

TOWN OF OTEGO

JULY 8, 2015

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept the minutes of the June 10 meeting with the correction that the tub grinder was rented and not purchased. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$353,214.21
Receipts:	12,320.45
Disbursements:	<u>21,851.82</u>
Ending Balance:	\$343,682.84

General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 48,095.31
Receipts:	135.09
Disbursements:	<u>32,227.47</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 16,002.93

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$ 238,725.14
Receipts:	40,067.61
Disbursements:	<u>5,944.67</u>
Ending Balance:	\$272,848.08

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$561,809.56
Receipts:	520.07
Disbursements:	<u>76,062.99</u>
Ending Balance:	\$486,266.64

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

Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Dog Control Report

Ellen Dwyer gave her report: 13 counts of loose/stray dogs, 1 ticket issued, 1 warning, and 1 dog taken to the shelter.

County Representative

Kathy Clark reported that a letter has been sent to all the town about the strategic prioritization plan. Towns are encouraged to have memorandums of understanding (MOU) with other towns and the county is looking for input.

Planning Board

Mr. Butler reported that the board has been working with John Escobar with his plans to develop the old lumber company property on Secor Rd.

Code Officer

Mr. Wilber reported that there are permits being issued.

Highway Report

Mr. Hurlburt expressed his thanks to Ed Horan for providing First Aid, CPR, and AED training for the highway department.

The volleyball court near the pool has been drained and excavated and the sand is coming to complete the project.

Mr. Hurlburt will provide the town attorney with his contact at FEMA to find out the status of the mitigation money that was approved for the Green St bridge.

Time Warner

No action.

G.X. Cramatte

Mr. Cramatte requested that the town board consider a full revaluation of town properties. He recently had his property assessed and there was a difference of \$70,000 between the bank appraisal and his town assessment.

The board is aware of discrepancies in assessments and may discuss a revaluation at budget time, with a concern being the cost of the project.

Destruction of Records

The town clerk notified the board that she is disposing of 2004 Board of Assessment Review records, not including any minutes.

Tax Collector

The tax collector gave her annual report.

Letters from School

The town supervisor received an envelope of letters from young students at the Otego Elementary School. It was a civics exercise. Mr. Hurlburt read a number of letters which pertained to the lack of a playground for young children. They think that the area by the pool would be a good site.

Compressor Station

A number of residents addressed the town board concerning the proposed compressor station to be placed in the town of Franklin on the top of the hill just over the Otego town line.

Stuart Anderson showed the board a map of the pipeline and compressor station showing the prevailing winds and distance from the elementary school. Property values and the health of town residents are a primary concern.

Gene Marner from Franklin added his voice about carcinogenic chemicals that may be released in the air.

Carolee Byrnes also expressed concern about the emissions from compressor stations.

Katie Higgins urged the board to be proactive in the support of the health of town residents.

Other town residents had similar concerns.

Dick Downey spoke to the board about his recent trip to a Millennium Pipeline compressor station. He did not find it noisy and the steel buildings were surrounded by a natural grass berm. He extended an invitation to the board to visit the site, and is willing to head up a visit and have the town board members meet with the employees who work there.

Warrant #7

A motion was made by Terry Brown, 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: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Maryalice Brown
Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

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_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.