

TOWN OF OTEGO

AUGUST 9, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 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
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
David Sheldon	Councilperson
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Royce Livingston	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supt.

Minutes

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the July 12 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$414,636.79
Receipts:	2,887.91
Disbursements:	<u>18,830.04</u>
Ending Balance:	\$398,694.66

General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 24,294.11
Receipts:	125.20
Disbursements:	<u>1,185.93</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 23,233.38

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$ 419,431.67
Receipts:	1,537.90
Disbursements:	<u>10,379.47</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 410,590.10

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 626,353.15
Receipts:	15,769.64
Disbursements:	<u>42,949.04</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 599,173.75

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

Dog Control Officer

Ellen Dwyer gave the dog report: 9 reports of loose/stray dogs, 2 dogs taken to shelter.

County Representative

Not in attendance.

Planning Board

Mark Dye and Kate Chernin report no action with permits but the board continues to work on updating the building and zoning forms.

Code Officer

Mr. Wilber presented the board with an updated building fee schedule, the major change being a minimum fee for commercial construction. There was discussion of the truss construction fee and it was decided to include 2 tags in the fee since tags must be posted for the safety of firefighters.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to amend the Otego Fee Schedule. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Mr. Wilber will provide the town clerk with a copy of the new schedule.

Building Code Law

The town attorney is reviewing the wording in the area of the law concerning unsafe structures and should have a copy for the board next month.

Highway Report

Mr. Hurlburt reported that he has met with FEMA representatives concerning last winter's storm so hopefully there might be some reimbursement coming before this winter.

The town crew is working on Franklin Mountain Rd.

Mr. Hurlburt is going to get prices for repaving the municipal parking lot.

Health Insurance

Mr. Hurlburt, Ms. Stanton and Mr. Livingston met with a new company concerning health insurance options for the highway dept. and it was decided to have a meeting of the entire board on August 23 at 6:00 pm at the highway office.

Dedication of Municipal Sign

A September date will be set next month.

Handbook

The town clerk will give copies of the revised handbook to the highway dept. for their review before the board adopts it.

Partial tax payments

There is a new option for towns to collect partial tax payments from Jan. thru April. After some discussion the board decided not to opt in since residents can make partial payments to the county after May.

Third Party Banking

The bank must provide proof to the town that funds are insured when the town holds more than the FDIC insured amount. They are changing the way this is done and reported.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown, to amend the third party banking agreement and have the town supervisor sign the new agreement. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Town v. Storey Assessment Case

After some discussion, a motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to accept the settlement on the Stephen Storey assessment case for an assessment of \$125,000. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Warrant #8

A motion was made by Terry Brown, 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 Nay

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Maryalice Brown
Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

_____ Town Clerk _____ Councilperson

_____ Councilperson _____ Councilperson

_____ Councilperson _____ Highway Supt.