

TOWN OF OTEGO

JANUARY 11, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a public hearing and regular board meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 3526 State Highway 7, Otego, New York. The hearing was on Local Law #1 of 2017, a local law for Flood Damage Prevention, and 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.

Public Hearing

Mr. Hurlburt opened the public hearing on Local Law #1 of 2017. The town clerk read the legal notice that appeared in the Daily Star.

There were no comments from residents in attendance.

The hearing was closed at 6:05 pm.

There was no vote on the law as the town attorney has received notice that the DEC may require some minor changes in the numbering of the maps. Vote was delayed until the February meeting.

Welcome to Royce Livingston who was voted into office in November.

Appointments

The following appointments were put forth by Mr. Hurlburt:

Bank: Community Bank
Newspaper: The Daily Star
Historian: Mary Johnson-Butler
Registrar: Maryalice Brown
Dog Control Officer: Ellen Dwyer
Code Enforcement Officer: Daniel Wilber
Zoning Officer: Daniel Wilber
Flood Plain Admin: Daniel Wilber
Youth Rec Delegates: Barbara Stanton, Royce Livingston
Deputy Supervisor: Barbara Stanton
Highway Committee: David Sheldon, Terry Brown, Joseph Hurlburt
Liaison with Planning Board: David Sheldon
Bookkeeper: Karen Kropp
Health Officer: Fred Price
Dep. Highway Supt.: Kevin Stanton
Insurance Committee: Barbara Stanton
Dep. Town Clerk: Katharine Davis

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to approve these appointments as presented: Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Highway Pay Raise: .40/hour for all workers

Investment and Procurement Policies

No action.

Mileage Rate:

Per the IRS rate, the town mileage rate will be .535/mile.

Town Attorney

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Royce Livingston, to appoint Beth Westfall as town attorney. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Minutes

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept the minutes of the December 14 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$302,367.35	
Receipts:	20,352.11	
Disbursements:	<u>35,596.00</u>	
Ending Balance:		\$287,123.46

General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 19,344.80	
Receipts:	125.15	
Disbursements:	<u>1,177.49</u>	
Ending Balance:		\$ 18,291.46

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$ 340,791.61	
Receipts:	202,916.25	
Disbursements:	<u>264,685.27</u>	
Ending Balance:		\$ 279,022.59

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 325,415.64	
Receipts:	110,384.77	
Disbursements:	<u>15,632.96</u>	
Ending Balance:		\$ 420,167.45

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

Dog Control Officer

Ellen Dwyer gave the dog report: 6 reports of loose/stray dogs, 0 tickets issued, three dogs taken to the shelter, 2 warnings issued.

County Representative

Not in attendance.

Code Officer

Mr. Wilber reported activity including a manufactured home permit, car port, and a simple lot split.

Crossroads Inn

The town clerk has received an email with a request from the Feik's, owners of Crossroads Inn, to attend the February board meeting to give the board a short presentation about the use of the property since there have been concerns. The town clerk will reply with an invitation to attend.

Planning Board

Most business was covered by Mr. Wilber's report.
Some planning board members recently attended a webinar.

LGRMIF Grant Shared Services

The town board received notice from Otsego County about a grant they have received to collect data on county highway and local road infrastructure. A shared services agreement must be completed in order to participate.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to have the town supervisor sign the LGRMIF Grant Shared Services Agreement Form. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Highway Report

Mr. Hurlburt reported that a garage door was replaced and the usual road plowing at this time of year.

MEGA Energy

There was continued discussion about the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program and the agreement with Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance (MEGA). Board members have spoken to residents who seem most concerned that they would be put in the program and have to choose to opt out. They would rather make a choice to opt in.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to not entertain a resolution regarding the exploration of a Community Choice Aggregation program. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Delaware Valley Humane Society

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to have the town supervisor sign the 2017 agreement with the humane society to provide shelter for dogs from the town. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Association of Towns

The town clerk had information for the board about the annual meeting of the Association of Towns. Mr. Livingston would be interested in attending if there are courses for new board members. The town clerk and Mr. Livingston will get more information.

Court Grant

The town has received a grant award to purchase improved security cameras and to replace hall carpeting.

Aged Exemption

The county has raised the Senior Aged Exemption and incorporated a sliding income scale. The town board would be willing to raise the exemption but with no sliding scale. The town attorney will draw up a local law for presentation to the board at the February meeting.

Warrant #1

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 7:35 pm.

Maryalice Brown
Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

_____ Town Clerk

_____ Councilperson

_____ Councilperson

_____ Councilperson

_____ Highway Supt.