

TOWN OF OTEGO

April 9, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 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 Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the March 12 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$418,594.23
Receipts:	10,619.98
Disbursements:	<u>18,289.44</u>
Ending Balance:	\$410,924.77
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	55,471.07
Receipts:	174.25
Disbursements:	<u>8,261.80</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 47,383.52
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$ 363,259.19
Receipts:	47,460.92
Disbursements:	<u>52,560.64</u>
Ending Balance:	\$358,159.47
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$520,561.95
Receipts:	14,990.94
Disbursements:	<u>393.64</u>
Ending Balance:	\$535,159.25

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

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Dog Control Report

Ellen Dwyer gave her dog report: 2 reports of loose/stray dogs, no dogs taken to shelter.

County Representative

Not in attendance

Planning Board

The planning board has not received any feedback from the town board on the draft comprehensive plan that they were given in March. Work is continuing.

The cell tower located in the town has changed owners so the planning board will be scheduling a hearing as required.

Code Officer

Not in attendance.

Highway Report

Martha Nassauer, a resident of Calder Hill Rd, was in attendance. There was discussion of the culvert in the town right of way and the erosion affecting her driveway. She feels this is a dangerous situation and came to the board to see what might be done. The only area that the town highway can help with is the culvert area that is in the town’s right of way. Mr. Hurlburt has spoken to Ms. Nassauer before and plans on putting shot rock near the bottom of the drive to help contain the erosion. They cannot work in the stream area until June. The driveway is the responsibility of the owner, but the hope is that the culvert work would stabilize the area and maybe the resident can get the driveway area repaired.

Mr. Hurlburt has received notice that the Chips allocation for this year will be \$91,820.00. There is an additional \$10,937.00 that the town will receive this year because of the extreme winter weather.

The town has received notice that we are eligible to receive three special Emergency Management (EM) plates for town vehicles. This will insure access during an emergency response. The town is not interested in the plates.

Alarm System

Simplex changed the alarm system so that the monitoring is now being done by Fargo Overland rather than Otsego Co.

Lighting Solutions

The town clerk has received additional information from NYSEG that there is a program where a lighting audit is done and there is money available to pay up to 70% of the cost to change to the more efficient lights. It was decided to pursue this possibility.

Direct Deposit

The highway employees are interested in direct deposit of their payroll. There is no charge by Community Bank. As long as there are no charges to deposit in other banks the option will be given to the employees.

Clean Up Day

The clean up day is scheduled for May 31 from 8am to 12 noon. The town clerk will check into the company that picked up electronic recyclables last year.

Health Officer

Fred Price addressed the board about the old saw mill that has been vacant for years. He’s concerned about the condition of the buildings being a possible health hazard. It was decided to speak to Dan Wilber and see if there is anything the town can do to minimize this “attractive nuisance”.

Warrant #4

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown, 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 8:10 pm.

Maryalice Brown

Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

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_____ Councilperson _____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.