

TOWN OF OTEGO
January 12, 2011

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 3526 State Highway 7, Otego, New York. The purpose of the meeting was to audit the bills and any other business coming before the Board.

The following members were present:

Joseph Hurlburt	Supervisor
Maryalice Brown	Town Clerk
Terry Brown	Councilperson
David Sheldon	Councilperson
George Dolezel	Councilperson
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
James Winchester	Highway Supt.

The following appointments were presented to the board by Mr. Hurlburt:

Banks: Wilber and Key
Newspaper: The Daily Star
Historian: Helen Groves
Registrar: Maryalice Brown
Dog Control Officer: Ellen Dwyer
Code Enforcement Officer: Bruno Bruni
Zoning Officer: Bruno Bruni
Youth Rec. Delegates: Terry Brown, Barbara Stanton
Deputy Supervisor: George Dolezel
Highway Committee: George Dolezel, Joseph Hurlburt
Liaison w/Planning Board: David Sheldon
Bookkeeper: Cindy O'Hara
Health Officer: Bruno Bruni
Dep. Highway Supt.: J. R. Hurlburt
Insurance Committee: George Dolezel, Terry Brown, David Sheldon

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to accept these appointments as presented. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to approve the highway department pay raise of \$.75/hour. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

The approved IRS mileage rate for 2011 is \$.51/mile.

The investment policy, procurement policy, and employee handbook will be reviewed and approved at a later meeting.

Town Attorney

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by David Sheldon, to appoint Beth Westfall as Town Attorney. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Minutes

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to accept the minutes of the December 8 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Dog Control Officer

Ellen Dwyer gave the dog report: 10 reports of loose/stray dogs, 1 warning, 2 tickets issued, 1 dog taken to shelter.

MOSA

There was discussion about the recent county meeting concerning MOSA. It was a meeting of haulers, county reps, and town/city residents about the future of solid waste disposal.

The county has to make a decision in the near future about staying with MOSA or taking over the solid waste business. The county board is split, no decision has been made.

Code Officer

Mr. Bruni submitted his annual report for 2010. Mr. Bruni gave the board an amended zoning ordinance. The major change is to allow manufactured homes with some restrictions in the R1 district. The board will review the amended ordinance and discuss at the February meeting.

Hell Hollow Road Speed Limit

The state has notified the town that they approve a posting of 40 mph on Hell Hollow Road. It is the towns' responsibility to post speed limit signs.

Highway Superintendent

Mr. Winchester has retired as of December 31, 2010 for purposes of his NYS pension. However, he will continue to work until the end of March 2011. Many thanks to Mr. Winchester for his years of service to the town.

Highway Department

After almost 15 years at the town highway dept., Douglas Hurlburt has gone to another job. Ryan Yager has been hired.

Association of Towns

The town clerk has received notice of the annual Association of Towns meeting to be held in New York City Feb. 20-23, 2011. No town officials will be attending.

County Representative

Kathy Clark reported on county issues: in addition to the ongoing MOSA discussion, the county is looking at the efficiency of various county departments to see if any work can be consolidated, etc.

Executive Session

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. 8:20 to 8:45 pm.

After returning from executive session, a motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to pay three weeks accrued vacation time to Douglas Hurlburt. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Warrant 1

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund Vouchers #1-28 in the amount of \$46,812.70; Highway Fund Vouchers #1-21 in the amount of \$68,065.35. Motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Town Assessor

The town board would like to recognize and thank Arlene Salisbury for her years of service as town assessor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.