

**TOWN OF OTEGO**

**October 9, 2013**

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 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	Town 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 David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the September 18 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept the minutes of the October 2 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Supervisor's Report

Mr. Hurlburt read the Supervisor's report for September:

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$279,626.41
Receipts:	16,594.77
Disbursements:	<u>22,369.11</u>
Ending Balance:	\$273,852.07

General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 6,491.22
Receipts:	3,600.03
Disbursements:	<u>1,120.21</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 8,971.04

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$285,153.05
Receipts:	0
Disbursements:	<u>4,974.01</u>
Ending Balance:	\$280,179.04

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$336,115.59
Receipts:	12,378.09
Disbursements:	<u>53,270.02</u>
Ending Balance:	\$295,223.66

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by George Dolezel, to accept this report as read.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Dog Control Report

Ellen Dwyer gave her report: 7 reports of loose/stray dogs, 1 ticket issued in connection with a dangerous dog proceeding, and one dog taken to the shelter.

County Representative

Kathy Clark reported to the board: plans are proceeding to privatize tourism; 8 bids have been received for sale of Otsego Manor; the dissolution of MOSA is going forward.

Gas Drilling

The board and all present viewed a 15 minute DVD of a presentation by Michael Lovegreen, Chair of the Bradford County Natural Gas Advisory Board, on impacts of gas drilling on Bradford Co, PA which was given in August 2013 in New Berlin, NY.

Dick Downey addressed the board and gave them a folder of information in answer to the DVD to round out Mr. Lovegreen's presentation. It includes letters disputing the balance of the presentation and a letter to Mr. Lovegreen from Mr. Downey that was a report to his steering committee.

Rod Gould attended Mr. Lovegreen's presentation and thought it was balanced, but the DVD is 15 minutes of a much longer talk and the board should see the entire presentation.

Planning Board

Stephen Butler reported that work continues on the comprehensive plan. They have been gathering housing information and hope to schedule another meeting this month.

Local Development Committee

Nathaniel Posner and Elizabeth Callahan gave the board an outline for development of a local development committee. This committee would work to identify projects which would further the goals of the town as set forth in the comprehensive plan, foster volunteerism around town goals, and research possible outside funding opportunities. Right now Roberto Romano is doing an energy assessment of the municipal building with a goal of reducing energy costs.

Mr. Hurlburt appointed Barbara Stanton to serve on the committee from the town board.

Brian Foley agreed to help with web development.

The committee will try to present something at the November meeting.

Highway Report

JR Hurlburt reported that work is continuing on Chamberlain Hill Rd.

Mr. Hurlburt has been in contact with Scott Fickbohm from Soil and Water. They are completing work on Otsdawa Creek and will be looking into another grant for bank restoration further down the creek near the town recreation area.

Green St. Bridge should be open next week.

Time Warner

No action.

Planning Board Appointment

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to appoint Elizabeth Callahan to a 5 year term on the planning board. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Warrant #10

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by David Sheldon, 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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Maryalice Brown

Town Clerk

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