

# TOWN OF OTEGO

MARCH 8, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 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	Town Supervisor
Maryalice Brown	Town Clerk
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
David Sheldon	Councilperson
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Royce Livingston	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supt.

## Minutes

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the February 8 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

## Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$415,236.16
Receipts:	96,779.28
Disbursements:	<u>27,842.56</u>
Ending Balance:	\$484,172.88
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 16,982.86
Receipts:	53,345.00
Disbursements:	<u>1,240.19</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 69,222.91
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$ 228,280.46
Receipts:	361,457.21
Disbursements:	<u>94,709.41</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 495,028.26
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 453,536.38
Receipts:	201,793.38
Disbursements:	<u>0</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 655,330.12

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: 9 reports of loose/stray dogs, 1 warning and 2 tickets issued.

## Planning Board Appointment

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to enter into executive session to discuss the planning board appointment. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Executive session from 6:07 to 6:15 pm.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Royce Livingston, to appoint Katie Higgins as an alternate to the Planning Board. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

## County Representative

Kathy Clark reported on the county's involvement in an efficiency plan competition through the state and spoke about shared services; there is a Main Street boot camp workshop in Utica coming up that the board may be interested in especially with the closing of the elementary school; work continues on the new emergency radio system which is experiencing a few problems.

## Code Officer

Mr. Wilber has received a complete application from Crossroads Inn for the new house.

Building Code Law

Mr. Wilber gave the town attorney a draft of a new Building Code Law last month. The town attorney will schedule a meeting with the code officer to discuss.

Planning Board

Kate Lawrence reported that the board has approved a simple lot split and in the process decided to update the form to make the process more efficient.

Elizabeth Callahan is currently serving as secretary for the board.

Highway Report

Mr. Hurlburt reported that a number of street signs have been stolen again. They are expensive to replace and please report any activity to the sheriff or highway dept.

Local Law Aged Exemption

The county has raised the Senior Aged Exemption and incorporated a sliding income scale. The town attorney has spoken to Hank Schecher at the County Real Property Tax Service and now has a better understanding of the new county law. If the town adopts the same law with the sliding scale it will not affect many more people in the town. The board is willing to adopt such a law but will check with Mario if he has any objections.

Budget Amendments and Transfers

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the attached 2016 Budget Transfers and Amendments. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Otego Historical Society

Carolee Byrnes invited the town board and all residents to see the historical society display of items from the Otego School.

Warrant #3

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Maryalice Brown  
Town Clerk

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