

## Town of Otego

February 14, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a public hearing followed by a regular board meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 3526 State Highway 7, Otego, New York. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing on Local Law #2 of 2018 to amend Local Law #1 of the year 2008, thereby authorizing a real property tax exemption for Cold War veterans in excess of ten years; to vote on Local Law #1 discussed at the January 2018 meeting; to audit the bills and any other business coming before the board.

The following members were present:

Joseph Hurlburt	Town Supervisor
Teresa Sears	Town Clerk
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
David Sheldon	Councilperson
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Royce Livingston	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Superintendent

### Public Hearing

Mr. Hurlburt opened the public hearing on Local Law #2 of 2018. He presented the proposed law amending the Local Law #1 of the year 2008, thereby authorizing a real property tax exemption for cold war veterans in excess of ten years. No discussion or questions ensued.

The hearing was closed at 6:05 pm and the regular meeting opened.

### Minutes

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

### Supervisor's Report

Mr. Hurlburt read the Supervisor's report for the month of January:

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$317,814.07
Receipts:	230,910.89
Disbursements:	<u>26,255.94</u>
Ending Balance:	\$522,469.02
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 20,735.07
Receipts:	25.16
Disbursements:	<u>1885.82</u>
Ending Balance:	\$18,874.41
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$306,540.69
Receipts:	568.43
Disbursements:	<u>87,198.92</u>
Ending Balance:	\$219,910.20
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$504,315.75
Receipts:	13,653.95
Disbursements:	<u>6669.42</u>
Ending Balance:	\$511,340.28

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 for January: 2 reports of loose/stray dogs; 4 dogs lost, but only 3 of them found; a continuing dangerous dog violation with owner ticketed; 1 cat call and 1 out of area call.

### County Representative

Kathy Clark was not present at the meeting, but asked the Town Clerk, Teresa Sears, to share about the Manufacturing Basics Training Program, a 2 week program offered at Broome Community College in March (6<sup>th</sup>—16<sup>th</sup>) for anyone unemployed in our area.

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Local Law #1 of 2018

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown to adopt Local Law #1 regarding the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and the State Energy Conservation Construction Code, as attached. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Local Law #2 of 2018

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon to adopt Local Law #2 which will amend Local Law #1 of the year 2008, thereby authorizing a real property tax exemption for Cold War veterans in excess of ten years, as attached. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Planning Board

Mark Dye and Lois Chernin were in attendance. They reported that the planning board is tidying up forms and finding discrepancies in existing laws. There is talk of reinforcing the cell phone tower.

Highway

Mr. Hurlburt reported that the month of January was a busy one for snow removal. There is a sander/salt on the new truck. The highway department has already received the rebate on the LED lights.

Court Records

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a special board meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building to audit the records of the town justices. Ronald Decker and Raymond Maruszewski, town justices, and all board members were in attendance. The board reviewed their financial records and reports.

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by David Sheldon, to adopt the justices audit report of January 17, 2018. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Repurposing Committee

Dick Downey reported that the committee has met for the final time. Ten people sat on the committee, nine from Otego plus the mayor of Unadilla. They commissioned a survey with 400 respondents. The results of the survey will be presented to the Unatego School Board on March 12, 2018. Potential bidders and proposals will be considered. The school property will be surveyed in the near future.

Warrant #2

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by David Sheldon, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers #26—64 in the amount of \$55,592.82. Highway Fund vouchers # 18—38 in the amount of \$36,132.01. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Teresa Sears  
Town Clerk

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