

*Town of Orleans Town Board Meeting  
December 14, 2006*

*The Town of Orleans held a regular scheduled board meeting at the LaFargeville Municipal Building in LaFargeville at 7:00PM.*

*Members Present: Donna Chatterton, Peter Davis, Charles Margeson, Kevin Rarick, and Dean Morrow.*

*Absent: Tammy Donnelly*

*Others Present: Jim Burrows, Jason Bast, Iris Waterson, Floyd Waterson, Rusty Johnson, Phil Randazzo, Rick Soluri, Phil Reed, Francis Doheny, Mike Hudson, & Joan Davis.*

*Supervisor Chatterton called the meeting to order at 7:00PM*

- 1. Approval of minutes – A motion was made by Charles Margeson and seconded by Peter Davis to approve the minutes as read for November 2, 2006.*

*Donna Chatterton, Aye  
Charles Margeson, Aye  
Peter Davis, Aye  
Kevin Rarick, Aye  
Dean Morrow, Aye all in favor motion carried.*

- 2. Fish and Wildlife Presentation- Jason Bast of the Farm Bureau gave a presentation, followed by a discussion of three proposals that the County is offering concerning tax exemption of land. Phil Reed spoke on same proposal. He discussed the figures that the county had researched, and the effect of the proposal from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services.*

**Resolution #34**

*Whereas, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to buy approximately 1,600 acres of land, as part of a 8,000 acre purchase and easement proposal, within the townships of Alexandria, Antwerp, Brownville, Cape Vincent, Clayton, Hounsfield, LeRay, Lyme, Orleans, Pamela, Philadelphia, Theresa and Watertown and,*

*Whereas, agricultural lands in those towns in Jefferson County can already provide suitable habitat for wetland and grassland bird species including bobolink and mallards and,*

*Whereas, a significant number of programs already exist through the United States Fish and Wildlife Services and the United States Department of Agriculture that assist landowners in protecting and enhancing wildlife habitat and,  
Whereas, the removal of this property from the tax rolls would have a negative impact not only on town property tax revenues, but also on the towns share of county sales tax revenues and,*

*Whereas, this will also affect the taxable assessable value of land within our local school districts and,*

*Whereas, the United States Fish and Wildlife Services proposal will undoubtedly require an increase in taxes to be paid by the remaining land owners of the towns,*

*Be it resolved that the Town of Orleans, located in Jefferson County opposes the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services Plan to establish an 8,000 acre Wetland and Grassland Management District in Jefferson County and is opposed to any plan that would allow the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service the ability to purchase lands within the 13 Town focus area located in Jefferson County.*

*Dated: 12/14/06*

*A motion was made by Charles Margeson and seconded by Peter Davis, in regard to the Town of Orleans opposition, as stated in Resolution #34.*

*Donna Chatterton, Aye  
Charles Margeson, Aye  
Peter Davis, Aye  
Dean Morrow, Aye  
Kevin Rarick- absent for vote- motion carried.*

- 3. Code Enforcement- Rick Soluri discussed code enforcement. He stated that the work is not being done by the county; therefore, code enforcement should be brought back to local townships. A discussion was held with other members of the audience. Floyd Waterson voiced concerns on the junkyard and how it is being handled. The Board feels the need to look at the economic schedule of zoning vs. zoning/code enforcement. This discussion was tabled for further review until the February or March meeting.*

### **Resolution #35**

*Infrastructure Agreement for Slicer Subdivision (Agreement Attached)*

*A motion was made by Charles Margeson and seconded by Peter Davis to accept the Slicer Subdivision Infrastructure Agreement.*

*Donna Chatterton, Aye*

*Charles Margeson, Aye  
Peter Davis, Aye  
Kevin Rarick, Aye  
Dean Morrow, Aye all in favor motion carried.*

- 4. Supervisor Chatterton stated Bonnie Shafer voiced concerns that the current historian is not returning her phone calls. A discussion was held. Councilman Dean Morrow stated Bonnie Shafer has approached him on her water issue at her home. Councilman Morrow referred her to the board.*
- 5. Lake Ontario Coastal Survey- Supervisor Chatterton filled out survey for all board members and she will mail them out.*
- 6. Approval of Water Ordinance for Hamlet of LaFargeville- The attorney had a few concerns on this issue, and voiced them to the board. During the discussion, the board was asked whether it was mandatory for the owner to hook up to the system. The board stated that the owner in the district must pay utilities, but are not required to hook up to the system. The owner's responsibility for hook up was clarified. In addition, easements and right of ways were discussed. More discussion was held on water ordinance. Supervisor Chatterton will make final changes.*
- 7. Teen Center- Pat Callahan and Supervisor Chatterton went to North Country Foundation to look for grants. Supervisor Chatterton also met with Darryl Aubertine and Steve Miller. They recommended doing a low income survey in February of 2007. Supervisor Chatterton spoke with Joan Fitchette, and Joan agreed to put the Teen Center on the property next to the municipal building.*
- 8. Review of Zoning Applicants- Two letters of intent were received from Ben Timerman, and Jackie Clark. The town board agreed to pass the applications on to the zoning board, and wait for recommendations.*
- 9. Letters of intent were received from Fred Duffany and Dan Timerman for the Town of Orleans Cemetery Board. A motion was made by Peter Davis and seconded by Dean Morrow to appoint Fred Duffany and Dan Timerman to the Town of Orleans Cemetery Board.*

*Donna Chatterton, Aye  
Charles Margeson, Aye  
Peter Davis, Aye  
Dean Morrow, Aye  
Kevin Rarick, Aye all in favor motion carried.*

- 10. Discussion of contract for building addition- Lee Gill Jr. approached the supervisor and stated that he purchased the Redwood Bank building. He would like the board to consider putting court office in that building. Lee Gill stated he would remodel building as needed for court. Discussion was held. A motion was made by*

*Councilman Margeson and seconded by Dean Morrow to give Lee Gill Jr. six weeks to come back to the board with a building design and a lease agreement.*

*Donna Chatterton, Nay  
Charles Margeson, Aye  
Dean Morrow, Aye  
Peter Davis, Aye  
Kevin Rarick, Aye 4 to 1 motion carried.*

*11. Update on Bank- Citizen Bank of Cape Vincent will be putting a branch in Agway in LaFargeville. The target date is February 1, 2007. Councilman Peter Davis stated he was concerned with curve on road and what town can do about it. He is concerned about possible accidents.*

*12. January 8, 2007- A Blood Mobile will be held at the Municipal Building from 2-7PM.*

*13. Reappointment of Ted Weisberg to Grievance Board- A motion was made by Charles Margeson and seconded by Peter Davis to appoint Ted Weisberg to the Board of Assessment Review to a term ending in 2011.*

*Donna Chatterton, Aye  
Charles Margeson, Aye  
Peter Davis, Aye  
Dean Morrow, Aye  
Kevin Rarick, Aye all in favor motion carried.*

*14. Employee Contracts- Discussion was held on contracts for Deputy Clerk and Zoning Officer. A motion was made by Dean Morrow and seconded by Kevin Rarick to have no contract for Deputy Clerk and to have her hours as follows: January-March 3 days a week for Town Clerk, 1 day a week for Court Clerk. April- December, 1 day a week or as needed for Town Clerk and 2 days a week for Court Clerk. (Same as 2006)*

*Donna Chatterton, Nay  
Charles Margeson, Aye  
Peter Davis, Aye  
Dean Morrow, Aye  
Kevin Rarick, Aye 4 to 1 motion carried.*

*Contract for Zoning Officer Brad Millett- Board approved, a motion was made by Dean Morrow and seconded by Peter Davis to table approval of Brad Millett's contract.*

*Donna Chatterton, Nay  
Charles Margeson, Nay  
Peter Davis, Aye*

*Dean Morrow, Aye  
Kevin Rarick, Aye 3 to 2 motion carried.*

*15. Tax Rate- Supervisor Chatterton informed town board of the 2007 Tax Rates. Supervisor Chatterton received a letter from Real Property Tax Services on December 14, 2006.*

*16. Snow and Ice Agreement-*

**Resolution # 36**

*A motion was made by Charles Margeson and seconded by Peter Davis to accept the NYS Snow and Ice Agreement for the year 2007-2008 Season.*

*Donna Chatterton, Aye  
Charles Margeson, Aye  
Peter Davis, Aye  
Dean Morrow, Aye  
Kevin Rarick, Aye all in favor motion carried.*

*17. The final meeting for 2006 is scheduled for January 4, 2007 at 1:00PM.*

*18. Voting Districts- Attorney Burrows spoke on Councilman Margeson's request for voting district changes. Discussion was held. Councilman Margeson withdrew his request for a three vote district.*

*19. Town Clerk computer needs updating and repair. It was cheaper to get a new computer than the cost of repair.*

*20. Internet- Three quotes were received for internet. A motion was made by Charles Margeson and seconded by Dean Morrow to use Craig Systems quote for networking for internet.*

*Donna Chatterton, Aye  
Charles Margeson, Aye  
Peter Davis, Aye  
Dean Morrow, Aye  
Kevin Rarick, Aye all in favor motion carried.*

*21. TI Park Proposal for Blower Replacement, Sound Enclosure, and Fariable Speed Drives- Cost is \$22,000. Councilman Margeson asked if we need another blower. Councilman Margeson would like Jim Barton to explain why this is needed. This does not need to go out for bid. Councilman Margeson will report back to the board.*

22. *Airvac- A discussion on rebuilding the vacuum pump was held. The expected cost for rebuilding the pump is \$7,608.04. Councilman Morrow stated he wanted to get Bernier and Carr's input. This subject was tabled for the next meeting, as Wayne Winters will be attending the January 4, 2007 meeting.*
23. *DPW overtime was discussed.*
24. *An Invitation to the Fisher's Landing Fire Department Banquet was received.*
25. *A thank you card was received by Tammy Donnelly from Wilfred Tysick for a job well done.*
26. *Bernier and Carr will be holding a Toy Drive for Christmas.*
27. *A thank you letter was received by Mike Hudson for helping the Village of Clayton.*
28. *Training of Wayne Winters- Councilman Morrow asked how Wayne's training is going, and when he will become chief operator. He was told Wayne will start training January 1, 2007 and become chief operator upon Jim Barton's retirement.*
29. *Supervisor Chatterton will be advertising for a new employee for the DPW in January 2007.*
30. *Councilman Morrow asked if there has been any repayment from the DPW. Supervisor Chatterton stated that one employee made payment.*
31. *Supervisor's Report was received.*
32. *Bills were audited in the amount of \$69,951.81.*
33. *A motion to adjourn meeting was made by Charles Margeson and seconded by Peter Davis. Meeting adjourned at 10:39PM.*

*Donna Chatterton, Aye  
Charles Margeson, Aye  
Peter Davis, Aye  
Dean Morrow, Aye  
Kevin Rarick, Aye all in favor motion carried.*

*Minutes were taken by Clerk to the Supervisor Joan Davis*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Tammy Donnelly  
Town Clerk*