

TOWN OF OTEGO

September 19, 2012

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 6:00 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
George Dolezel Councilperson
Barbara Stanton Councilperson
David Sheldon Councilperson
JR Hurlburt Highway Supt

Minutes

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the August 15 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance: \$304,509.29
Receipts: 22,672.90
Disbursements: 33,055.35
Ending Balance: \$294,126.84

General Fund outside village beginning balance: \$ 16,711.34
Receipts: 227.23
Disbursements: 8,192.10 Ending Balance: \$ 8,746.47

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance: \$352,076.83
Receipts: 2,710.19
Disbursements: 4,715.58
Ending Balance: \$350,071.44

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance: \$476,432.78
Receipts: 51,638.82
Disbursements: 51,556.28
Ending Balance: \$476,515.32

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept this report as read. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

County Representative

Kathy Clark gave her county update: there is a 5.6 million budget gap which will have to be addressed; RFPs will be going out for the sale of Otsego Manor.

Dog Control Report

Ellen Dwyer gave her dog report: 4 reports of loose/stray dogs, 1 dog taken to the shelter.

Assessor

Marie Walters gave a report to the board. Building is very slow, utilities values have depreciated, and sales are slow.

Ms. Walters then gave the board information about doing a possible revaluation since the equalization rate for the town is around 112% and will probably go higher. She reviewed the options of trending, valuation only, data verification, and full revaluation. She had tentative estimates from two appraisers.

The board will be working on the 2013 budget in the next month and will discuss the options.

Planning Board

The board was given the results of the 2011 community survey. This will be posted on the town website with the understanding that the town board has not had the opportunity to review the results yet.

Highway Report

Mr. Hurlburt reported that Flax Island Rd has been paved and they are working on Calder Hill Rd.

The town is still waiting to see if repair of the Upper Green St. bridge may be mitigated through FEMA.

Time Warner Franchise

Still pending.

Municipal Building Sign

The approximate cost for foundation materials is \$1500. The matter will be adjourned for the present to see how the budget is.

Local Law #4 of 2012

The town attorney introduced Local Law #4 to the board establishing an alternate date for grievance day. The date must be changed since the town has an assessor who serves multiple towns.

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by David Sheldon, to have a public hearing on Local Law #4 of 2012 on Wednesday October 10, 2012 at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building. Motion: 5 ayes, 0 Nays.

Board of Assessment Review

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown, to appoint Steven Parisian to the Board of Assessment Review for a five year term.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Farone Road

Gretchen and Bill Brown were in attendance to speak to the board about a new turnaround near the culvert of her property. JR Hurlburt, Highway Supt, explained that the state listing of roads shows Farone Road is .21 miles long so it was decided to put in a turnaround at that point to avoid going on a private road and it is easier for the plow truck to turn around. Ms. and Mr. Brown maintain that this road has been plowed for years and as such the extra 300 ft. should be plowed. The town will do some research into maintaining the road but does not plan on plowing past the turnaround.

Justice Court Grant

The following resolution was put forth by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown:

WHEREAS the Otego Justice Court is a local court processing approximately 1400 traffic and 120 criminal cases per year; and WHEREAS it is necessary to maintain the court facility in good working order. WHEREFORE, the Otego Town Board authorizes the town supervisor to sign the Justice Court Assistance Grant application to obtain state funding to improve the operation of the local justice court.

Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Warrant 9

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by George Dolezel, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers #_____ in the amount of \$_____. Highway Fund vouchers #_____ in the amount of \$_____.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

A budget meeting is scheduled for Wed., Oct. 3 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Maryalice Brown
Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

_____ Town Clerk

_____ Councilperson

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_____ Hwy. Supt.