

TOWN OF OTEGO

OCTOBER 12, 2011

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 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 Supervisor
Maryalice Brown Town Clerk
Terry Brown Councilperson
David Sheldon Councilperson
George Dolezel Councilperson
Barbara Stanton Councilperson
Kevin Stanton Deputy Hwy. Supt

Minutes

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept the minutes of the September 14 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

Mr. Hurlburt gave the supervisor's report for September:

General Fund townwide beginning balance: \$302,021.01
Receipts: 36,617.99
Disbursements: 30,552.83
Ending Balance: \$308,086.17

General Fund outside village beginning balance: \$10,377.64
Receipts: 415.80
Disbursements: 964.16
Ending Balance: \$ 9,829.28

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance: \$292,495.01
Receipts: 90.11
Disbursements: 2,371.54
Ending Balance: \$290,213.58

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance: \$290,101.04
Receipts: 94,018.39

Disbursements: 28,181.97
Ending Balance: \$355,937.46

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

Dog Control Report

Ellen Dwyer gave her report: 14 reports of loose/stray dogs, 2 tickets issued, 2 dogs taken to shelter.

Gas Drilling/Unatego Landowners Association

Dick Downey addressed the board. There is concern about the proposed survey of gas drilling that will be sent to town residents. There is a survey being developed by the town planning board. Mr. Downey gave the board a survey of three questions which he feels are unbiased in asking residents their views of drilling. He feels the planning board survey is biased against gas drilling. The landowners association also wants to have clarified the role of Bruno Bruni, code officer. It is not clear from the planning board meeting if Mr. Bruni is an advisor or is running the meeting. The association also wants to know who will tally the survey results and who will receive the survey.

2011 Flood

Sharon Short addressed the board about her property damage from the recent flood. Her property has sustained damage before and she wants the board to be aware that she will be meeting with someone from the Army Corps of Engineers and would like JR Hurlburt, highway supt, to be there to see if there is some way to mitigate the problem so that any future flooding may be minimal.

Comprehensive Plan

The planning board has reviewed the county recommendations to the town comprehensive plan and made some minor changes.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to appoint the town board of the Town of Otego as Lead Agency for the SEQR review for the adoption of the Town of Otego Comprehensive Plan of 2011, and declare this a Number 1 Level Action. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, that, having completed a review of Part II of the Long Form EAF for the adoption of the Town of Otego Comprehensive Plan of 2011, and having determined that there will be no significant environmental impact due to this action the Board makes a Negative Declaration.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

The following resolution was offered by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon:
WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Otego directed the Town Planning Board to prepare a proposed comprehensive plan and the Town Planning Board did draft a proposed comprehensive plan;

WHEREAS, the Town Planning Board received public comment during its preparation of the proposed comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Planning Board presented the proposed comprehensive plan and recommendations to the Town Board at its regular meeting on June 8, 2011; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted on July 6, 2011, the Town Board scheduled a public hearing on the comprehensive plan for August 24, 2011, and authorized publication of the notice of the public hearing at least ten days prior to the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk published a notice of the public hearing in the Daily Star on August 9, 10, 11, 2011; and

WHEREAS, copies of the proposed comprehensive plan were made available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk and at the local library and a copy was posted on the Town's website; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board conducted the public hearing on August 24, 2011 and heard comments on the plan from approximately a dozen members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Town referred the proposed comprehensive plan to the Otsego County Planning Department for review and comment, in accordance with General Municipal law section 239; and

WHEREAS, the Otsego County Planning Department responded to the Town with some comments and suggestions, which the Town Board referred to the Town Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Planning Board reviewed the comments from the Otsego County Planning Department and recommend that some, but not all, of the County's recommendations be incorporated into the proposed comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Planning Board presented its recommendations and the final proposed comprehensive plan to the Town Board at its regular meeting on September 14, 2011; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on October 12, 2011, the Town Board determined that the recommended changes from the Town Planning Board were minor in nature and did not necessitate another public hearing; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on October 12, 2011, the Town Board completed the environmental review of the proposed comprehensive plan and determined that the adoption of the comprehensive plan would not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and issued a negative declaration under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 12th date of October, 2011, by the Town Board of the Town of Otego, Otsego County, New York, as follows:

1. The Town Board hereby finds that the adoption of the proposed comprehensive plan will promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of the Town of Otego and will be in the best interests of the people of the Town of Otego.
2. In accordance with section 272-a of the New York State Town Law, the Town Board hereby adopts the comprehensive plan dated September, 2011, effective immediately.
3. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to file a copy of the comprehensive plan in the Office of the Town Clerk and to post a copy on the Town's website and to provide a copy of the comprehensive plan to the Otsego County Planning Department.

The resolution is declared duly adopted by a vote of 5-0.

Code Officer

Mr. Bruni reported that he has been doing required fire inspections of local businesses.

Highway Report

There were no petitions filed concerning the permissive referendum to purchase a front end loader.

Mr. Stanton reported that two roads are still closed as flood repairs continue. The highway crew has also been doing road sealing.

Fuel Bid

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by Terry Brown, to put the purchase of gas, diesel, and fuel out to bid. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Youth Recreation Agreement

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to sign the attached Youth Rec Agreement. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Planning Board

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to reappoint Stephen Butler to the Planning Board for a five year term. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

County Representative

Kathy Clark gave her report. The county is working on the budget for 2012, struggling with a deficit.

Petition

A letter from Roberta Behnke was read. It was accompanied by a petition from residents on County Highway 48 in support of manufactured homes being allowed in that zone.

Warrant 10

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # __171-184__ in the amount of \$ __18,180.51___. Highway Fund vouchers # __155-169__ in the amount of \$ __49,933.28___. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

2012 Budget

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to hold a public hearing on the 2012 budget on November 9, 2011 at 6:30 pm. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Maryalice Brown
Town Clerk

