOLUTION 87-2023

KIRBY JUNKYARD RENEWAL’S

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

RESOLVED to **fine** Kirby’s Auto Parts \$250.00 per junkyard (2) for failure to return completed renewal application prior to meeting, totaling \$500.00.

RESOLUTION 88-2023

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 August 21, 2023 at 6 pm at Town Hall, 51 State Street, Heuvelton, NY

RESOLUTION 89-2023

APPROVE JUNE MINUTES

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

RESOLVED to approve June minutes as presented.

RESOLUTION 90-2023

PURCHASE 10’ FLEX WING JD MOWER

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

RESOLVED to authorize purchase of 10’ Flex Wing John Deere Mower on Highway State Bid in the amount of \$22,780.56.

RESOLUTION 91-2023

AMAZON ACCOUNT

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

RESOLVED to approve bookkeeper, Laura Ashley, to set up an amazon account for purchases.

Crematory/Mausoleum Report

Report provided. Discussion held regarding follow up with NYMIR (insurance co) regarding the damaged retort due to explosion. NYMIR states they would pay the claim and go after the Funeral Home for negligence. Quote for ceiling repair came in at \$23,372, floor repair \$9,000 (ish) and crane cost \$4,000. Will place an ad for bids for replacements. Trees have been removed. Tree removal company did not submit their invoice prior to today's meeting, Mr. Tuttle has asked for a resolution to pay said invoice prior to August meeting. Have placed some calls out to several company's regarding the need for adding niches in the mausoleum. Discussion had.

RESOLUTION 92-2023**BID OPENING – RETORT REPAIRS**

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

RESOLVED to accept sealed bids until August 17, 2023 at 2pm at which time will be opened by the Town Clerk, 51 State St, Heuvelton, NY

RESOLUTION 93-2023**QUOTES – ADDITIONAL NICHEs**

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

RESOLVED to seek quotes for additional niches for Oswegatchie Memorial Park.

RESOLUTION 94-2023**AUTHORIZE PYMT TO TREE REMOVAL CO.**

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

RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to pay for tree removal at Oswegatchie Memorial Park off warrant.

RESOLUTION 95-2023**ACCEPT CREMATORY/MAUSOLEUM REPORT**

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

RESOLVED to accept crematory/mausoleum report.

Code Enforcement

Report provided. LaFave's Junkyard is closed with signage stating so. DEC is involved in the clean-up process at LaFave's along with several other properties regarding DEC issues. Violation are in the works. Solar arrays are on hold waiting for National Grid to finalize connection. Discussion held.

RESOLUTION 96-2023**ACCEPT CODE REPORT**

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

RESOLVED to accept report as presented.

Discussion held regarding Hanson – Quarry. They are asking the Town why they originally had a set back of 65 feet when the City of Ogdensburg has a set back of 25 feet. A 25 foot set back would give them some reserve. Discussion held and the Town will do some research to see when/why/how the 65 foot set back was determined and if it can be changed.

Highway

Paving should happen within a couple of weeks, hopefully. Discovered some issues with survey at the Town Barns. Looks like previous survey from the 80's was not recorded and no one can locate it. Deeds are conflicting. This needs to be settled prior to moving forward with the construction of the new salt barn. Will table till August meeting with hopes of having more information available before reject of accepting bids for salt barn.

RESOLUTION 97-2023

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.

Councilmember, Ken Wilson, informed the Town Board that there will be an entrapment training on August 12, 2023 at the Brier Hill Fire Department for anyone interested in attending.

Supervisor

Financials provided. Nothing to report.

RESOLUTION 98-2023

ACCEPT SUPERVISOR REPORT

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

RESOLVED to accept the Supervisor Report

RESOLUTION 99-2023

CHANGE TO MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS

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

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor to switch all accounts to money market.

RESOLUTION 100-2023

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

On a motion by Alfred Nichols, 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 #6 Vouchers numbered 1-33	General Fund	\$280, 399.03
	Highway Townwide	31,715.43
	Highway Outside	4,489.54
	Memorial Park	3,338.91
	Trust & Agency	19,940.35

Other Disbursements:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm