

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

**November 26, 2007
7:30 p.m.
Town Office**

**Select Board - Paula Barnes
Walker James
Carla Ochs
Roland Simmons**

**Present: Allen M. Alger Robert G. Arnebold Cheryl Tudhope
Allen R. Alger David King Mark Young**

Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., by Roland Simmons, Chair.

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

None.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

Road Foreman Report - The Road Crew will be working on finishing the grading of the roads as the roads dry out. Work will begin when weather permits on roadside tree cutting.

The Select Board thanked Allen M. Alger for his timely creation of and input for the 2008 highway budget report. General discussion followed.

The Foreman reported that the bill for the brush cutting tractor rental should be in by the end of the week. The amount will be a little more than \$3,000.

The Road Crew is all set for snow. Gravel, sand, salt and stone are stock piled in good quantities.

3. MINUTES.

Carla Ochs moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of November 12, 2007, as written. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Paula Barnes moved to pay the General Fund orders in the amount of \$7,590.75, the Sewer orders in the amount of \$1,222.91, Line Items in the amount of \$32,015.00, Tax anticipation note with interest and firehouse note with interest in the amount of \$132,065.11, and the Town payroll. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

a. The capacity report was received from the State and shows there is room for some growth in the sewer area of the Village.

b. Sheets listing the latest training opportunities was given to Walker James for Martin Williams.

c. Allen Engineering will, as of today, have a surcharge of \$40 for orders under \$100 and \$30 for orders over \$100.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer, Mark Young, presented the bills for the tax anticipation note with interest and the firehouse note with interest payments.

Tax Anticipation Note	\$100,000.00
Interest	1,523.28
Firehouse Addition Note	\$ 20,800.00
Interest	9,741.83

These payments will be made on tonight's orders.

The Sewer checking account balance at this time is \$15,500. A separate reserve fund will be set up at the December 17, 2007, Select Board meeting. The end of year balance is needed to decide on the amount for this fund.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Betterback Roads Grant Check Rec'd - The Town received a check for \$3,090.00 from Betterback Roads for the 2006 road work grant Allen M. Alger applied for and completed.

b. Ancient Roads Survey Update - The Select Board received another survey sheet for 2007 on the Ancient Roads project. Discussion followed. The Chair will ask to have the first deadline extended especially considering that next year is a major election year.

b. Parcel Mapping - The Lister Chair, Cheryl Tudhope, explained the rationale behind seeking and hiring another mapper for the Orwell parcel maps. The Select Board approved her requests and gave her the go ahead with the conversion. Cheryl Tudhope was asked to submit an estimated budget for this and for any anticipated lister work for 2008, even though she may not be able to get all the info she needs.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. 2008 Health Trust Rates & Options - Roland Simmons reported that the health insurance premiums for 2008 will increase by 8 percent. This is very good news. Discussion ensued. No changes. The road crew is happy with the current policy. The only change will be the monthly premium.

b. December Select Board Meeting Dates - The 2nd Select Board meeting for December falls on Christmas Eve. Discussion followed.

Carla Ochs moved to set the Select Board December meetings as Dec 10th and Dec 17th.

Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Will Stevens Letter on prebate Input - Roland Simmons asked if the letter from Rep Will Stevens should be answered individually or as a Town on the "prebate" issue and how this affects the job, privacy, any difficulties, success or failure of such policy or any other thoughts. Discussion followed. There will be individual letters coming from town officials for Rep Will Stevens to present to the legislature.

b. David King DRB - The Select Board reviewed the lake property zoning violation with David King. Discussion ensued. All present support to continue to enforce to the full the Orwell zoning regulations.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Walker James moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes - 0 No. Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ann Arnebold

Clerk of the Board

Regular Select Board Meeting

October 22, 2007

Regular Select Board Meeting

July 23, 2007

