

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Orwell Village Council

REGULAR Meeting

Date: November 19, 2024

Council President Ruks called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Clerk-Finance Director Kim McKinley performed roll call and the following council members were present: Mr. Cottrell, Mr. Denihan, Mr. Hartz, and Mr. Ruks. Ms. Cozad arrived at 4:50 p.m.

Others Present: Solicitor Cris Newcomb. Village Manager Tami Pentek and Mr. John Sency, W/S Superintendent.

Agenda: Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to accept the agenda. Roll call, 4 yeas: Denihan – yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Cottrell – yea. Motion passed.

Public: Warren Dillaway, Star Beacon.

Mr. Sency introduced himself to member of council. Mr. Sency is a military veteran, lived in Germany while employed as a government contractor. He has been in wastewater since 2001. He has reviewed the wastewater and water plants; he will be creating a plan to remove, repair or replace.

Minutes: Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on October 15, 2024. Roll call, 4 yeas: Denihan – yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell – yea. Motion passed.

Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to approve the minutes from the work session held on November 12, 2024. Roll call, 4 yeas: Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell - yea, Denihan - yea. Motion passed.

Bills: Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to approve the payment of bills. Roll call, 4 yeas: Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell - yea, Denihan – yea, Hartz-yea. Motion passed.

SCAD: Mr. Hartz read his written report, provided to council, on a meeting held on November 11, 2024. Report includes monthly financial information and call numbers. Annual membership cards have been mailed out. Equipment will be salvaged from wrecked ambulance. Glenbeigh donated an electronic work board for classes held at SCAD. CPR classes were held at Grand Valley Schools; 30 students attended. Next meeting scheduled for December 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Streets/Lands & Buildings: Mrs. Pentek read information from written report provided to council. Berm work was completed along with additional cold patch in area of paving project. Vehicle maintenance has been completed. Addressed a storm drain issue on SR 45 N; removed collapsed metal pipe. Assisted water department in locating shut off valves to service line leak at Kraftmaid. Replaced heater pipes at fire department.

Water/ Sewer: Mrs. Pentek read information from written report provided to council. Meeting was held with CT & C&J at end of October. Power company will need to set meters before electrician can install GFI receptacles to run sump pumps. DC power panels, hatches, splash pad & land restoration still need to be completed. Water department is reviewing plan to drain water tower with EPA. All other work will need to be completed before demolition of tower. Mr. Hartz mentioned concern with unfinished work and time table.

Police Department: Mrs. Pentek read information from written report provided to council. The department is fully staffed; all officers have completed required CPT for 2024. All cruisers have been undercoated. The department ordered four (4) – Axon Body Camera’s.

Fire Department: Mrs. Pentek read information from written report provided to council. Police department donated lightbar from old cruiser to be used on pickup truck 347. Ladder truck 331 passed aerial inspection. Chief Merlino is looking at alternative to repair water tank on Engine 332. The department will be placing order for new MARCS radios; must be updated by 6/30/2024. Hartsgrove VFD donated one body camera to department. Members of department attended training sponsored by State Fire Marshall. Ms. Cozad inquired about FF2 training for the fire chief.

Park and Recreation: Mrs. Pentek expressed appreciation Burt’s Tree Service for hanging lights on tree, installing snowflakes and banners.

Planning & Zoning Commission: Next meeting November 20, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Solicitor’s report: Solicitor Newcomb reviewed pending legislation.

Finance Report: Ms. McKinley provided a summary of the submitted October reports. In addition, she provided information from recent training on ethics and fraud. Ms. McKinley is ready to proceed with updating the codification of ordinances. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to approve the finance report. The motion passed with all in favor.

Zoning: None

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 24-10-04: An ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF ORWELL AND B&J ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL OPERATOR SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE WASTEWATER/WATER FACILITY AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **2nd Reading.**

Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz to table Ordinance 24-10-04. Roll Call, 5 yeas: Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-10-05: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 840 PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS OF THE VILLAGE OF ORWELL CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **2nd Reading.** Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to waive the three-reading rule. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to pass Ordinance 24-10-05. Roll Call, 5 yeas: Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-11-01: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL CONTRACT AND QUOTE WITH ANTHEM BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD AS THE ONGOING INSURANCE PROVIDER FOR THE VILLAGE OF ORWELL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND ITS EMPLOYEES AND DECLARAING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to waive the three-reading rule. Roll call, 5 yeas: Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cozad, to pass Resolution 24-11-01R. Roll Call, 5 yeas: Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea. Motion passed.

New Business: None

Public: None

Media: Mr. Dillaway received a copy of peddler and solicitor legislation with indicating the changes.

Executive Session:

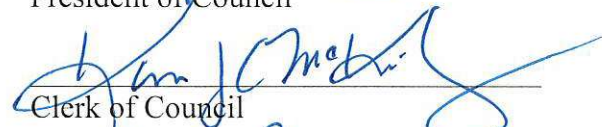
Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to go into executive session with Solicitor Newcomb and Village Manager to discuss acquisition of property and the hiring, compensation, or discipline of a public employee, with no action to follow. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea. Motion passed. Council entered executive session at 5:15 p.m. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cozad, to adjourn executive session. Motion carried. Council exited executed session at 5:40 p.m. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cozad, to adjourn. Motion carried. Mr. Ruks adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

Approved:

December 17, 2024



President of Council



Clerk of Council



Village Manager