

TOWN OF OTEGO

January 10, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a public hearing and a regular board meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 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 #1 of 2018 regarding Administration and Enforcement of the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building and the State Energy Conservation Construction, 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 #1 of 2018. Beth Westfall, Town Attorney, presented the added section #6 on page 6 to the local law regarding the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code previously presented at the December 2017 meeting. Resident Stuart Anderson asked for clarification on hiring electrical inspectors.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown to accept Local Law #1.
Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The hearing was closed at 6:06 pm and regular meeting opened.

Welcome to Teresa Sears who was voted into office in November as Town Clerk/Tax Collector to replace Mary Alice Brown who is retiring.

Appointments

The following appointments were made for 2018:

Banks: Community Bank
Newspaper: The Daily Star
Historian: Mary Johnson-Butler
Registrar: Teresa Sears
Dog Control Officer: Ellen Dwyer
Code Enforcement Officer: Daniel Wilber
Zoning Officer: 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: Royce Livingston, Barbara Stanton

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon to add the appointment of a flood plain administrator. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Flood Plain Administrator: Daniel Wilber

Highway Pay Raise

\$1.00 increase for 3 employees.
.20 increase for 1 employee.

Investment and Procurement Policies

No action.

Mileage Rate

Per the IRS rate, town mileage rate increased to .545/mile.

Town Attorney

Beth Westfall was appointed as the attorney for the town of Otego.

Minutes

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton to accept the minutes of the December 13th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund town wide beginning balance:	\$324,857.99
Receipts:	15904.49
Disbursements:	<u>22,948.41</u>
Ending Balance:	\$317,814.07

General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 21,797.47
Receipts:	45.19
Disbursements:	<u>1,107.59</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 20,735.07

Highway Fund town wide beginning balance:	\$342,816.58
Receipts:	254.23
Disbursements:	<u>36,530.12</u>
Ending Balance:	\$306,540.69

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$435,060.48
Receipts:	111,578.35
Disbursements:	<u>42,323.08</u>
Ending Balance:	\$504,315.75

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 December: 3 reports of loose/stray dogs--2 unverified/unable to catch/no complaint and 1 warning, 3 lost, 3 found, 3 out-of-area calls including 1 potential biter coming to Otego, 1 bark complaint.

County Representative

Kathy Clark reported that committees have yet to meet. There will be a public health wellness clinic--the 2018 Living Healthier Expo--on April 6th and 7th at Foothills Performing Arts Center, offering cancer screenings, radon test kits, and give aways. Julie Dostal (LEAF) who will be speaking on opioid abuse/signs of detection and a mental health speaker. For more information, go to www.lheotsego.com.

Planning Board

Lois Chernin reported that the planning board is working on lot split forms.

Code Officer

Mr. Wilber discussed the need to back up his new computer. BAS moved everything onto the new computer at no cost. He spoke with them about backing it up with something off site. He received a quote of \$180 annually for 10 Gb plus \$120 set up fee, for a total of \$300 for the first year. The board approved the plan.

Mr. Wilber asked to discuss the junk car issue in executive session.

Highway Report

Mr. Hurlburt reported that the new LED lights have been installed. There will be a \$2415 rebate check coming. The new pickup truck has arrived. The mine permit is almost completed. He is waiting for proof of publication from The Daily Star.

Cold War Exemption

A new law was signed in November that can take away the 10 year limit on this property tax exemption, originally a 2008 Local Law. We can remove the 10 year limit by amending the local law. The town attorney will draw up the amendment for presentation to the board at the February meeting.

Motion made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton to schedule a public hearing to approve Local Law #2 to amend the Cold War Exemption on Wednesday, February 14 at 6:00. 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 2018 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 available for the board about the annual meeting of the Association of Towns, which will take place in New York City on February 18-21.

Court Business

The books for the judges need to be audited. The town clerk will contact the justices about availability to meet Wednesday, January 17th at 6:00 pm.

Repurposing Committee

Barbara Stanton asked about the progress of the repurposing committee. Lois Chernin reported that there is an online survey for residents to voice their opinion. It will be presented to the school board for their final decision. Mr. Hurlburt plans to meet with Superintendent Richards to discuss purchasing a piece of land he previously approached him about. Mr. Richards believes the school board will agree to the acquisition. Glen Seroka shared what he heard at the board meeting on Monday night.

Motion made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to enter into executive session to discuss the Deputy Court Clerk position and junk car issue. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Executive Session began: 6:45 pm

ended: 7:10 pm

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 \$ _____.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Teresa Sears
Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

_____ Town Clerk

_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.