

TOWN OF OTEGO

AUGUST 10, 2016

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 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
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supt.

Minutes

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the July 13 meeting. Motion: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$396,109.91
Receipts:	5,503.27
Disbursements:	<u>24,117.18</u>
Ending Balance:	\$377,496.00

General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$	20,942.56
Receipts:		195.17
Disbursements:		<u>2,027.79</u>
Ending Balance:	\$	19,109.94

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$	367,146.04
Receipts:		5.82
Disbursements:		<u>12,775.84</u>
Ending Balance:	\$	354,376.02

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$	539,937.60
Receipts:		150.33
Disbursements:		<u>36,806.50</u>
Ending Balance:	\$	503,271.43

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to accept this report as read. Motion: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

Dog Control Report

Ellen Dwyer gave her report: 2 loose/stray dogs, no tickets issued.

County Representative

Kathy Clark reported that the county hazardous waste day is Sept. 9 in Unadilla and Sept. 10 in Cooperstown. A poster was left with the town clerk with more information. The county has interviewed candidates for the county highway supt. position. Sen. Seward and Rep. Magee each gave \$500,000 toward the 911 radio tower system. The county board is looking to revamp the Senior Tax Exemption, raising the income eligibility level and indexing for those above it.

Graves on Town Land

There was discussion of the graves down by the Highway buildings that were found years ago when the Marcy South power line was being constructed. The area is fenced but very overgrown and the marker stone has been stolen. The highway dept. was asked to mow and help remove brush so the historical society can locate grave markers and make plans to better mark the area.

Comprehensive Plan

The comprehensive plan was received by the town board last month. The plan will be sent to the County planning for the 239 review. The town board will probably schedule a public hearing in October.

Planning Board

Roberto Romano represented the board: there was discussion of the company doing work on the radio tower on the Gillingham property. Mr. Romano also spoke about some towns providing broadband access to residents. They bond and then provide the service and the residents pay the town, not a telecom company. This is new and he will try to get more information. Kathy Clark said that the county is still hoping to get grant money to extend broadband access in the county.

Code Officer

Has been quiet, some inquiries.

Highway Report

Mr. Hurlburt reported that the heat and smoke detectors have been replaced in the highway building. Road work is continuing on Flax Island Rd.

Employee Handbook

Changes have been finalized. It was decided to have the bookkeeper review the wording about vacation time accrual. If okay, the town clerk will have the handbook printed.

Municipal Sign

The town clerk received notice that the sign will be shipped the end of August.

Charter Communications

Beth Westfall, town attorney, has been contacted by Alice Kim, our new contact at Charter. They are aware of the contracts that were not renewed by Time Warner and will be in touch.

Merrithew Cemetery

There was discussion about access to Merrithew Cemetery since the new owner has gated the road. The historical society would like to photograph stones for their historical value. It was suggested that the historical society contact the Division of Cemeteries and if they have a record of the cemetery it is possible that the property owners cannot deny access.

Warrant #8

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, 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 Nay

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Maryalice Brown
Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

_____ Town Clerk

_____ Councilperson

_____ Councilperson

_____ Highway Supt.