

**TOWN OF OTEGO**

**OCTOBER 11, 2017**

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 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
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
David Sheldon	Councilperson
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Royce Livingston	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supt.

Minutes

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the September 20 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept the minutes of the October 4 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$377,096.65
Receipts:	15,316.30
Disbursements:	<u>17,829.70</u>
Ending Balance:	\$374,583.25

General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 22,188.12
Receipts:	3,635.17
Disbursements:	<u>1,115.38</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 24,709.91

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$ 341,774.03
Receipts:	68,666.36
Disbursements:	<u>10,157.74</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 400,282.85

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 554,102.37
Receipts:	35,474.00
Disbursements:	<u>30,954.99</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 558,621.38

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

Dog Control Officer

Ellen Dwyer gave the dog report: 5 reports of loose/stray dogs, 2 tickets issued, 1 dog taken to shelter.

County Representative

Kathy Clark reported: there is a new CEO for the IDA that Ms Clark wants to visit the area with an eye to economic development.

Mr. Hurlburt, Highway Supt, expressed his thanks for the paving on County Hwy 5.

Planning Board

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown, to appoint Kate Lawrence to the planning board for a 5 year term. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The planning board hasn't met since the town board's last meeting so no new business to report.

The Coughlin and Gerhart training scheduled for this month has been canceled. They are planning on doing targeted training for local planning and zoning boards in the spring of 2018.

### Code Officer

Mr. Wilber has issued a Satisfaction of Order for the property at 128 Mill Creek Rd. It has been cleaned up but the town can pursue legal action if conditions deteriorate.

### Building Code Law

Ms. Westfall has the update to the Building Code Law completed and it will be given to Mr. Wilber to review. She will send it to the County Planning Board for a 239 review. The Board will plan on holding a public hearing in December.

### Highway Report

Mr. Hurlburt reported that the Franklin Mtn. paving is complete.

He has two more interviews scheduled for the vacant highway position.

### Pickup Truck

The legal notice for the truck expenditure subject to permissive referendum ran in the newspaper on September 29.

### Handbook

The highway employees have seen the new handbook. Mr. Hurlburt reported that FEMA needs to see a written overtime policy in the handbook for their purposes. He had a draft that will be added to the handbook which should complete the new handbook.

### School Repurposing Committee

Ken Olsen, chair of the committee, addressed the board. The committee is gathering data and doing research for the school Board of Education. The purpose is to provide the school district with the best ideas for future use of the elementary building. The Board of Education will be issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) in the new year to determine the future of the property. The committee is looking for feedback from elected officials and has not been successful so far in receiving any input.

Dr. Richards, school superintendent, was in attendance and stressed that the Board of Education is looking for the land to be used to the best benefit of the public.

Buzz Hesse appealed to the town board to be responsible community leaders. The sale of the property will result in loss of control and the town board must continue to be aware and act in the best interests of the town. Mr. Hesse has a proposal he will be presenting to the repurposing committee that if no suitable tenant is found that the building be demolished and the town and village develop a park.

Further discussion of the school closing followed.

### Chicken Complaint

Mr. Barton of Whispering Oaks Lane, addressed the board about chickens and a rooster belonging to his neighbor that are constantly on his property. He would like the town to consider a local law that would restrict the number of chickens and roosters that may be kept as well as keeping them confined to the owner's property. Mr. Wilber will be asked to contact the neighbor about the complaint.

### Local Law #3 of 2017

The town attorney gave the board copies of Local Law #3 of 2017, a local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law section 3-c.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Royce Livingston, to hold a public hearing on Local Law #3 of 2017 on Wednesday, November 8, at 6:00 pm. Motion: 5 Aye, 0 Nays.

### 2018 Budget

The town board will hold a special meeting to work on the budget on October 25 at 6:00 pm.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to hold a public hearing on the tentative budget on Wed., November 8, 2017 following the hearing on Local Law #3. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Warrant #10

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, 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 8:05 pm.

Maryalice Brown  
Town Clerk

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