

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD
October 12, 2009
7:30 p.m.
Town Office**

**Select Board: Paula Barnes
Walker James
Roland Simmons**

**Present: Allen M. Alger Robert Arnebold
Allen R. Alger
Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk**

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Roland Simmons, Chair.

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Allen R. Alger asked the Select Board if there was any problem with the Fire Department offering beer for a donation at the Quarterly Addison County Firefighters Association dinner meeting to be held at the Orwell Fire Station, Wednesday, October 21, 2009. Discussion ensued.

Walker James will check with PACIF and get back to Allen R. Alger tomorrow.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report - The Roads are pretty decent at the moment. A few more loads of winter sand should give the Town a good stock pile.

Roland Simmons told the Road Foreman that Chris LaBerge of PACIF Loss Control will be at the Town Garage 9:00 a.m., Friday, October 16, 2009, to go over the Town Garage, concerning the recent break in.

The '04 Mack needs some spring repairs - the cost will be about \$1,700.00, Allen M. Alger reported.

Yard lights are being priced out. The Select Board approved having them installed. The job box arrived and is to be installed this week.

The additional material for the lake landslide area still needs to be laid.

Allen M. Alger stated that the Town needs additional barricades especially for the landslide area. The State is requesting that their barricades be returned.

3. MINUTES.

Walker James moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of September 28, 2009, as written. Roland Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed - 3 Yes 0 No.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Walker James moved to pay the General Fund orders in the amount of \$9,065.71, the Sewer orders in the amount of \$115.41 and the Town and Sewer payrolls. Paula Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed - 3 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

The monthly reports were reviewed and signed by Roland Simmons on Friday last.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Select Board received the latest financial report. Discussion followed. The request was made to have individual deposits identified as to their origin.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

Speed Limit/Stop Sign Ordinance Amendments - The amendments to the highway speed limit and safety sign ordinances are now in affect as of October 9, 2009. Discussion followed.

The Road Foreman will start the process by first erecting the additional stop signs per the amendment. Twelve signs are needed. The Road Foreman has three and will need to purchase nine more.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

Current Use Meeting - October 15th - Roland Simmons reminded the Select Board that Will Stevens is convening a meeting on Current Use Issues for Select Board and Listers in his district, to be held at the Orwell Town Office on Thursday, October 15, 2009, at 7 p.m.

A legislative committee is charged with finding \$1.6 million in revenues or savings from the CU program for the 2011 budget. This issue was discussed, Roland Simmons reports, at the VLCT board meeting. VLCT is concerned because of the possibility of cost dumping on local taxpayers. Background material on this issue is available at the Town Clerk's office.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Sample Property Tax Bill - The Select Board discussed the process and request. The notice was sent over to the Treasurer for processing since the Treasurer creates, controls and issues tax bills.

b. Deposit Receipts - The Select Board discussed the procedure of depositing town monies into the town account at the Orwell Bank.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Paula Barnes moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Roland Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed - 3 Yes - 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ann Arnebold

Clerk of the Board