

**TOWN OF OTEGO**

**OCTOBER 14, 2015**

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 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
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
David Sheldon	Councilperson
George Dolezel	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supt

Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept the minutes of the September 9 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$327,614.55
Receipts:	6,905.79
Disbursements:	<u>17,570.67</u>
Ending Balance:	\$316,949.67
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 14,184.58
Receipts:	190.23
Disbursements:	<u>1,105.70</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 13,269.11
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$ 316,781.73
Receipts:	665.54
Disbursements:	<u>3 296.35</u>
Ending Balance:	\$314 150.92
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$436 275.59
Receipts:	84,045.10
Disbursements:	<u>143,849.27</u>
Ending Balance:	\$375,471.42

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

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

County Representative

Kathy Clark informed the board and residents of another agriculture plastic collection. Call OCCA at 282-4087 for more information.

The county is gathering information from towns and residents for a county strategic plan. There will be two public meetings for discussion at the Unatego High School, Nov 5 and Nov. 10 from 7-9 pm.

Dog Control Report

Ellen Dwyer gave her report: 7 reports of loose/stray dogs, 2 warnings and 1 ticket issued. Two dogs taken to the shelter.

### Planning Board

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown, to appoint Marla Calabro to the planning board for a 5 year terms. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

### Code Officer

Dan Wilber reported new construction permits have been issued for a home on Starr Rd, and another on Bert Washburn Rd.

### Highway Report

Mr. JR Hurlburt has received notice that the town will soon be paid the remaining \$39,000. The town supervisor, highway supt. and town attorney are looking into a discrepancy with the town's figures and FEMA's.

The highway crew is doing spot paving and sealing.

### Compressor Station

Dick Downey submitted an overview of the visit to the Millennium Pipeline compressor station which is available to anyone interested. In answer to concerns submitted by residents opposed to the proposed compressor station in Franklin, it was noted that noise was at a minimum since the building is baffled and there is a berm and vegetation surrounding the building. This gas line has been there since the 1950's, upgraded in 2008, so the effect on property values could not be determined. The board members who went to the compressor station were impressed with the safety systems and backup at the facility. The station's emergency preparedness is tested once a year with a total station shutdown, and component parts of the system are tested more frequently.

Three board members will take a tour of a different compressor station in PA on Nov. 7.

### Standard Workday Resolution

A motion was made by David Sheldon seconded by Terry Brown, to adopt the attached Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

### Time Warner

No action.

### Local Law #1 of 2015

The board was presented with Local Law #1 of 2015, a local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law section 3-c.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to hold a public hearing on Local Law #1 of 2015 on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 5:30 pm at the Municipal Building. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

### Town Budget 2016

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to adopt the tentative budget as the preliminary budget for 2016. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to hold a public hearing on the budget on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 5:45 pm at the Municipal Building. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

### Youth Recreation

Barbara Stanton, member of the Youth Rec board, asked if the town could purchase fencing for the new volleyball court.

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by David Sheldon, to transfer \$5500 from the Parks and Rec CD to the Youth Rec appropriation for fencing. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

### Stuart Anderson

Mr. Anderson, at the request of Nelson Dubois, asked the board to consider sending a letter to the NYS Department of Health in support of including the town of Otego in a study to investigate the impacts of gas pipelines on public health if one is conducted. A sample letter was given to the board. The board agreed that it would be beneficial if the town was included in such a study. The town supervisor was authorized to sign such a letter after review by the town attorney.

Unatego Facilities Planning

Ed Horan urged the town board to attend the facilities planning committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 15 at 6:00 pm at the high school. It is important as plans are made for the future of our school district.

Warrant #10

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by Terry Brown, 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 7:20 pm.

Maryalice Brown  
Town Clerk

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