

TOWN OF OTEGO

JULY 13, 2016

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 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
Kevin Stanton	Deputy Highway Supt.

Minutes

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the June 8 meeting. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor’s Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$388,288.64
Receipts:	29,334.79
Disbursements:	<u>21,513.52</u>
Ending Balance:	\$396,109.91
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 22,007.30
Receipts:	90.26
Disbursements:	<u>1,155.00</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 20,942.56
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$ 369,038.28
Receipts:	11.49
Disbursements:	<u>1,903.73</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 367,146.04
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 568,794.62
Receipts:	18,865.47
Disbursements:	<u>47,691.49</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 539,937.60

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept this report as read. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Dog Control Report

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

County Representative

Not in attendance.

Richard Downey

Mr. Downey reminded those in attendance of a Unatego Alumni Association all class reunion this weekend.

He also asked that any public hearing on the comprehensive plan be held in October or November.

Planning Board

Kate Lawrence reported no new business for the board. The public hearing was held and the town board has received the final version of both parts of the comprehensive plan. They are also available in the drop box from the town website. The town board will review and set dates for a hearing at the August meeting. The plan needs to be sent to the county for review before the board holds their hearing.

Barb Stanton thanked Kate Lawrence for her work and patience at the public hearing.

Highway Report

Mr. Hurlburt reported that the crew is busy with summer road work.

Employee Handbook

Changes were made and entered in the draft, but there was still questions concerning the wording about benefit accrual. The board will meet July 25, 2016 at 3:30 pm to try and finalize the handbook.

Code Officer

Not in attendance.

Municipal Sign

The town received prices from Stewart Signs in Florida and Focus Signs in Texas. Both are in the \$16,000 range. The town will be using the money from Constitution Pipeline to pay for the sign.

After some discussion a motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to purchase a digital sign from Stewart Signs for \$16,591.00. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Tax Collector

Maryalice Brown gave her annual report for 2016: the town warrant was satisfied in February for \$963,902.50, interest and penalties amounted to \$5226.73. Ms. Brown settled with the county in May with total payments to the county of \$497,750.36.

Ms. Brown notified the board that she will be destroying tax receipts and bank statements from 2004-05.

Aged Exemption

The town clerk wanted the board to be aware that the senior exemption for taxes has been \$16,000 for many years. A small raise would not affect many property owners but would be a great help to a few. Maybe the county should consider a raise in the exemption. The county representative was not in attendance to be part of the discussion.

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: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Maryalice Brown
Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

_____ Town Clerk

_____ Councilperson

_____ Councilperson

_____ Councilperson

_____ Highway Supt.