

TOWN OF OTEGO

July 18, 2012

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, July 18, 2012 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 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 Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the June 13 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance: \$326,568.94
Receipts: 30,614.74
Disbursements: 46,113.08
Ending Balance: \$311,070.60

General Fund outside village beginning balance: \$ 18,554.95
Receipts: 120.91
Disbursements: 1,110.31 Ending Balance: \$ 17,565.55

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance: \$334,551.81
Receipts: 40,853.09
Disbursements: 12,968.83
Ending Balance: \$362,436.07

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance: \$429,173.41
Receipts: 73,606.30
Disbursements: 28,113.76
Ending Balance: \$474,665.95

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept this report as read. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

County Representative

Not present.

Dog Control Report

Ellen Dwyer gave her dog report: 8 reports of loose/stray dogs, 1 warning issued, 2 dogs taken to the shelter.

Local Law #3 of 2012

The town board did not have any changes to make to the proposed moratorium law. The attorney will refer the law to the county planning board for a 239 review, which is necessary to see whether the law has a countywide impact. Also the law is referred to the town planning board for any recommendations. These boards have 30 days to respond, so at the August meeting the board can schedule a public hearing.

Gas Drilling

The town clerk read a letter from Kim More. It concerns the possibility of lawsuits if a moratorium is enacted. Ms. More also spoke to the board and reminded them of the ad valorem tax that will benefit all taxpayers. Dennis Higgins claimed that there is no evidence of towns being sued for enacting a moratorium.

Martha Bremer thanked the town board and planning board for their work and patience with this issue.

Stuart Anderson complimented the town attorney on the working of the proposed moratorium law.

Irmabelle Sheldon is disappointed with the resignation of Julie Adelman from the planning board. She feels that everyone now on the planning board is opposed to gas drilling so there is no opposing view on the board supporting gas drilling. She asked if the town board might speak to Steve Sinniger to see if there may be someone involved with farming that might serve on the planning board.

Dick Downey feels that the town board is moving to enact a moratorium without all the information. He wants the results of the survey to be released before any moratorium law is considered.

Anna Hein also does not want the public hearing on the moratorium law until the survey results are known.

Bob Birch feels that the outcome of the survey should be known before the law is referred to the county planning board.

Kate Lawrence, planning board member, reported that the survey tabulation is almost complete.

Planning Board

The board accepted the resignation of Julie Adelman.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by George Dolezel, to appoint Elizabeth Callahan to the planning board to fill the term of Ms. Adelman.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to appoint Mark Dye as an alternate planning board member. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Destruction of Records

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by David Sheldon, to destroy the records of the tax collector for 1996, 1997, 1998 as allowed on the adopted retention schedule. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Warrant 7

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by Barbara Stanton, 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 next regular meeting will be Wednesday August 15, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Maryalice Brown
Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

_____ Town Clerk _____ Councilperson

_____ Councilperson _____ Councilperson

_____ Councilperson _____ Hwy. Supt.