

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
- Councilwoman Bruce LaRose
- Others: Bill Dashnaw, Budget Officer/Grant Admin.
- Karl Cougler, Highway Superintendent (left 7:30 pm)
- Tim Tuttle, Crematory (left at 7:00 pm)
- Mark Schnorr, Assessor (left at 7:00 pm)

RESOLUTION 2023-71

MAY MINUTES - APPROVE

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

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of June 19, 2023

RESOLUTION 2023-72

JUSTICE COURT AUDIT

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

RESOLVED that the Town Justice books were reviewed and audited by Councilmember Mike Stoner and Town Supervisor, Alfred Nichols and were found to be in good order.

Still need to audit bookkeeper (Bruce LaRose, Bill Dashnaw)

Review Tisdell agreement regarding paving Oswegatchie Memorial Park. Tim Tuttle stated he received a few quotes to remove the trees ranging \$6500 - \$12000. Plan is to move the flag pole and possibly add niches where the trees are currently.

RESOLUTION 2023-73

TISDEL – PAVING OSW. MEMORIAL PARK AGREEMENT

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

RESOLVED to sign agreement with Tisdell Associates.

RESOLUTION 2023-74

TREE REMOVAL – OSW. MEMORIAL PARK

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

RESOLVED to hire Fred Grobler Farm to remove trees at Oswegatchie Memorial Park at \$6500.

Crematory/Mausoleum Report

Tim Tuttle informed the Board regarding the need to replace the floor and ceiling in one retort due to devices exploding during cremation process. Attorney, Charles Nash, has recommended an attorney that may be able to offer legal services regarding this replacement. Family members sign paperwork stating there is no pacemaker or other devices prior to cremation. Negligence of family and funeral director for not double checking. Waiting on return call from the attorney and inspection from Mathew’s. Case numbers are down, which is good due to the damage to the retort. Tim will phone each board member once he has answers to report. Much discussion held.

RESOLUTION 2023-75

ACCEPT CREMATORY REPORT

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

RESOLVED to accept the Crematory report.

Town Clerk

Town Clerk, Vicki Thornhill, would like to switch clerk software program from BAS to Williamson Law Book. Have been to a couple of demonstrations and feels that it would suit the Town Clerk’s office much better. Will be able to accept code monies as well. Discussion had

RESOLUTION 2023-76

NEW TOWN CLERK SOFTWARE

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

RESOLVED to allow Town Clerk, Vicki Thornhill, to purchase Clerk software from Williamson Law Book.

St. Lawrence County 3 – year snow removal contract. Roads have improved according to Highway Superintendent, Karl Cougler. The agreement seems to be a good one for now.

RESOLUTION 2023-77

SLC THREE – YEAR SNOW REMOVAL AGREEMENT

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

RESOLVED to sign three-year contract/agreement with St. Lawrence County Highway

RESOLUTION 2023-78

P/T EMP. HEALTH INSURANCE DEDUCTION

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

RESOLVED to allow health insurance payroll deduction from part-time employee, Mark Schnorr, which will cover cost of health insurance.

RESOLUTION 2023-79

PUBLIC HEARING – MORATORIUM – BATTERY STORAGE

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

RESOLVED to hold a public hearing on July 17, 2023 at 6 pm at the Town Hall, Heuvelton, NY regarding Local Law – battery storage moratorium.

Assessor Report

Board of Assessment review was held the end of May, with eight complaints (4 being Slic). Did not need to utilize alternate, Keith Pierce. Sales are still strong, definitely a seller’s marker. Final roll will be available July 1st. The new air conditioner is working well in the Assessor’s very hot upstairs office. Discussion held.

RESOLUTION 2023-80

ACCEPT ASSESSOR REPORT

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

RESOLVED to accept Assessor Report.

Highway Report

Still short an MEO due to disability. Requested to go into executive session to discuss employment issues with employee. Discussion held.

RESOLUTION 2023-81

ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RESOLVED to enter into executive session at 7:13 pm to discuss an MEO.

RESOLUTION 2023-82

EXIT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RESOLVED to exit executive session at 7:21 pm with no action taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-83

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.

Supervisor Report

Financial reports provided. The Village of Rensselaer Falls has requested to enter into a share agreement with Code Enforcement services. Town is not interested. Supervisor Nichols met with C2AE regarding water district possibilities. They were wondering if anything has changed from previous surveys.

RESOLUTION 2023-84

ACCEPT SUPERVISOR REPORT

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

RESOLVED to accept the Supervisor report.

Budget/Grant Report

Bill Dashnaw discussed the clean up at the Collin’s property. Update regarding the water chestnuts that have invaded a portion of the Oswegatchie River (above the dam in Heuvelton). Currently have 2 machines cutting and removing as much of the weeds as they can. Water chestnut weeds have been located in Black Lake. Trying to stay on top of them as this would be devastating to Black Lake area.

RESOLUTION 2023-85

ACCEPT GRANT REPORTS

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

RESOLVED to accept the Grant Administrators report.

RESOLUTION 2023-86

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 #6 Vouchers numbered 1-31	General Fund	\$ 29,022.19
	Highway Townwide	6,131.60
	Highway Outside	2,830.39
	Osw. Memorial	4,837.98
	Trust & Agency	19,863.97

Other Disbursements: 0

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm

Vicki L. Thornhill, Town Clerk