

TOWN OF OTEGO

JULY 6, 2011

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a public hearing and regular board meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at 6:45 pm at the Municipal Building, 3526 State Highway 7, Otego, New York. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing on Local Law #1 of 2011 regarding the Administration and Enforcement of the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, open bids for the replacement of the municipal building roof, 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
J.R. Hurlburt Highway Supt

Municipal Building Roof

Bids for the municipal building roof were opened:

30 year 50 year

D&D Construction \$14,200 \$16,900

Bill Claudy Const. 31,480 37,420

Powell Company 22,646

25,121 ultra

Hickory Hill Restoration 25,800 28,700

TW Construction 20,200 28,600

Bids will be reviewed to see if specs are met.

A special meeting will be held on July 20, 2011 at 6:00 pm to award the bid.

Local Law #1 of 2011

The town clerk read the legal notice announcing the public hearing for the local law amending Local Law #2 of 2007 regarding the Administration and Enforcement of the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. This amendment is being made to make clear who is responsible for obtaining a building permit, corrects the numbering of some sections and corrects some other mostly technical errors.

There were no comments from the public. The hearing was closed at 7:05 pm and the regular meeting opened.

Minutes

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept the minutes of the

June 6 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Dog Control Report

Ellen Dwyer gave her report: 4 reports of loose/stray dogs, no dogs to shelter, no tickets issued.

Internet Access

Charles Zurenko addressed the board about internet access in this rural area. Time Warner is not planning any expansion in sparsely populated areas. Verizon may be looking to expand FIOS, but not sure where or when in the rural communities.

Mark Dye also commented that these companies choose not to serve areas because of profits - they do not make as much profit where population is sparse.

The county applied for a grant last year for broadband access but was denied.

In today's business world, having fast speed computer access is necessary for many things, especially if you are trying to work from home.

It was decided to have the town clerk contact neighboring towns by letter to see about possibly banding together to approach Time Warner about improving access.

Local Law #1 of 2011

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by David Sheldon, to adopt Local Law #1 of 2011 amending Local Law #2 of 2007 regarding the Administration and Enforcement of the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Comprehensive Plan

The planning board held an informational meeting on the comprehensive plan on Tues., July 5. It was recommended by the board that the town get the opinions of residents on heavy industrial use. A one page survey will be sent to residents to be returned and compiled before a public hearing on the plan.

Anna Hein and Dick Downey had some information compiled by the Unatego Area Landowners Association that was given to the board that they would like to have considered as they review the comprehensive plan.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to hold a public hearing on the comprehensive plan on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at 6:00 pm.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Zoning Law

Mr. Hesse submitted another letter to the board with his objection to amending the zoning law to allow for manufactured homes in the R1 district. He feels that the tax base needs to be increased in an intelligent way, and that erosion of the tax base (from an increase in the number of mfg. homes) must be minimized. He has spoken to his attorney about what can be done if the law is ultimately passed.

He asked the board members to state their reasons publicly for proposing to amend said law.

Mr. Hurlburt responded that at this time he would vote to amend the zoning law, but reserves the right to change his mind after the public hearing.

Highway Superintendent

Mr. Hurlburt reported: replacement of a tube on Mill Creek Rd, 20 washouts from the recent rain storms, and he has received notice from Delta Engineering that he will be contacted soon to schedule a meeting.

Gary Scofield has been hired to replace the retired Dale Young.

Standard Workday Resolution

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to adopt the attached standard workday resolution establishing the standard workday for the town assessor. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Planning Board

The planning board has received a number of resumes for the secretary position for the planning and zoning boards. They have also been contacted by a couple of residents interested in serving on the board. They will review and come to the board with their recommendation.

County Representative

Kathy Clark reported on county business:

The board passed a resolution in opposition to the DOT mandate regarding new rules for parades on state roads.

Solid waste now has single stream recycling. Also, there is a home rule request before the state for the county get out of MOSA.

Warrant 7

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by David Sheldon, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # __121-132__ in the amount of \$ __22,179.81__.
Highway Fund vouchers # __113-126__ in the amount of \$ __10,561.17__.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

The August meeting will be August 17, 2011 at 6:00 pm, the third Wednesday.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Maryalice Brown
Town Clerk

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_____ Highway Supt.