

TOWN OF OTEGO

August 13, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 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:

| | |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| George Dolezel | Deputy Town Supervisor |
| Maryalice Brown | Town Clerk |
| Terry Brown | Councilperson |
| Barbara Stanton | Councilperson |
| David Sheldon | Councilperson |
| Kevin Stanton | Deputy Highway Supt |

Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Brown seconded by David Sheldon, to accept the minutes of the July 16 meeting. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Supervisor's Report

Mr. Dolezel read the Supervisor's report for July:

| | |
|---|------------------|
| General Fund townwide beginning balance: | \$356,327.57 |
| Receipts: | 10,085.01 |
| Disbursements: | <u>16,631.57</u> |
| Ending Balance: | \$349,781.01 |
| General Fund outside village beginning balance: | 11,983.07 |
| Receipts: | 583.08 |
| Disbursements: | <u>1,583.69</u> |
| Ending Balance: | \$ 10,982.46 |
| Highway Fund townwide beginning balance: | \$ 343,557.78 |
| Receipts: | .69 |
| Disbursements: | <u>5,570.17</u> |
| Ending Balance: | \$337,988.30 |
| Highway Fund outside village beginning balance: | \$449,054.62 |
| Receipts: | 15,905.67 |
| Disbursements: | <u>24,973.90</u> |
| Ending Balance: | \$439,986.39 |

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept this report.

Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Dog Control Officer

The town clerk gave the report for Ms. Dwyer: 6 reports of loose/stray dogs, 1 warning issued, 1 dog taken to shelter

County Representative

Kathy Clark reported that the buyer for the Manor has been approved and hopefully the transfer will be complete by the end of the year.

Casella Waste is now operating the transfer station and some fees have been reduced.

There will be a hazardous waste collection in Unadilla on September 12.

Climate Smart Communities

Dazzle Ekblad, statewide coordinator for Climate Smart Communities, spoke to all present. Climate Smart Communities is a state and local government partnership to encourage communities to reduce greenhouse gases thus saving taxpayer dollars and support the development of a green innovation economy. The town is required to sign a pledge, but any action is voluntary and there are no consequences if nothing is accomplished. There are no fees. The benefits include being part of an organization where you can access information and find funding opportunities. The main focus is on energy efficiency projects.

Questions and discussion followed.

Planning Board

Stephen Butler reported that the board attended a seminar last month.

The town board has gotten copies of the draft comprehensive plan. The planning board is doing the last edits and hope to have a final copy for the Board for the September meeting.

Code Officer

Mr. Wilber reported that there is some building activity.

Highway Report

Mr. Stanton reported that the new disc mower has been purchased and is working well.

The department has been working on Calder Hill Road stabilization, paving Starr Road, and will be starting Chamberlain Hill Road stabilization.

The Board was given proof that Cory Wilber is not carrying the town’s health insurance and is eligible for a stipend.

Otsego County Conservation Association

Bill Holmstrom took part in a drinking water chemical analysis for OCCA and gave the board a copy of the results of “What’s In Our Water?”.

Town Assessor

The board received a letter of resignation from H. Marie Lawrence. She has moved out of the area.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the letter of resignation with regret. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

The position has been advertised and a meeting is scheduled for September 3, 6:00 pm to review the applications.

Small Claims Assessment filing

Countryside Management has filed for a hearing on their property assessment.

Tax Collector Annual Report

The tax collector gave her annual report.

Time Warner

There has been no action locally. The corporation was going to be purchased by Comcast but that is no longer happening so nothing is probably going to happen until any sale/merger is finalized.

Warrant #8

A motion was made by Terry Brown, 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: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Maryalice Brown, Town Clerk

_____ Dep. Town Supervisor _____ Town Clerk

_____ Councilperson _____ Councilperson

_____ Councilperson _____ Councilperson