

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD**

November 22, 2010

7:30 p.m.

Town Office

NOT APPROVED

**Select Board: Walker James
Carla Ochs
Roland Simmons
Miles Tudhope**

**Present: Allen M. Alger
Allen R. Alger
Robert Arnebold**

**Dean Hanson
Mark Young, Treasurer
Russell Young**

Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk

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

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Allen R. Alger asked if power was going into the Old Town Garage. Roland Simmons explained that whatever improvements go into this building will belong to the Town of Orwell. The terms of the lease contract are more than adequate to protect the Town. This information is available to the public. The question was asked about electricity and insurance. Walker James will look into this.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report – Last week the Road Crew widened Needham Hill from the John Walker property to past Joe Shaw's property. Two vehicles can now pass in this area.

The quote from Overhead Door for the loader shed is \$1,325.00. Tomorrow the Road Foreman will seek a second quote.

A check [\$61,500.00] for the truck equipment is needed for Wednesday. The Road Crew will go to ATEC to inspect and then pick up the new truck.

Walker James moved to draw a check for \$61,500.00 [as quoted on April 28, 2010 and approved by the Select Board] made out to American Truck Equipment Co. for equipment put on the cab and chassis owned by the Town. Carla Ochs seconded the motion. The motion passed – 4 Yes 0 No.

An order will be written tonight for this payment.

b. Health Trust – The final figures for health coverage for 2011 were given to Roland Simmons for Select Board consideration. The different plans and cost were given to people to study. The current plan cost increased by \$237.00 per month. Discussion with the Road Crew ensued.

The Road Crew is willing to work with the Select Board in coming up with the best solution as to cost to both the Town and the Road Crew. Further research and discussion will continue. The deadline for any change to be made is December 1, 2010.

c. Town Garage Inspection Follow-up – Allen M. Alger reported that he installed a new cord as requested by Christopher LaBerge of VLCT. Thus, the inspection and recommendation process is now complete.

3. MINUTES.

Carla Ochs moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of November 8, 2010, as written. Miles Tudhope seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Carla Ochs moved to pay the General Fund orders in the amount of \$25,588.46, Election Officials in the amount of \$150.00, First Nat'l Bank of Orwell billing in the amount of \$283.00, Line Items in the amount of \$9,870.00, the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$590.64 and \$102.00 for First Nat'l Bank of Orwell billing, and the Town and Treasurer payrolls. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed – 4 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

The fencing has been repaired.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

A note for the truck and equipment less the Equipment fund will be drawn up by the Treasurer.

Carla Ochs moved to have the Treasurer transfer from the Reappraisal Fund \$15,190.00 to the General Fund to cover the current Douglas MacArthur Assoc. bill. Miles Tudhope seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Sewer Form Draft – The Select Board reviewed a draft of the user form. Discussion ensued. Changes were suggested and will be incorporated into the draft. Roland Simmons will continue to work on this project using the recommendation of the Agency of Natural Resources.

b. Roadside Trash ID'd – Allen M. Alger reported that a citizen came to the Town Garage on Thursday and reported that garbage was dumped on Singing Cedars Road. When the garbage was investigated, identification was found. More garbage was found on Old Sawmill containing the same identifications. The Game Warden took all the information and stated that he will pursue the person involved.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. 2011 Budget Schedules – As soon as the budget figures are returned to the Select Board, budget work schedules will be set.

b. VLCT Insurance Trust Rates – The unemployment rate is set at \$1,028.00 for 2011. “Unlike the State, the VLCT Unemployment Trust has maintained a healthy surplus to cover bad claim years. While 2010 claims will draw down some of this surplus there will still be adequate surplus to see the Trust through these difficult economic times.”

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Pay Line Items – The Line Items as voted on March 2, 2010, were put on the orders to be paid this week.

b. Fire/Rescue Building Note Payment – There was a question on the interest rate for this note. Roland Simmons spoke with the bank representative. The rate is figured on a 12/30 month; therefore, there are 5 more days interest to be figured, amounting to an additional \$81.00.

The note payment was then made on November 12, 2010.

c. Truck Note – A quote is requested from both the National Bank of Middlebury and the First National Bank of Orwell for a note to cover the new truck payments.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Walker James moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. Miles Tudhope seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ann Arnebold

Clerk of the Board