



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, October 27, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.

Opening Forum

There were no speakers at the Open Forum.

I. Roll Call

Vice President Steve Brieger	Present
Treasurer Jim Irwin	Present
Secretary Marguerite Dunigan	Present
Bill Tanski, 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 July 28, 2015 were approved without changes.

IV. Acting President's Comments

OVRTD Vice President Steve Brieger noted that the composition of the Board has changed radically. There were three resignations: President Bob Grosso and Directors Jackie Caron and Emilio Ruiz.

The process of replacing OVRTD members via the OVRTD Nominating Committee was discussed. The reduction of the OVRTD responsibilities also was noted.

Steve said he would step in as president if a motion was made. He asked if anyone else would like to be considered as OVRTD president. No discussion ensued. A motion to appoint Steve Brieger as president of OVRTD was made by Jim Irwin and seconded by Mel Holson. Discussion ensued. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. Treasurer's Report

OVRTD Treasurer James Irwin presented the Treasurer's Report for the three-month period ending September 30, 2015

He noted that the CD investments have very little reward and suggested that a new source be sought for the CDs. He also noted that delinquencies – compared to a year ago – have improved extraordinarily. This can be attributed to an upswing in the economy as well improvement in the property values at Oronoque Village. He noted that there will be a transfer of funds from OVRTD to OVCA, which will affect the balance sheet.

He praised Executive Manager John Staley's work in lowering the electric bill. Charges this year are down by 25 percent over last year.

He noted that the road project is a large expenditure and the money is being spent wisely. He feels that the money is being spent well and the decisions being made as to what sewer covers are being replaced are valid.

VII. Executive Manager's Report

Executive Manager John Staley reported that the Algonquin Flood Project has been delayed due to work by United Illuminating and Cablevision. The wall will be raised a bit higher to prevent the slope for new grass without the need for hand mowing. The project is under the leadership of Mark Rhatigan. This is a long-overdue project that is being paid for by the Town of Stratford.

On the South side, in the exercise room, one treadmill is irreparable and two others will need to be replaced. The price is almost in half. We are looking at \$13,900.

Renovations at NCB will get under way following the holidays. Work will be done in the business office, card room and the kitchen.

Mark Rhatigan is overseeing the Algonquin flood project and the upcoming renovations at NCB.

Steve asked when the roads will be complete. John said "this week." He added that he is looking into options for striping the parking lots.

VIII. Director's Remarks

Al Schlager asked about interest rates and the impact that the sale of sewage treatment plant will have on the community.

John Staley said that with a tax district entity, banks have to collateralize. He also said that he is working with the deputy fire marshal regarding hydrants. The deal with Aquarion fell through. The simplest thing to do is to have the town pay for it and we take it out of our budget.

Al Schlager voiced support for the Republican candidate for Town Rep who is running in District 8.

New Business

Steve Brieger stated that he would like to hold OVTD meetings quarterly. A motion was made by Steve Brieger to hold the next OVTD meeting on Jan. 12, 2016. The motion was seconded by Al Schlager. No discussion ensued. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting after that will take place on April 26, 2016.

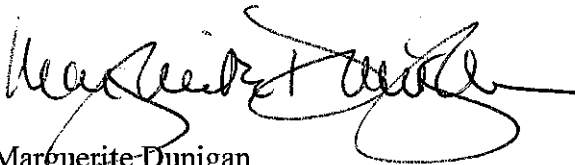
The composition of the Board was addressed. It was stated that a nine-person board was not required. A motion to reduce the OVTD Board to five members was made by Bill Tanski and seconded by Jim Irwin. A discussion regarding continuing with the current six people was made. It was decided to put this on the agenda for the next meeting. A vote by Tax District residents is required to make this change. The matter will be addressed in April or May of 2016. The motion was approved unanimously.

IX. Closing Forum

Bill Sobel (31C Algonquin Lane) spoke about the flood project and stairs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marguerite Dunigan
OVTD Secretary