

**TOWN OF OTEGO**

**NOVEMBER 4, 2015**

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held two public hearings and a regular board meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 5:30 pm at the Municipal Building, 3526 State Highway 7, Otego, New York. The purpose of the meeting was to have a public hearing on Local Law #1 of 2015, a hearing on the 2016 town budget, 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

Local Law #1 of 2015

The town clerk read the legal notice that was published on Oct. 28. There were no comments from those present.

2016 Town Budget

The public hearing on the budget was opened. There will be approximately a 1.5% tax increase in 2016. Discussion followed, but no comments for or against the budget from the residents in attendance.

The regular meeting was opened at 6:50 pm.

Minutes

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to accept the minutes of the October 14 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the October 28 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$316,949.67
Receipts:	19,957.81
Disbursements:	<u>26,147.92</u>
Ending Balance:	\$310,759.56
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 13,269.11
Receipts:	4,735.13
Disbursements:	<u>1,070.60</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 16,933.64
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$ 314,150.92
Receipts:	4.46
Disbursements:	<u>2,968.63</u>
Ending Balance:	\$311,186.75
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$375,471.42
Receipts:	39,617.06
Disbursements:	<u>98,537.43</u>
Ending Balance:	\$316,551.05

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

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

## County Representative

Kathy Clark was not in attendance.

## Dog Control Report

Ellen Dwyer gave her report: 6 reports of loose/stray dogs, 1 warning and 2 tickets issued.

## Local Law #1 of 2015

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to approve 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, as attached. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

## 2016 Town Budget

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown, to adopt the 2016 preliminary budget as the final budget for 2016, as attached. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

## Code Officer

Dan Wilber reported new construction permits for a couple of sheds and garages that are hoping to be completed before the snow flies.

## Highway Report

Mr. JR Hurlburt reported that the highway crew is continuing work on Chamberlain Hill Rd and screening sand for the winter.

He reported that Tracey Road Equipment will honor the state contract price for a new dump truck through January 2016.

Mr. Hurlburt has noticed the legal notices announcing road closures of seasonal roads and will be putting together a legal for publication.

## Planning Board

To the great sadness of the town, Stephen Butler has passed away. He was an active citizen on many boards in the town.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown, to appoint Kate Lawrence as Planning Board chair. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by David Sheldon, to appoint Mark Dye to the planning board to fill the vacancy left by the passing of Stephen Butler. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The town clerk received an email report from the board: the planning board has completed Part 1 of the Comprehensive Plan. The town clerk will receive a PDF final copy of this part, and the planning board would like the town board to give them feedback before the December meeting. They would like to schedule a public hearing in January 2016.

Following the December meeting the planning board plans to post the Draft Comprehensive Plan Part 1 on the town website for public review.

Mr. Dick Downey expressed concern about the time for public review of the comprehensive plan. He would like three months to review the plan. The board asked David Sheldon to request the planning board to give three months before scheduling the public hearing on the comprehensive plan part 1.

Roberto Romano came to the meeting towards the end of the discussion and was told about the time for review of the comprehensive plan. Mr. Romano reported that the board is also looking to revise some forms to reduce confusion with some of the applications.

## Compressor Station

Dick Downey submitted a letter to the town board about a study on baseline emissions of air quality before a compressor station is built. The UALA has promoted the gathering of baseline emission data, but warns the board against a study by a group whose purpose is in finding an outcome that is already determined.

Time Warner

No action.

Zoning Board of Appeals

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to appoint Bill Boerner to a five year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Shared Services

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by George Dolezel, to approve the attached resolution authorizing the supervisor to sign an agreement on behalf of the town which authorizes the town highway superintendent to directly contract with the highway superintendents or persons holding similar public office in other municipalities who possess similar authorization for the borrowing or lending of materials and supplies and the exchanging, leasing, renting of machinery and equipment, including the operators thereof, for the purpose of aiding the superintendent in the performance of his/her duties. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Contract for shared services attached and the town clerk directed to file copies with the Towns of Oneonta, Franklin, Unadilla, Butternuts, Laurens, Morris; Villages of Otego and Unadilla; City of Oneonta; Unatego School District; County of Otsego

Warrant #11

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 6:40 pm.

Maryalice Brown  
Town Clerk

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