MARCH 13, 2017
ONTARIO TOWN BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Ontario Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Smith at 7:00 p.m. in the Ontario Town Hall. Present were Supervisor John Smith, Council members: Jason Ruffell, Frank Robusto, Joseph Catalano, Richard Leszyk, Superintendent of Highways Marilee Stallery, Code Enforcement Officer Charlie DeMinck. Acting Superintendent of Water Utilities Steve Johnville, Sole Assessor Melissa Halstead and Town Clerk Debra DeMinck.

Absent: Business Manager Paul Liess and Director of Parks and Recreation William Riddell

8 residents and visitors were present at portions of the meeting.

Mr. Molino led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda – A motion was made by Mr. Ruffell, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to approve the agenda as presented. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes - Mr. Smith asked for approval of the minutes of the February 27, 2017 Town Board Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Leszyk, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to approve the minutes as presented. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence – None

Attorney for the Town Report – None

Department Head Reports -
Supervisor’s Financial Statement – A motion was made by Mr. Leszyk, seconded by Mr. Ruffell, to accept the February 2017 Supervisor’s Financial Statement as presented. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent of Water Utilities – A motion was made by Mr. Catalano, seconded by Mr. Ruffell, to accept the February 2017 report as presented. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent of Highways – A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ruffell, to accept the February 2017 report as presented. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

Code Enforcement Officer – A motion was made by Mr. Ruffell, seconded by Mr. Robusto, to accept the February 2017 report as presented. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

Sole Assessor – A motion was made by Mr. Ruffell, seconded by Mr. Robusto, to accept the February 2017 report as presented. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

Ontario Public Library – To be submitted quarterly

Ontario Town Court – A motion was made by Mr. Leszyk, seconded by Mr. Ruffell, to receive the February 2017 report as presented. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

Director of Recreation & Parks – No report

Economic Development Department – No report

Watershed Management Advisory Council – A motion was made by Mr. Robusto, seconded by Mr. Ruffell, to accept the February 2017 report as presented. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

Animal Control Officer – A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Leszyk, to accept the February 2017 report as presented. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED

Old Business – Old State Bank update
Supervisor Smith stated the number one goal was to see it returned to private ownership. An offer has been accepted on the property.

**New Business** – A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ruffell, to **authorize Clyde Premo and Interim Water Utilities Superintendent Stephen Johnville to attend the NY Rural Water Conference in Niagara Falls, NY from May 22nd to the 25th for a cost not to exceed $1,700 from budget code F8310.4 as requested by the Interim Water Superintendent in a memo dated March 13, 2017. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Mr. Ruffell, seconded by Mr. Robusto, to **authorize payment to MRB for the annual reports required for DEC and EPA for a cost not to exceed $9,052.50 from budget code S1.1440.4 as requested by the Interim Water Superintendent in a memo dated 3/13/2017. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED**

**Reports by Town Board Members** – Mr. Catalano spoke to a business owner hoping to expand. Mr. Ruffell, Supervisor Smith, Mr. Robusto and Mr. Leszyk all spoke about last week’s wind storm and how impressed they were with residents and gave thanks to department heads and emergency services.

Mr. Leszyk commended Supervisor Smith for keeping them apprised of developments.

There was an update from GroSolar with regard to the latest wind storm. The panels are underperforming and every panel may need to be replaced.

**Approval of Claims** - A motion was made by Mr. Robusto, seconded by Mr. Leszyk, to **approve the abstract of claims for March 13, 2017 including vouchers #398 through #554 (420,421,443-447 used by the Business Office) with a grand total of $111,201.74 and to authorize the Supervisor to issue payments for same. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED**

**Executive Session** - A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ruffell, to **move into an executive session at 7:35 p.m. for collective bargaining and a personnel matter leading to said dismissal, removal, promotion, appointment, employment, discipline, demotion or suspension of several employees. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED**

**Reconvene** – 8:19 p.m.

**Adjourn** - A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Leszyk, to **adjourn at 8:20 p.m. 5 Ayes 0 Nays MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Debra DeMinck
Ontario Town Clerk

The above minutes will become official upon approval of the town board.