

TOWN OF OTEGO

January 14, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 3526 State Highway 7, Otego, New York. The purpose of the meeting was to make annual appointments, audit the bills and any other business coming before the board.

The following members were present:

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

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$297,157.74
Receipts:	7,393.97
Disbursements:	<u>21,746.43</u>
Ending Balance:	\$282,805.28
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 11,239.22
Receipts:	120.00
Disbursements:	<u>1,124.10</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 10,235.20
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$199,338.55
Receipts:	610.01
Disbursements:	<u>28,157.34</u>
Ending Balance:	\$171,791.22
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$255,572.21
Receipts:	100,555.01
Disbursements:	<u>17,356.53</u>
Ending Balance:	\$338,770.69

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept this report as read.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Appointments

The following appointments were put forth by Mr. Hurlburt:

Bank: Community Bank
Newspaper: The Daily Star
Historian: Mary Johnson-Butler
Registrar: Maryalice Brown
Dog Control Officer: Ellen Dwyer
Code Enforcement Officer: Daniel Wilber
Zoning Officer: Daniel Wilber
Youth Rec Delegates: Barbara Stanton, Terry Brown
Deputy Supervisor: George Dolezel
Highway Committee: George Dolezel, David Sheldon, Joseph Hurlburt
Liaison with Planning Board: David Sheldon
Bookkeeper: Karen Kropp
Health Officer: Frederick Price
Deputy Highway Supt: Kevin Stanton
Deputy Town Clerk: Katharine Davis
Insurance Committee: Barbara Stanton, George Dolezel
Town Attorney: Beth Westfall

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept these appointments.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Highway Wages

The pay raise for the highway employees was .40 to .50/Hour

Investment and Procurement Policies

To be reviewed by the highway committee

Employee Handbook

To be reviewed by the highway committee.

Mileage Rate

Per the IRS rate, the town mileage rate will be .575/mile.

Minutes

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept the minutes of the December 10 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Dog Control Report

The town clerk gave the DCO report: 2 reports of loose/stray dogs which could not be verified, no dogs taken to the shelter, no tickets issued.

The town received a dog control inspection report from NYS Dept Agriculture and Markets giving our dog officer a satisfactory rating.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to have the supervisor sign the lease agreement with the Delaware Valley Humane Society for care of dogs picked up in Otego.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

County Representative

Kathy Clark not in attendance.

Planning Board

Elizabeth Callahan reported that the board had a presentation by the new school superintendent. This included the future of the school and registering for the K-Solar program.

Jody Perry has been issued a special use permit to replace a manufactured home destroyed by fire.

Board officers remain the same. They are reviewing the by-laws.

A notice of decision approving a lot split for the Hare property has been received by the Board.

Zoning Law

In the process of reviewing a permit for a manufactured home, it was discovered that there are some town roads that are in the R2 zone on the zoning map even though the wording of the law states that R2 is along county roads. The planning board will review the wording of the zoning law and the map and will recommend wording to make the zone boundaries and map in agreement. It is the advice of the town attorney to keep the map as is.

Code Officer

Dan Wilber has issued a couple of permits.

There was discussion of a tractor on town road right of way. Mr. Wilber will issue an order to remedy to have the tractor will be removed, or the town may look into further legal action.

Highway Report

Mr. Hurlburt has received complaints about the condition of some of the county roads. Residents need to contact Otsego Co. and Mr. Hurlburt will also make the county aware.

Use of Building

Dennis Higgins asked to reserve the municipal building for a presentation by SouthernTierSolarWorks, a nonprofit solar organization. The board gave permission and they can contact the town clerk to set a date.

Gas Drilling

Martha Bremer thanked the board for putting the gas hydrofracking moratorium in place and feels that local governments were influential in having hydrofracking stopped in New York State.

Mark Dye responded that our moratorium had expired before the state decision was made.

Association of Towns

The town clerk had information for the board about the annual meeting of the association that is held in February.

Notes from Stuart Anderson

Mr. Anderson reported on an announcement forwarded to the town clerk from the DEC; he also spoke about Stop the Pipeline filing for a re-hearing on the Constitution pipeline project certificate because of "project segmentation" .

Warrant #1

A motion was made by George Dolezel, 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 Nays

The regular meeting time will change permanently to 6:00 pm on the second Wednesday of the month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Maryalice Brown
Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

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_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.