

TOWN OF OTEGO

August 15, 2012

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, August 15, 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 David Sheldon, to accept the minutes of the July 18 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance: \$311,070.60
Receipts: 30,630.53
Disbursements: 37,221.84
Ending Balance: \$304,509.29

General Fund outside village beginning balance: \$ 17,565.55
Receipts: 657.16
Disbursements: 1,511.37 Ending Balance: \$ 16,711.34

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance: \$362,436.07
Receipts: 2,852.08
Disbursements: 13,211.32
Ending Balance: \$352,076.83

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance: \$474,665.95
Receipts: 47,567.08
Disbursements: 45,800.25
Ending Balance: \$476,432.78

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

County Representative

Kathy Clark gave her county update: there has been a law proposed to increase the term of county representatives from 2 years to 4 years; the county is in the process of scheduling an exit date from MOSA; there is a new personnel director; the county is updating the hazard mitigation plan.

Dog Control Report

Ellen Dwyer gave her dog report: 7 reports of loose/stray dogs, 2 dogs taken to the shelter. Ms. Dwyer updated the board on a dangerous dog case.

Town Committees

Kathy Davis asked that the board consider having town officials and committees give a report to the board every month. This may be done in person or as a written report. She feels this would give the board and residents in attendance a better idea of what is going on in the town or things that might have to be addressed. The board was in agreement and will look into this change.

Property Dispute

William Golinski addressed the board. He lives on a property that adjoins a neighbor who is constructing a residence from tires. This has been an ongoing project for many years. His property value continues to increase but he feels that the neighbor property really reduces his property value. Mr. Bruni, code officer, told the board that the tire residence was a camp until recently but now is becoming permanent and as such will have to be completed according to code. The owner does have a permit from DEC for this type of construction. There was also a question about the driveway right of way. The board advised Mr. Golinski to contact the DEC about the permit, and the right of way dispute needs to be resolved by the property owners. The local town court does not decide such issues.

Zoning Law

Mrs. Behnke asked the status of the zoning law change. The planning board has not made any changes yet.

Local Law #3 of 2012

The moratorium law has been referred to the county planning department. They have until August 27 to respond.

The law was also referred to the town planning board. The local board supports passage of the moratorium to offer legal protection for the planning board to complete their work.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown, to hold a public hearing on Local law #3 of 2012 at 6:00 pm at the Otego Elementary School.

Motion: 4 Ayes, 1 abstain (Sheldon, employer conflict).

Planning Board

Kate Lawrence reported that the board is tabulating the survey data

and organizing the comments, and should be done soon.

The planning board has appointed a new secretary, Brenda Birdsall. A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by George Dolezel, that the planning board secretary be paid \$12/hour. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Mr. Stuart Anderson submitted a letter offering his services when there is a vacancy on the town planning board.

Gas Drilling

Kim More addressed the board. She wanted the board to be aware of the case Clark vs Town of Greenburg which addresses the issue of town officials representing the town residents and village residents. There are more landowners in the town and she feels that the town board should take that into consideration with gas drilling and moratorium.

Dick Downey feels that a moratorium will have a long lasting negative effect. Gas development, such as the constitution pipeline, is coming.

Time Warner Franchise

Mr. Hurlburt is working on the renewal of the franchise agreement.

Town Hall Sign

The board will get prices to install a new sign at the road entrance to replace the sign that was damaged in a storm last year.

Tax Collector

The tax collector gave her annual report.

Highway Supt.

Mr. Hurlburt reported that the county has gotten \$79,000 in grant money to work on Otsdawa Creek. However, the cost of the report is far greater but this will get the process started.

The highway dept. will start paving Flax Island road next week.

Mr. Hurlburt is working on the mining permit renewal.

There was discussion about purchasing a new riding lawnmower for the recreation fields. This will be brought up to the youth rec board to see if there is any money available or else the town may use funds from the parks and recreation certificate of deposit.

Warrant 8

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 next regular meeting will be Wednesday September 19, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Maryalice Brown
Town Clerk

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_____ Hwy. Supt.