

**TOWN OF OTEGO**

**APRIL 8, 2015**

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 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 March 11 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$456,388.17
Receipts:	12,928.65
Disbursements:	<u>18,295.72</u>
Ending Balance:	\$451,021.30
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 59,636.47
Receipts:	60.00
Disbursements:	<u>1,825.41</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 57,871.06
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$ 415,566.74
Receipts:	30,137.62
Disbursements:	<u>76,216.98</u>
Ending Balance:	\$369,487.38
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$550,745.71
Receipts:	15,988.86
Disbursements:	<u>13.50</u>
Ending Balance:	\$566,721.07

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

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

County Representative

Kathy Clark was in attendance.

Also in attendance was Jordan Clements, district manager for Otsego Soil & Water, and Mike Coryat who works in the same office. Mr. Clements wanted to make the town board aware that they have a hydro seeder to get large areas seeded that might be in danger of eroding. JR Hurlburt has been in contact with him about a project this summer. He also spoke about the grant from Empire State Development to fix streams from recent flooding. The Otsdawa Creek will be receiving some of that funding.

Mr. Clements also spoke about Emergency Stream Intervention (ESI). This would be a partnership between the town, county, and Soil & Water to go in and fix streams using equipment and manpower from the partners. The town and county may provide manpower, trucking, gas, or money. The advantage is that Soil and Water can work on private property. There will be a training on this which the town will get notice of.

#### Dog Control Report

Ellen Dwyer gave her report: 6 reports of loose/stray dogs, 3 warnings issued and 1 dog taken to the shelter.

#### Planning Board

The board is looking into a lot line adjustment between the Hurlburt and Jordan properties.

John Escobar is purchasing the old Clune Lumber property and came to the board to see what can be done on the property. This is zoned R3 so he would need to get a variance to start a business there.

The town got a Notice of Decision from the planning board approving a special use permit to replace a non-conforming structure that was destroyed by fire.

#### Code Officer

Dan Wilber reported three commercial building permits have been issued, two for the Verizon tower.

Mr. Platt has not complied with the request to remove a tractor from the town right of way. It was decided to pursue this and issue an appearance ticket.

#### Highway Report

Mr. Hurlburt reported that they are brooming roads, patching holes, and getting the equipment ready for summer road work.

#### Employee Handbook

There is a preliminary handbook in the works. It was decided to have a special meeting in May to review and discuss.

#### Time Warner

Beth Westfall, town attorney, has been in contact with David Whalen's assistant. She has sent her the changes that the town wants to consider in a new franchise agreement. She will contact her next week.

#### Microgrid

The town board sent a letter to NYSEG about the service area of the electric substation in the town. The town clerk had a call from the Dept. of Public Service today. She will make an inquiry. There has been no response from NYSEG.

#### Parking Lot Sealing and Striping

The town clerk is getting a couple of prices for sealing and striping the municipal building parking lot.

#### Destruction of Records

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the attached list of records from the town clerk to be destroyed. Motion: Ayes, 0 Nays.

Clean up Day will be Saturday, May 9 from 9-12 noon.

The Town of Laurens will be having a public hearing on April 13 at 7:00 pm on a draft comprehensive plan.

Warrant #4

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: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Maryalice Brown  
Town Clerk

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