

TOWN OF OTEGO

March 11, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 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
George Dolezel	Councilperson
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
David Sheldon	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supt

Minutes

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept the minutes of the February 11 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the February 25 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$268,194.65
Receipts:	216,119.83
Disbursements:	<u>27,926.11</u>
Ending Balance:	\$456,388.17
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 8,621.25
Receipts:	52,165.30
Disbursements:	<u>1,150.08</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 59,636.47
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$ 132,376.26
Receipts:	336,404.99
Disbursements:	<u>53,214.51</u>
Ending Balance:	\$415,566.74
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$345,895.51
Receipts:	204,850.20
Disbursements:	<u>0</u>
Ending Balance:	\$550,745.71

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

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Dog Control Report

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

Investment and Procurement Policies

No changes.

Employee Handbook

A meeting with the entire town board will be scheduled.

County Representative

Kathy Clark gave her county update: thanks to the highway dept. for all their work this winter; a pilot program will be collecting agricultural plastic for recycling.

Code Officer

Dan Wilber has issued a notice of condemnation for a property on Wheaton Creek Rd. There is a problem with septic waste.

Planning Board

No report.

Time Warner

There has been no action with the franchise. Mr. Hurlburt and Ms. Westfall want to sit down with Dave Whalen about any new agreement.

The town clerk spoke to the board about the slow internet speed at the municipal building. This is courtesy internet that we get at no charge with the franchise. This is especially frustrating for the town assessor who needs to download pictures which are big files. The internet speed can be increased for a monthly fee. The town clerk will first have Time Warner check the outside wiring to see if that may be the problem.

Highway Report

The dump box will not be ready until May. The crew has been busy repairing the trucks, and will be patching holes as the snow melts and frost comes out of the ground.

The NYS Dept. of Transportation has responded to the speed limit reduction request for Starr Road. They have determined that a speed of 40 mph is the maximum speed for that road. The highway dept. will post the appropriate signs.

Town Assessor

Mario Arevalo was in attendance. He has been busy and is working 2 days a week. He also reiterated the town clerk's statement about internet speed.

Edic to Fraser Transmission Line

Danny Lapin from Otsego Co. Conservation (OCCA) spoke to those present about the proposed Edic to Fraser transmission line. This is an electric line proposed by North American Transmission (NAT) to provide more electricity to the New York City area. The proposed route would parallel the Marcy South line making for a bigger right of way. This is in the early stages and Mr. Lapin encouraged residents to comment on the environmental impact for the area. Mr. Lapin left a map and information at the municipal building for any interested residents to review.

Notes from Stuart Anderson

Mr. Anderson spoke to the board about microgrids. He is trying to get information from NYSEG about the boundaries of the substation in Otego. He has had no response from NYSEG and hopes that a request from the town would get a response. He wants the town to have a handle on microgrids so that the town is in control of electric transmission in our area. The town will send a letter to NYSEG requesting the boundaries of the service area served by this substation.

Warrant #3

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 7:30 pm.

Maryalice Brown
Town Clerk

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_____ Town Clerk

_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.