

TOWN OF OTEGO

FEBRUARY 8, 2012

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 6:30 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 2012, 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
George Dolezel Councilperson
Barbara Stanton Councilperson
David Sheldon Councilperson
JR Hurlburt Highway Supt

PUBLIC HEARING

The town clerk read the legal notice that appeared in the Daily Star on January 31. There was some discussion and questions from residents. No one spoke in favor or against. The SEQR form was completed.

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by George Dolezel, to close the public hearing. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays (Mr. Sheldon arrived at 7:00 pm)

Minutes

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to accept the minutes of the January 11 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

Mr. Hurlburt gave the supervisor's report for January:

General Fund townwide beginning balance: \$268,894.66
Receipts: 22,754.45
Disbursements: 49,966.32
Ending Balance: \$241,682.79

General Fund outside village beginning balance: \$12,177.16
Receipts: 32.05
Disbursements: 1,429.85 Ending Balance: \$ 10,779.36

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance: \$166,984.33
Receipts: 200,000.00
Disbursements: 42,031.04
Ending Balance: \$324,953.29

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance: \$212,428.44
Receipts: 14,362.70
Disbursements: 249.40
Ending Balance: \$226,541.74

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept this report as read with the understanding that the Highway fund outside village has a .60 discrepancy. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Dog Control Report

Ellen Dwyer gave her dog report: 10 reports of loose/stray dogs, 3 dogs taken to shelter.

Procurement and Investment Policies

The policies will remain the same for this year.

Mobile Radios

Mr. Hurlburt, highway superintendent, has gotten two additional quotes for new mobile radios from Cornett Electronics and Missouri Radio.

He also reviewed the quote from Tri-County Communications and they had the best price: \$12,972.88 for all radios minus \$2847.46 from the village for their radios leaves a balance of \$10,125.42 for new radios for the town.

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to accept the quote of Tri-County Communications for new mobile radios. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Comprehensive Plan Survey

The survey has been reviewed by the town board after a couple of minor changes. There was discussion of how the survey would be collected.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to send out the final version of the survey. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Gas Drilling

Mike Mitchell had photos of a gas drilling site in Pennsylvania. He spoke of the rising costs, lower property values, and employment in the area.

Gail Dubois spoke of health related issues such as increases in breast cancer and asthma diagnoses and more 911 calls for rural emergency services.

Brian Foley spoke about an article in Scientific American about a study from Cornell about methane gas releases at drilling sites. He feels that the costs of drilling are greater than the benefits, and we shouldn't be drilling until we are more certain of the safety of drilling.

Charles Bremer realizes the importance of this issue. Technology is moving fast and it is the responsibility of the board to make sure that the safety of the community is assured.

Stuart Anderson had a concern that Delta Engineering, which is the firm that has worked with the county in developing the road use and preservation law, may have gas drilling connections and may be biased if called upon to assist in issuing permits to trucks as per the law.

Most residents in attendance were in favor of a moratorium. Mr. Hurlburt doesn't feel that there will be any gas drilling anytime soon but willing to entertain a motion from the board if they wanted to put a moratorium in place. Terry Brown does not feel that a moratorium is necessary right now. No motion was made by any board member.

Surplus Items

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded b David Sheldon, to declare surplus a Brother DCP 1200 printer/copier and a Dell computer 0932RY.
Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Town Clerk Annual Report

The town clerk presented her annual report. After review a motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept this report.
Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Historian Report

The town clerk the historian report from Helen Groves.

Local Law #1 of 2012

The SEQR review showed no adverse environmental implications with adoption of the local law. A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to declare the town the lead agency and issue a negative declaration under SEQR.
Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays
A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by George Dolezel, to adopt Local Law #1 of 2012 entitled ""Road Use and Preservation Law"".
Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

County Representative

Kathy Clark reported that there has been an agreement for the county to get out of MOSA. Congratulations to Ms. Clark on becoming chair of the Board of Representatives. She wants to pursue mandate relief which she feels is necessary to keep a reasonable and balanced budget.

Warrant 2

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers #__29-48__ in the amount of \$__25,922.31_. Highway Fund vouchers #__22-36__ in the amount of \$__19,021.68__.
Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Maryalice Brown
Town Clerk

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