

TOWN OF OTEGO

NOVEMBER 2, 2016

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a special board meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 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 2016, adopt the tentative budget as the preliminary budget for 2017, and hear a presentation by MEGA Energy on Community Choice Aggregation.

The following members were present:

Joseph Hurlburt	Town Supervisor
Maryalice Brown	Town Clerk
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
David Sheldon	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supt.

Mr. Hurlburt opened the public hearing on Local Law #1 of 2016, a local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law section 3-c.

The town clerk read the legal notice.

There were no comments from the residents in attendance. The hearing was closed.

A motion was made by David Sheldon seconded by Terry Brown, to adopt Local Law #1 of 2016, authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law section 3-c.

Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

2017 Town Budget

Mr. Hurlburt explained that the town board works hard to keep any budget increase to a minimum, but this year’s budget increase will be around 2%. The board just got notice that an additional highway employee has been added to the health insurance. This will increase the budget a little more. The board decided to hold a special budget meeting on Monday, Nov. 7 at 6:00 pm to discuss.

A motion was made David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to adopt the tentative budget as the 2017 preliminary budget. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

MEGA Energy

Louise Gava, CCA Project Leader, and Ronald Feldstein, MEGA board member, were in attendance and Ms. Gava gave a presentation about Community Choice Aggregation (CCA). This program gives the town authority to aggregate electricity for the community. This should result in better rates because energy is purchased in bulk. All NYSEG customers would be part of the change but residents can opt out. MEGA would be the CCA administrator and would educate the public about the program and put the energy supply out to competitive bid.

The town was given a CCA Administration Agreement which is an agreement with MEGA to explore CCA, not a commitment. If the board decides to continue they would have to pass a local law to authorize CCA.

The board will have the attorney review the agreement and discuss at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Maryalice Brown
Town Clerk

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