

TOWN OF OTEGO

March 9, 2016

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 5:30 pm at the Municipal Building, 3526 State Highway 7, Otego, New York. The purpose of the meeting was to review the town justice records, audit the bills and any other business coming before the board.

The following members were present:

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| Joseph Hurlburt | Town Supervisor |
| Maryalice Brown | Town Clerk |
| Terry Brown | Councilperson |
| George Dolezel | Councilperson |
| Barbara Stanton | Councilperson |
| David Sheldon | Councilperson |
| JR Hurlburt | Highway Supt |

Justice Records

Justices Ronald Decker and Raymond Maruszewski attended and the town board reviewed their financial records. There were some questions that were answered. The books were accepted.

Minutes

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the February 10 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

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| General Fund townwide beginning balance: | \$274,671.65 |
| Receipts: | 207,700.34 |
| Disbursements: | <u>27,069.43</u> |
| Ending Balance: | \$455,302.56 |

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| General Fund outside village beginning balance: | \$ 13,596.77 |
| Receipts: | 50.10 |
| Disbursements: | <u>1,215.76</u> |
| Ending Balance: | \$ 12,431.11 |

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| Highway Fund townwide beginning balance: | \$ 201,320.71 |
| Receipts: | 150,216.42 |
| Disbursements: | <u>39,089.67</u> |
| Ending Balance: | \$ 312,447.46 |

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| Highway Fund outside village beginning balance: | \$390,907.74 |
| Receipts: | 8.17 |
| Disbursements: | <u>0</u> |
| Ending Balance: | \$390,915.91 |

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to accept this report as read. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Dog Control Report

Ellen Dwyer gave her report: 2 loose/stray dogs, 2 tickets issued, no dogs taken to the shelter.

County Representative

Kathy Clark reported on county business: The county is offering training for Code officers in March; Soil and Water will have a stream class and DEC permitting in May.

Employee Handbook

No action.

Planning Board

Kate Lawrence was in attendance. The planning board held a public hearing March 1. Nine people spoke. The board is reviewing the comments and suggestions and hope to be done for their April meeting. The board will then work on the goals that are Part 2 of the comprehensive plan and will try to finalize Part 2 by the May meeting. Then there will be another hearing in June. The town board can then have their public hearing in August or September. The comprehensive plan also needs to be reviewed by the county planning board.

Code Officer

Dan Wilber reported that he has handled the complaints recently reported.

He is also updating the permit applications to reflect recent law changes.

Highway Report

The permissive referendum legal notice for a new dump truck ran Feb. 20. Nothing has been filed to date so Mr. Hurlburt can go forward with the purchase after March 20.

Mining Lease with Tri-City Highway Products

The mining lease is ready to be signed. The legal notice publicizing the permissive referendum ran February 16.

Road Use Agreement

After review, the town attorney reported that there will be no changes to the road use agreement. We are waiting for signatures and the company bond.

Solar Energy Exemption

There was discussion about the tax exemption for solar energy installation. This is an automatic exemption for all solar installations, both business and private. The town would have to opt out if desired. The town attorney will research.

Municipal Sign

The town highway supt. will speak to someone about designing a new sign for display near the road.

NYMIRS

The town clerk gave the board a list of towns, counties, villages that are covered by NYMIRS insurance. Tim Parsons, our insurance agent, would like the town to consider NYMIRS. This was given to the insurance committee.

Constellation Energy

Our contract with Constellation Energy has expired. The town clerk had two agreements for the board, one with a variable kilowatt price and the other a fixed price.

The town board asked the town clerk to compare the NYSEG rate before the board makes a decision.

Warrant #3

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: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Maryalice Brown

Town Clerk

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_____ Highway Supt.