

The regular meeting of the Oswegatchie Town Board was called to order at 6:02 pm by Supervisor Alfred Nichols with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Present: Councilwoman Lillian LaRose
- Councilman Bruce LaRose
- Councilman Mike Stoner
- Councilman Ken Wilson
- Others: Bill Dashnaw, Budget/Grant
- Mark Schnorr, Assessor (left at 7:15pm)
- Tim Tuttle, Crematory (left at 7:15pm)
- Karl Cougler, Highway Superintendent

**RESOLUTION 115-2023** **APPROVE AUGUST MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of August 2023 as presented.

**RESOLUTION 116-2023** **TABLE – DOG POUND UPGRADES**

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

RESOLVED to table the request for funding for upgrades mandated by NYS Ag & Markets to Moyer Dog Pound pending further investigation.

Government Conference will be held in Potsdam on October 10<sup>th</sup> – No interest!!

Heuvelton Volunteer Fire Department has proposed a 3% increase per year for a 3-year contract. A meeting will be held at HVFD on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm to discuss the possibility of a Fire District. Town Board members would like to table until after the meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October. Discussion held.

**RESOLUTION 117-2023** **TABLE - HVFD 3-YEAR CONTRACT**

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

RESOLVED to table 3% increase to HVFD’s 3-year contract pending Fire District meeting.

**RESOLUTION 118-2023** **J-CAP GRANT APPLICATION**

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

WHEREAS that the Oswegatchie Town Court facility is in need of updated and additional security cameras in the office area along with telephone software upgrades and subscription for the Court Offices, the Court Room, and

WHEREAS, the Oswegatchie Town Court would like to purchase a replacement digital video recorder & cameras, along with additional cameras in the office area, software upgrade and subscription to existing telephone system, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Town of Oswegatchie authorizes Oswegatchie Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2023-2024 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00

### **Highway**

Accepted bids for a 2001 Alamo A10 IV Rotary Mower. High bid came in at \$1250. Have not received all of the invoices for CHIPS and would like to request a resolution to pay once they are received to expedite reimbursement. Been informed that the 10- wheeler truck is scheduled to start build beginning of December 2023. It has been over a 2 year wait. Will need to plan on next purchase soon to stay ahead of the delays in production. Discussion held.

### **RESOLUTION 119-2023**

### **ACCEPT BID – 2001 ROTARY MOWER**

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

RESOLVED to accept high bid of \$1250 by Matt Pierce.

### **RESOLUTION 120-2023**

### **AUTHORIZE CHIPS PAYMENT**

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

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor to pay off warrant any invoices for CHIPS.

### **RESOLUTION 121-2023**

### **ACCEPT HIGHWAY REPORT**

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

RESOLVED to accept the Highway report as presented.

### **Assessor**

Town Attorney, Charles Nash, has recommended the Town agree to deed the controversial Potter's Field ownership to the City of Ogdensburg. Lots of questions regarding the star exemptions/credit due to school tax bills. Discussion held.

### **RESOLUTION 122-2023**

### **ACCEPT ASSESSOR REPORT**

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

RESOLVED to accept Assessor report.

### **Code Enforcement**

Absent – Report left. Reviewing solar on Smithers property, Battery storage moratorium scheduled for November. Annual harassment & discrimination training will be held on Monday, October 16 at 2:30 pm and 5:00 pm. Discussion held.

### **RESOLUTION 123-2023**

### **ACCEPT CODE REPORT**

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

RESOLVED to accept Code Enforcement report as presented.

**Crematory/Mausoleum**

Tim Tuttle has recommended that the board reject all bids for the repair/replacement of damaged retort. None of them met the specs as presented. Mathews may come forward with some warranty repairs once again. Handed out 5(five) part-time crematory operator/groundskeeper applications for board review. Down 70 cases from last year so far. Discussion had.

**RESOLUTION 124-2023****REJECT ALL BIDS - RETORT**

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

RESOLVED to reject all bids for damaged retort repair/replacement due to specs not met.

**RESOLUTION 125-2023****ACCEPT CREMATORY REPORT**

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

RESOLVED to accept report as presented.

**Supervisor**

Nothing to report. Financials handed out.

**RESOLUTION 126-2023****BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

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

RESOLVED to approve the following Budget Modifications:

\$1,500.00 increase 16804.01 (*Data Processing CE*) decrease 19904.01 (*Contingency*)

**Grant Report**

Collins property clean-up has been completed. DEC provided 100 trees in which have been planted. Hopeful the property will be classified as “unrestrictive” after waiting period and testing in October and March 2024. It has been recommended by Bill Dashnaw, grant writer, to deed 10 feet from SH 68 side and 30 feet on backside of property to Collins-Hammond as they have already been utilizing that portion. Collins-Hammond will pay for the survey and filing of the deed.

**RESOLUTION 127-2023****BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT**

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

RESOLVED to authorize boundary line adjustment to Collins-Hammond, tax map # 59.021-4-4.1.

**Budget Officer**

Reviewed 2024 tentative budget line by line and discussed the need to have a fund balance policy in place. Much discussed held regarding 2024 budget.

**RESOLUTION 128-2023****ACCEPT TENTATIVE BUDGET AS AMENDED**

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

RESOLVED to accept 2024 tentative budget as amended.

**RESOLUTION 129-2023**

**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 #9 Vouchers numbered 1-37	General Fund	\$657,350.71
	Highway Townwide	10,167.78
	Highway Outside	353,050.91
	Osw. Mem. Park	5,178.48
	Trust & Agency	20,737.18

Other Disbursements: none

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Vicki L. Thornhill, Town Clerk