



ORONOQUE VILLAGE TAX DISTRICT
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**Oronoque Village Tax District
Board of Directors Meeting
North Community Building, 600 North Trail, Stratford, Conn.**

Tuesday, June 23, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.

Opening Forum

There were no speakers at the Open Forum.

I. Roll Call

President Bob Grosso	Present
Vice President Steve Brieger	Present
Treasurer Robert Macaluso	Present
Secretary Jim Irwin	Present
Jeanette Caron, Director	Present
Marguerite Dunigan, Director	Present
Diane Fried, Director,	Present
Mel Holson, Director	Present
Al Schlager, Director	Present
John Staley, Executive Manager	Present

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from April 28, 2015, were approved with changes.

IV. President's Comments

OVTD President Bob Grosso responded to the moving of expenses from OVTD to OVCA as question during the April Open Forum by Gene Boone and Mark Sills. He said that the expenses were moved to comply with FHA requirements following the purchase of the community buildings. To qualify for FHA, the buildings need to be owned by OVCA.

Regarding the financial status of the loan, as questioned by Stan Lessler during the April 2015 Open Forum, the bank loan is \$1.9 million; to date \$1,486,175 has been drawn down. Invoices are being processed, which will increase the figure by \$181,722, for a total of \$1,667, 897. Open obligations to contractors for work yet to be completed will add \$161,887, bringing the projected bank loan to 1,839, 784.

A security transition to the Stratford Police Department has been completed and going well.

Bob noted that during the April 28, 2015 OVTD Board meeting, he commented that there were many qualified candidates who sought a position on the OVTD Board. As a result, he requested that the Business Office contact the OVTD Board candidates who were not nominated to see if they wanted to be added to the ballot for the OVTD Board elections. One person added his name, three declined. The elections were conducted on May 26, 2015, and Bob Grosso, Emilio Ruiz and William Tanski were elected to serve 3-year terms as directors. Bob thanked all those who participated in the election process and said that those who did not get elected will be invited to serve on committees in the near future.

Road pavement in select areas of North and South Trails is under way.

He said that there is ongoing discussion and meetings regarding the betterment of the Village. Bob, Steve Brieger, OVCA President Linda Libertino, OVCA Vice President Judy Rabkin and Executive Manager John Staley are in constant communication on this matter.

V. Treasurer's / Finance Committee Report

OVTD Treasurer Bob Macaluso presented the Treasurer's Report for the three-month period ending May 31, 2015.

He said he is chairing an ad hoc committee that is conducting a search for a new outside auditor.

Bob Grosso praised Bob Macaluso's work on this committee.

VII. Executive Manager's Report

Executive Manager John Staley reported that delinquencies have never been so low and attributed that to the work of the Finance Committee.

Remediation is still ongoing. There remain two wells with fluctuating results.

He reported that there were 294 votes for eight positions during the OVTD Board election held in May. The mill rate passed as did the budget. His looking forward to a good year; the budget has a positive balance.

There have been some hurdles in the Algonquin Lane Flood project due to a claim from United Illuminating that says there is an underground line where the work is scheduled to occur. The claim by UI is under dispute.

John thanked the Ad Hoc Cablevision Committee members for their good work.

Old Business

Al Schlager asked why two representatives on the City Council – Mr. Kubic and Mr. Connors -- were not invited to the meeting with the mayor.

John Staley said that Mr. Kubic and Mr. Connors were invited to the meeting.

Jeanette Caron asked if OVTD will be participating in the ad hoc committee that will review snow removal procedures. Bob said that OVTD is responsible for snow removal on the roads; OVCA is responsible for the snow removal on sidewalks and driveways.

John Staley said that the presidents and vice presidents of both boards are in regular discussions regarding snow removal. He is looking into the cost of having outside contractors do the snow removal on sidewalks. People who enter through their garages are not willing to make additional payments. However others who want to walk outside their front doors to walk their dogs, for example, have different needs. John Staley said about a \$500,000 dollars will need to be added to the budget to finance snow removal on the sidewalks.

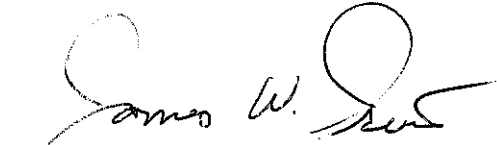
Jeanette Caron suggested that OVCA District Reps find out who is in need of snow removal on the sidewalks. Bob Grosso said these concerns are being discussed. Al Schlager said that the snow on the sidewalks could become a liability issue.

IX. Closing Forum

Stan Lessler (491A Iroquois Lane) thanked Bob Grosso for providing the details of the loan.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James Irwin
OVTD Treasurer