

TOWN OF OTEGO
MAY 11, 2011

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 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 April 6 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$402,155.90
Receipts:	27,203.84
Disbursements:	<u>35,202.98</u>
Ending Balance:	\$394,116.76
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 55,418.60
Receipts:	46.44
Disbursements:	<u>1,914.16</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 53,550.88
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$298,747.91
Receipts:	730.75
Disbursements:	<u>23,378.36</u>
Ending Balance:	\$275,369.55
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$461,592.76
Receipts:	18,218.51
Disbursements:	<u>18,863.18</u>
Ending Balance:	\$460,948.09

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by George Dolezel, to accept this report as read. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Dog Control Officer

Ellen Dwyer gave her dog officer report: 12 reports of loose/stray dogs, one warning issued, 2 dogs taken to the shelter.

Zoning Law

The planning board is completing their work on drafting a comprehensive plan. The attorney would like to send this draft with the proposed zoning law for the county to review. Therefore, there is no action on the zoning law this month.

Buzz Hesse has just received the information about variances that he requested from the town. He reiterated his concerns about the amendment to the R1 zone and feels that town residents need to have more information. The depreciation of manufactured homes is what concerns him. The board asked him to give them in writing his specific objections to the changes, which he agreed to do.

Dick Downey, representing the Unatego Land Owners Assoc., wanted the planning board to know that the association has some facts and figures that may be of interest to the planning board's comprehensive plan.

Keith Leggett feels there should be more exchange between the public and the board.

Planning Board By-Laws

Mr. Bruni distributed copies of the updated planning board by-laws to the board. He will bring the planning board signed copy to the meeting next month.

Local law for the Administration and Enforcement of the NYS Building Code

Mr. Bruni distributed a proposed local law amending Local Law #7 of 2007. The major change establishes the contractor as responsible for obtaining a building permit for the work.

This will be reviewed by the board and addressed next month.

Ethics Policies

The board was given three policies to review for the June meeting: ethics, conflict of interest, and whistleblower.

Municipal Building Roof

The board discussed the draft specs for a roof on the municipal building. They will be completed for next month's meeting so they can be put out to bid.

Highway Department retirement

The highway superintendent has received the retirement resignation of Dale Young from the highway dept. effective May 26, 2011.

Planning Board

The town board received the resignation of Lori Murphy from the town planning board.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to appoint Kate Lawrence to the planning board to complete the term of Lori Murphy. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Open Gym

There was a request from a group of young adults to have insurance coverage to be able to play basketball at the high school. The board referred this to the Youth Rec Committee to see if this was something they supported.

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 to 9:15 pm

Upon return from the executive session, a motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by David Sheldon, to approve a retroactive pay raise to April 7 of \$.50/hr. to Kevin Stanton upon his appointment as deputy highway superintendent. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain (Barbara Stanton).

Warrant #5

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers #78-97 in the amount of \$84,516.80; Highway Fund vouchers #76-91 in the amount of \$29,296.76. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

It was decided to start the June meeting at 6:00 pm to discuss bookkeeping concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.