

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Orwell Village Council

Organizational Meeting

Date: January 3, 2024

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Time: 6:00 p.m.

President of Council, Mr. Ruks, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Swearing in of Council: Mr. Denihan was sworn in by President Ruks.

Roll Call:

Mr. Cottrell – present

Ms. Cozad - present

Mr. Denihan – present

Mr. Ruks – present

Solicitor Cris Newcomb, Village Manager Tamí Pentek and Finance Director-Clerk Kim McKinley were in attendance.

Public present: Corinne Schoren, Gazette News and Mr. Dave Hartz.

Item A: Place: Administration Center

Motion by: Ms. Cozad

Seconded by: by: Mr. Cottrell

Roll Call: Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea, Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell-yea.

Meeting night for Council- Day of Week: third Tuesday of the month

Motion by: Ms. Cozad

Seconded by: by: Mr. Cottrell

Roll call: Mr. Denihan-yea, Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea.

Work session- second Tuesday of the month

Motion by: Ms. Cozad

Seconded by: by: Mr. Cottrell

Roll Call: Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea.

Item B: The current version of Roberts Rules of Order shall be adopted by Council as official meeting rules.

Motion By: Ms. Cozad

Seconded by: By: Mr. Cottrell

Roll Call: Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea.

Item C: Council Agenda: 4:00 p.m. - Sign bills
4:30 p.m. - Meeting

- i. Meeting called to order.
- ii. Pledge
- iii. Roll call.
- iv. Accept agenda.
- v. Public
- vi. Minutes
- vii. Bills
- viii. SCAD report
- ix. Village Manager Departmental Reports
 - a. Public Service
 - Streets/Lands & Buildings
 - Water & Sewer
 - b. Safety
 - c. Parks & Recreation
 - d. Planning & Zoning Commission
- x. Solicitor's report
- xi. Finance Director - Clerks Report
- xii. Zoning Report
- xiii. Old Business
- xiv. New Business
- xv. Public
- xvi. Media
- xvii. Executive Session
- xviii. Adjournment

Motion By: Ms. Cozad

Seconded by: By: Mr. Cottrell

Roll Call: Mr. Cottrell-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea, Mr. Ruks-yea.

Item D: Newspaper of Record: Star Beacon

Motion By: Ms. Cozad

Seconded by: By: Mr. Cottrell

Roll Call: Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea, Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell-yea.

Item E: Council Appointments:
Planning & Zoning Board
Zoning Board of Appeals:
Parks and Recreation:
Liaison to Orwell Area Joint Recreational District:

Appointments to Planning and Zoning Board:

Ms. Pentek made the recommendations for the Planning and Zoning Board to include:
Joanne Bevacqua, Wayne Carter, Linn Hess, David Strong, and Susan Robinson (Park & Recreation Bd)

Motion By: Ms. Cozad

Seconded by: By: Mr. Cottrell

Roll Call: Mr. Denihan-yea, Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea.

Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals:

Mrs. Pentek made the recommendations for the Zoning Board of Appeals to include:
Robert Bevacqua, Barb Klingensmith, David Meckley, Terry Schaub, and Stuart Walker

Motion By: Ms. Cozad

Seconded by: By: Mr. Cottrell

Roll Call: Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea.

Appointment to Parks & Recreation Board:

Mrs. Pentek made the recommendations for the Parks and Recreation Board to include:
Tiffany Beals, Susan Robinson, and Jackie Vasko. Lora Sanchez reigned unexpired term 2023-2027.

Motion By: Ms. Cozad

Seconded by: By: Mr. Cottrell

Roll Call: Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea.

Liaison to Orwell Joint Recreational District: Bob Denihan

Motion By: Ms. Cozad

Seconded by: By: Mr. Cottrell

Roll Call: Mr. Cottrell-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-abstained, Mr. Ruks-yea.

Mrs. Pentek made the recommendations to appoint Chad Fernandez as Street Commissioner.

Motion By: Ms. Cozad

Seconded by: By: Mr. Cottrell

Roll Call: Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea, Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell-yea.

SCAD: Dave Hartz

Motion By: Ms. Cozad

Seconded by: By: Mr. Cottrell

Roll Call: Mr. Denihan-yea, Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea.

Alternate: Robert Denihan

Motion By: Ms. Cozad

Seconded by: By: Mr. Cottrell

Roll Call: Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea.

Fire Chief for Orwell Volunteer Fire Department Chief

Ms. Pentek made the recommendation to retain Scott Merlino as Fire Chief.

Motion By: Mr. Ruks

Seconded by: By: Mr. Denihan

Roll Call: Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell-yea, Ms. Cozad-nay, Mr. Denihan-yea.

Council Appointment of President and Vice President.

Motion to Appoint: Chris Ruks as President of Council,

Motion By: Ms. Cozad

Seconded by: By: Mr. Cottrell

Roll Call: Mr. Cottrell-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea, Mr. Ruks-yea.

Mr. Ruks made the recommendation of Mr. Hartz as Vice President

Motion to Appoint Roberta Cozad as Vice President of Council,

Motion By: Mr. Ruks

Seconded by: Mr. Cottrell

Roll call: Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea, Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell-yea.

Motion to approve Kim McKinley as Privacy Officer,

Motion By: Ms. Cozad

Seconded by: By: Mr. Cottrell

Roll Call: Mr. Denihan-yea, Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea.

Motion to approve Tami Pentek as assistant Privacy Officer,

Motion By: Ms. Cozad

Seconded by: By: Mr. Cottrell

Roll Call: Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea.

Item F: Any other Business to come before this Council:

Motion to appoint two members of the "Legislative Authority" (Council) to the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund.

Appointee Names: Dave Hartz and Roberta Cozad

Motion By: Ms. Cozad

Seconded by: By: Mr. Cottrell

Roll Call: Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea.

Motion to appoint Records Retention/Review Committee.

Appointee Names: Kim McKinley, Cris Newcomb, and Chris Ruks

Motion By: Ms. Cozad

Seconded by: By: Mr. Cottrell

Roll Call: Mr. Cottrell-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea, Mr. Ruks-yea.

Item G: Public Comment: None

H: Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ms. Cozad

Seconded by: Mr. Cottrell

Time: 6:25 p.m.

Passed:

January 16, 2024

Jami Dentik
Clerk of Council
Village Manager

Approved:

Christopher D.
President of Council

Kimberly R. G. &
Village Manager
Clerk of Council