

TOWN OF OTEGO

October 8, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a public hearing and regular board meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 3526 State Highway 7, Otego, New York. The purpose of the meeting was to hear those for and against Local Law #1 of 2014, 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.

Public Hearing

The hearing was opened to hear those for and against Local Law #1 of 2014, a local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law section 3-c.

The legal notice was published September 30, 2014.

There was a short discussion about the possibility of the budget going over 2%. The board has not started compiling the budget yet and hopes that it won't go over 2% but wants to be prepared for the possibility. There were no comments for or against the law.

The hearing was closed upon a motion of David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

The regular meeting was opened.

Local Law #1 of 2014

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to adopt Local Law #1 of 2014, authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law section 3-c, as attached.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Minutes

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by George Dolezel, to accept the minutes of the September 10 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Supervisor's Report

Mr. Dolezel read the Supervisor's report for October:

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$331,893.44
Receipts:	8,352.94
Disbursements:	<u>15,536.05</u>
Ending Balance:	\$324,710.23
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	10,113.44
Receipts:	0
Disbursements:	<u>1,029.84</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 9,083.60
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$ 328,799.16
Receipts:	0
Disbursements:	<u>4,801.17</u>
Ending Balance:	\$323,997.99

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance: \$426,059.93
 Receipts: 836.56
 Disbursements: 80,798.57
 Ending Balance: \$346,097.92

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

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Dog Control Officer

Ellen Dwyer gave her report: 6 reports of loose/stray dogs, 1 dog taken to shelter, 1 ticket and 1 warning issued this month.

County Representative

Kathy Clark was not in attendance.

Planning Board

Mr. Butler reported that the board completed a lot split for Hare, and Dick Hewlett is also doing a property split.

No work was done on the comprehensive plan.

Roberto Romano's term is expiring and he hasn't done the required 4 hours of training. He is out of the country at this time so his reappointment was tabled until the November meeting.

Highway Report

Mr. Hurlburt met with FEMA. They were going over records from the 2011 floods.

Oil and stone have been completed, and more screening of sand needs to be done before winter.

Board of Assessment Review

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by Terry Brown, to appoint James Magee to the Board of Assessment Review for a five year term. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Zoning Board of Appeals

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown, to appoint Stuart Anderson to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Broadband

Terry Brown and Mark Dye attended a meeting given by the county about broadband in Otsego County. The county has received a grant and hired a North Dakota company to do a feasibility study about what is needed to bring broadband to a greater number of people in the county (more towers, etc.). Most people in attendance were very frustrated by the internet connections available in the rural areas.

Warrant #10

A motion was made by Terry Brown, 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 6:40 pm.

Maryalice Brown, Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

_____ Councilperson

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_____ Councilperson

_____ Highway Supt.