

TOWN OF OTEGO

AUGUST 12, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 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	Town Supervisor
Maryalice Brown	Town Clerk
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
David Sheldon	Councilperson
George Dolezel	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supt

Minutes

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept the minutes of the July 8 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$343,682.84
Receipts:	20,812.38
Disbursements:	<u>20,001.94</u>
Ending Balance:	\$344,493.28

General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 16,002.93
Receipts:	155.32
Disbursements:	<u>1,128.69</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 15,029.56

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$ 272,848.08
Receipts:	92,408.97
Disbursements:	<u>5,218.51</u>
Ending Balance:	\$360,038.54

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$486,266.64
Receipts:	23,304.35
Disbursements:	<u>27,363.12</u>
Ending Balance:	\$482,207.87

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to accept this report as read.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Dog Control Report

Ellen Dwyer gave her report: 6 counts of loose/stray dogs, 1 ticket issued, 1 warning, and 1 dog taken to the shelter.

County Representative

Not in attendance.

Compressor Station

There was further discussion about the proposed natural gas compressor station in the town of Franklin, near the Otego town line.

Stuart Anderson had information about the cost of an air quality monitoring system which is expensive and raised questions about evacuation procedures. He would like a statement from the town board to the DEC and state government offices that the town of Otego is not in favor of a compressor station being placed in the neighboring town, and/or a statement in support of a moratorium until more study is done on the health risks of compressors.

Mark Dye does not feel that a moratorium is effective.

Lois Chernin stated that other businesses emit gases that may be harmful, possibly more than a compressor station would give off.

Some town board members are of the opinion that if a compressor is allowed in Franklin, there will be monitoring of the site.

Other residents do not feel that this would protect Otego residents, some would like to see it moved to a less populated area. The American Medical Assoc. and other medical organizations have called for a ban on compressor stations to study long term health risks.

Dick Downey is making arrangements to take the town board members to visit a couple of gas compressor sites.

No action by the town board.

Code Officer

Mr. Wilber reported that there have been permits issued for septic, heating, some building, and an issue with an illegal pool.

Planning Board

Elizabeth Callahan reported for the board: the planning board is looking at the various local laws to make sure that the different laws are in sync with each other.

Highway Report

The town got an email that we should have received \$82,000 from FEMA by the end of July. The town has not received the payment. The town attorney has a contact and will follow up. After this payment there is still \$50,000 that was approved and owed to the town.

Mr. Hurlburt has gotten specs for a new truck, with an estimated cost of \$210,000. The town is looking to replace a 1997 truck.

Buzz Hesse has been in contact with the county about the grant for work in Otsego Creek. \$16,000 has been approved, but now the cost may be twice that. Mr. Hurlburt recently attended a class and believes that the work can be done for close to \$16,000.

Time Warner

No action.

Employee Handbook

The board is making changes, but not finalized yet.

Solar

The town supervisor was contacted by Deanna Dal-Pos from NAI Platforce. This company is looking for 3 acre sites to set up solar panels. The contact information was given to the town attorney for follow up.

Town Gas pumps

The town's key pumps are used by the fire district, village, and Evergreen Cemetery. Mr. Hurlburt asked the board if the town would be willing to allow the school district to have access. There is enough storage capacity. The board had no objection.

Snow and Ice Contract

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to have the town supervisor sign the attached 2016-2018 Agreement for the Control of Snow and Ice on County Roads. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Otego Health District

The health district in Otego has not been active in years and collects no taxes. The state has been looking for various reports that should be filed. The town attorney will have a resolution to present to the board next month to dissolve the district.

Warrant #8

A motion was made by George Dolezel, 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 7:20 pm.

Maryalice Brown
Town Clerk

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_____ Town Clerk

_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.