

TOWN OF OTEGO

APRIL 12, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 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 March 8 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the March 22 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$484,172.88
Receipts:	6,662.28
Disbursements:	<u>22,770.15</u>
Ending Balance:	\$468,065.01
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 69,222.91
Receipts:	25.49
Disbursements:	<u>41,775.88</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 27,472.52
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$ 495,028.26
Receipts:	180.40
Disbursements:	<u>52,238.25</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 442,970.41
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 655,330.12
Receipts:	7,720.86
Disbursements:	<u>676.42</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 662,374.56

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: 8 reports of loose/stray dogs, two dogs taken to the shelter.

County Representative

Kathy Clark not in attendance.

Code Officer

Mr. Wilber not in attendance.

Building Code Law

The town attorney and code officer have not met yet.

Planning Board

Kate Lawrence was unable to attend but left a report with the town clerk that the board is continuing work on updating the land use forms.

The board will also do a training on June 8 with Beth Westfall.

Highway Report

Mr. Hurlburt reported that the town mining permit is due in the next year. He is considering hiring Griggs Lane, consulting geologist, to do the permitting process.

The town is getting estimates for paving, but is waiting to see what the Chips funds are going to be.

The town has applied to FEMA to see if they will reimburse the town for some of the expenses from the major snowstorm last month.

Local Law #2 of 2017

The town attorney gave the town board copies of Local Law #2, a local law providing for partial exemption from taxation of real property owned by persons who are 65 years of age or over.

This law would allow a tax break for seniors making less than \$18,000 year with a sliding scale of tax breaks up to \$26,400 in income.

A motion was made by David Sheldon seconded by Terry Brown, to hold a public hearing on Local Law #2 of 2017 on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 6:00 pm. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Street Lights

Mr. Hurlburt reported that the Village of Otego is looking to get a grant to replace and update the village street lights. Mr. Hurlburt will speak to the mayor to see if the town's three lights might be included in the grant.

Village Water Well

The village is still pursuing a new well which would be located on town property. At this time they are going to pump the well continuously for 30 days to see if this will lower the arsenic levels enough to make it safe.

Partial Tax Payments

The new state budget has a provision that would allow residents to make partial tax payments. There are questions that have not been addressed, such as if payments will be quarterly, monthly, etc.; what penalties would be charged; would bills have to be sent. The town attorney will keep the town apprised of what develops.

Clean Up Days

Will be Saturday, May 13 from 8 am to 12 pm. White goods, up to 8 tires, residents only.

Warrant #4

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 7:00 pm.

Maryalice Brown
Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

_____ Town Clerk

_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.