

**TOWN OF OTEGO**

**May 14, 2014**

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 7:00 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 George Dolezel, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to accept the minutes of the April 9 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$410,924.77
Receipts:	6,498.98
Disbursements:	<u>22,735.25</u>
Ending Balance:	\$394,688.50
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	47,383.52
Receipts:	.38
Disbursements:	<u>2,106.28</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 45,277.62
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$ 358,159.47
Receipts:	3,305.14
Disbursements:	<u>34,100.82</u>
Ending Balance:	\$327,363.79
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$535,159.25
Receipts:	.61
Disbursements:	<u>17.10</u>
Ending Balance:	\$535,142.76

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept this report.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Dog Control Report

Ellen Dwyer gave her dog report: 5 reports of loose/stray dogs, no dogs taken to shelter, 3 tickets issued.

County Representative

Kathy Clark reported that the MOSA transition is proceeding and hours at the transfer will be changing; a contract for Otsego Manor has been signed with Focus Ventures for the sale of the nursing home.

Planning Board

The planning board will have a work meeting on the comprehensive plan on May 27.

No action on the cell tower.

Code Officer

Not in attendance.

Highway Report

The department has been working on the dirt roads.

The highway committee met to discuss the summer work and future equipment needs.

Time Warner

There was discussion. There is a merger of Time Warner and Comcast pending and this may result in changes for the franchise. There will probably be no action until the merger is complete. Mr. Dolezel feels there should be some recourse that the town could take since the contract expired more than a year ago.

Lighting Solutions

The town clerk has gotten a price from Enerpath to update the lighting at the municipal building and highway dept. It would cost around \$7000 but there should be a savings of at least \$3000 a year. The highway supt. and town clerk will contact some towns and businesses that have changed to get their feedback.

Clean Up Day

The clean up day is scheduled for May 31 from 8am to 12 noon. The town clerk contacted the Electronic Waste Alliance Network and there will be a charge for their services: \$250 plus .25 lb. for CRT material. It was decided not to collect for the town since the cost to the town would be approximately \$1000.

Otsdawa Creek

Buzz Hesse addressed the board about the erosion on Otsdawa Creek that affects his property, town property, and possibly the Rt. 7 bridge if there is a flooding situation. Otsego Co. Soil and Water has applied for a grant which would involve cost sharing: 75% grant, 25% other. Mr. Hesse would be willing to split the 25% cost with the town to have the problem fixed. The town will contact Soil and Water with their concerns about the area to see what the status of the grant is.

Climate Smart Communities

Stuart Anderson attended a meeting of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). He gave the board some information and urged the board to consider passing a resolution to become a climate smart community. The program is voluntary and requires that the board pass a resolution, a sample of which Mr. Anderson provided to the board. Discussion followed. The board wants to have the town attorney review the information before any action is taken.

Shared Services

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to renew the shared services agreement with the Village of Otego, as attached. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Village Well

It was reported that there were 2 test wells dug on the youth rec land and it is all clay, so no well will be drilled there. They drilled at the existing station and got good water.

Warrant #5

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

Regular meeting time will change to 6:00 pm starting next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Maryalice Brown

Town Clerk

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\_\_\_\_\_ Highway Supt.