

TOWN OF OTEGO

DECEMBER 9, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 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
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
David Sheldon	Councilperson
George Dolezel	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supt

Minutes

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to accept the minutes of the November 4 meeting. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$310,759.56
Receipts:	19,840.69
Disbursements:	<u>31,720.96</u>
Ending Balance:	\$298,879.29

General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 16,933.64
Receipts:	100.12
Disbursements:	<u>1,012.07</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 16,021.69

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$ 311,186.75
Receipts:	4.17
Disbursements:	<u>39,073.77</u>
Ending Balance:	\$272,117.15

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$316,551.05
Receipts:	597.37
Disbursements:	<u>36,227.75</u>
Ending Balance:	\$280,920.67

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

Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

County Representative

Kathy Clark reported that there will a turnover of half the board of county representatives in the new year. There have been meetings with Onondaga County to pursue shared services such as purchasing.

Dog Control Report

The town clerk gave the DCO report: 5 reports of loose/stray dogs, 1 warning issued, 1 ticket written but undeliverable, and 2 dogs taken to the shelter.

Planning Board

Elizabeth Callahan reported for the planning board: a simple lot split was approved for David Clapper; the first part of the comprehensive plan has been posted on the town website and a public hearing will be scheduled in March 2016; the goal section of the comp. plan is ongoing.

Code Officer

Dan Wilber reported: quiet as building season slows down in the colder weather.

Highway Report

Mr. JR Hurlburt reported:

The street lights have been inventoried. The light at the park isn't working so will check into that.

The town has a road use local law. Use of town roads in construction of the Constitution pipeline may not be subject to our local law. This will be checked into.

Next year Lancaster Construction will be working on I88 and is interested in purchasing medium stone for the project. They would do screening which means that they would leave the sand for the town. The highway committee will meet about the project.

The shop has been insulated so we'll see what the winter brings.

Budget Note Renewal

The town has submitted the required paperwork to FEMA to receive the final \$39,000 but it won't be received before end of the year when the budget note is due. There is \$53,000 due on the note. There was discussion of paying the note from existing funds or do a Revenue Anticipation Note (RAN) for 1 year.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to do a Revenue Anticipation Note not to exceed \$53,000.00 and not to exceed an interest rate of 4.5%. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Discussion continued about having unexpended funds available to avoid doing a RAN.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to authorize the town supervisor to pay off the Budget Note if he determines that there are sufficient unexpended funds.

Motion: 4 Ayes, 1 Nay (Dolezel)

Notes from Stuart Anderson

Mr. Anderson gave the board information about an open house concerning the Tennessee Gas Pipeline at the Franklin School on Wed., December 16

He also gave the board information for the proposed compressor station in Franklin. There have been some changes and the zone is now partly in Otego.

Mr. Anderson is interested in having the town file as an intervener in any FERC proceeding. This would protect your right to pursue legal action later on. This needs to be filed by on or before the next board meeting. The attorney will check into this.

Planning Board Vacancy

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to enter into executive session to discuss the vacancy of alternate to the Planning Board. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The executive session lasted from 6:30 to 6:40 pm.

Upon return to the regular meeting, a motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by George Dolezel, to appoint Lois Chernin as alternate to the planning board. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The board thanks Katie Higgins and Lois Chernin for showing interest in the position.

Compressor Station

A couple of board members and other residents visited a large compressor station in Montrose, PA. The board found it very informative and the questions submitted by Katie Higgins were answered. Mr. Higgins was interested in what they said about the chemicals that are released into the air. Members of medical associations were meeting in Albany today asking the state government to stop construction of gas pipelines until health concerns are looked into.

Mr. Downey will compile his notes that will give answers to the questions submitted.

Time Warner

No action.

Franklin Planning Board Public Hearing

The town received notice of a public hearing to be held by the Town of Franklin Planning Board to consider a two lot minor subdivision of Tax #58.-1-2.1, a 235.5 acre property located at the end of Stewart Road. The hearing will be held Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 7:30 pm at the Franklin Town Highway Garage.

Warrant #12

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # _____ in the amount of \$ _____.

Highway Fund vouchers # _____ in the amount of \$ _____.

Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Maryalice Brown
Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

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_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.