

TOWN OF OTEGO  
APRIL 6, 2011

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 7:00 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
J. R. Hurlburt	Dep. Highway Supt.

Minutes

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the March 9 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$407,295.18
Receipts:	20,879.97
Disbursements:	<u>26,059.25</u>
Ending Balance:	\$402,115.90
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 56,342.10
Receipts:	40.00
Disbursements:	<u>963.50</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 55,418.60
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$328,313.51
Receipts:	25,408.14
Disbursements:	<u>55,704.49</u>
Ending Balance:	\$298,017.16
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$469,515.26
Receipts:	0
Disbursements:	<u>7,922.50</u>
Ending Balance:	\$461,592.76

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

The town clerk read the dog officer report: 5 reports of loose/stray dogs, no tickets issued, no dogs taken to the shelter.

### Assessor

Marie Walters was in attendance and gave a report.

### Zoning Law

The amended zoning law has not been sent to the county planning board yet. The SEQR is not completed and the town attorney wants to review the draft comprehensive plan prior to sending the zoning law to the county.

Mr. Hesse addressed the board again about the proposed amended zoning law. He reiterated his concern about degradation of the town tax base. He doesn't want the town making changes to a law for a minority of residents at the expense of the majority.

He is also interested in the names of property owners who have asked for changes in the R1 zone. He was told to make the request for information in writing to the town clerk.

Anna Hein also had comments on the zoning law, draft comprehensive plan, and manufactured homes.

The town board has not seen the draft comprehensive plan yet.

### Highway Superintendent Resignation

The town clerk has received the resignation of the highway superintendent, effective April 1, 2011.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the resignation of James Winchester as highway superintendent. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

### Executive Session

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of an individual. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays 8:05 pm – 8:30 pm.

Upon returning from the executive session, a motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to continue JR Hurlburt as deputy highway superintendent until January 2012 with a stipend of \$600/month. Other benefits will remain as is to cover additional responsibilities while the superintendent vacancy remains. Motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

### Tire Drop Off/White Goods

It was decided to collect white goods and tires on Saturday, May 21.

### Planning Board

The town clerk distributed copies of the planning board's annual report.

### Municipal Building Roof

Bruno Bruni submitted specs for the municipal building roof. These will be reviewed in the coming month and addressed at the May Meeting.

### Time Warner Franchise

A letter was submitted by John Pohli requesting that the town board exert some pressure on Time Warner to extend its facilities into rural areas such as Otego. He says that they have money in the Capital Expenditure Budget and where they spend their funds is as much political as anything else.

Mr. Hurlburt will speak to the manager of Time Warner in Oneonta and the town clerk will check when the franchise agreement is due to be renewed.

### Letter from loca clergy

The town board has received a letter signed by local clergy asking for a moratorium on gas drilling and hydrofracking until environmental questions are answered.

#### Warrant 4

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers #61-77 in the amount of \$20,087.84; Highway Fund vouchers #59-75 in the amount of \$19,675.88 Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

#### Highway Superintendent

After discussion with JR Hurlburt, a motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by David Sheldon, to rescind the earlier motion keeping Mr. Hurlburt as deputy highway superintendent for the remainder of the year. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to appoint JR Hurlburt as acting highway superintendent until January 2012 to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mr. Winchester. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.