

**TOWN OF OTEGO**

**April 10, 2013**

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 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	Town Supervisor
Maryalice Brown	Town Clerk
Terry Brown	Councilperson
George Dolezel	Councilperson
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
David Sheldon	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supt

Minutes

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to accept the minutes of the March 13 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Before accepting the minutes of the March 20 meeting Dick Downey had some comments he presented to the board in reference to the March 20 meeting. He wants it noted that the minutes do not reflect some statements he heard at that meeting: the Board unanimously supports safe, responsible gas development, the moratorium was established to give the planning board time to complete its work on the comprehensive plan, and the town board does not want a comprehensive plan that bans or unreasonably zones out gas development. The board agreed with Mr. Downey's observations.

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to accept the minutes of the March 20 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Supervisor's Report

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the supervisor's report for February after adjustments were made.

Motion: 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$379,198.43
Receipts:	12,143.04
Disbursements:	<u>20,872.44</u>
Ending Balance:	\$370,469.03
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$52,442.34
Receipts:	.04
Disbursements:	<u>1,771.10</u>
Ending Balance:	\$50,671.28
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$316,152.71
Receipts:	28,531.15
Disbursements:	<u>47,465.08</u>
Ending Balance:	\$297,218.85
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$527,974.30
Receipts:	7,770.75
Disbursements:	<u>0</u>
Ending Balance:	\$535,745.05

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

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

#### Dog Control Report

Ellen Dwyer gave her report: no reports of loose or stray dogs, no dogs taken to the shelter. Ellen wants to thank those who helped her find her own dog that was lost for a while.

#### County Representative

Kathy Clark wanted residents to know that the hazardous waste days will be Sept 13 and 14 in Cooperstown. However, the Unadilla highway garage will be accepting household hazardous waste on September 13 from 8 to 11 am for those who don't want to travel as far.

#### Comprehensive Plan

Glenn Seroka gave the board a handout entitled "Intentional Interference with Your Property Rights" for their information. This is also being shared with the planning board.

#### Planning Board

Stephen Butler reported that he sent a working copy of the comprehensive plan to the town board.

#### Code Officer

Bruno Bruni has not had any increase in building permits this year.

There was discussion about the old Agway buildings. The village is researching how to declare the buildings unsafe so they can be demolished and the expenses assessed on the owners tax bill.

#### Local Law #2 of 2013

The board was given a copy of Local Law #2 of 2013, a local law providing for the defense of Town of Otsego Officers and Employees and Certain Volunteers.

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by David Sheldon, to hold a public hearing on the proposed law on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 6:00 pm. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

The hearing will be followed by the regular monthly meeting.

#### Highway Report

Joseph Hurlburt reported that a new mower for the rec fields has been purchased. The town is paying for half and the remainder will come from the youth rec committee. The town share will come from the park and recreation cd when it matures. JR Hurlburt said the Dick Hamilton is thankful for the mower and asks if there is any money available to purchase a wagon for the mower.

JR Hurlburt reported that the highway dept. has been screening sand.

Scott Fickbohm from Otsego Soil and Water is expecting the grant money that will be used to work on the Otsdawa creek.

The bid to repair the Upper Green St Bridge was in the paper. Bids are to be open April 18.

Barbara Stanton hopes that the town crew will provide labor at the park when the volleyball court is installed in place of the tennis

court. Depending on the road work schedule this is something that Mr. Hurlburt will schedule.

There was discussion at the March meeting about purchasing a Dickey-John system for the new truck. A motion was made by David Sheldon seconded by Terry Brown, to purchase the Dickey-John system for the new truck at a cost of \$4200.00. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Mr. Hurlburt reported that the roof on the highway building is leaking. The steel valleys need to be repaired. The board asked that he get estimates for the work.

Justice Court Grant

The town clerk has checked into copier prices. Prices on two Sharp copiers were \$3807.00 and \$3501.00. Two prices for Xerox copiers were \$2475.00 and \$2705.00. After comparing the specs on the models the town clerk asked that the board purchase the Xerox WC5325 copier.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to purchase the Xerox copier for \$2705.00. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The court grant covers \$2500 of this purchase.

Time Warner

Beth Westfall spoke to Dave Whalen from Time Warner today. Time Warner has a promotion in the coming month that should benefit the town agreement. It has to do with covering the cost of installation to the highway building.

Tire/White Goods Drop Off

Will be Saturday May 11 from 8 am to 12 pm.

Municipal Sign

The board has decided to proceed with the purchase of a new sign by State Rte. 7. The cost for the sign is approximately \$10,740 and materials will be around \$1500. It will be installed with town labor.

Warrant #4

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 meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Maryalice Brown  
Town Clerk

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