

TOWN OF OTEGO

SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 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
David Sheldon Councilperson
George Dolezel Councilperson
Barbara Stanton Councilperson
J.R. Hurlburt Highway Supt

Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept the minutes of the July 20 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by George Dolezel, to accept the minutes of the August 17 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the August 24 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance: \$351,177.96
Receipts: 14,513.09
Disbursements: 63,670.04
Ending Balance: \$302,021.01

General Fund outside village beginning balance: \$11,714.76
Receipts: 205.74
Disbursements: 1,542.86
Ending Balance: \$10,377.64

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance: \$297,184.42
Receipts: 0

Disbursements: 4,689.81
Ending Balance: \$292,495.01

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance: \$375,299.55

Receipts: 818.04

Disbursements: 86,016.55

Ending Balance: \$290,101.04

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

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Assessor

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, that Marie Walters be approved as assessor on a permanent basis. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by George Dolezel, to hire Kathy Davis to do data collection on the mobile home parks. Salary will be \$15/hour, up to \$900.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Bruni presented the final version of the comprehensive plan to the town board. The planning board made some changes that were suggested by the county planning board. The town board wanted to review the final version and it will be addressed at the October meeting.

Highway Report

There was extensive flooding in the town Sept. 7 and 8. JR Hurlburt would like to thank the Franklin Highway Dept. for sending personnel and trucks to help keep roads open.

Mr. Hurlburt estimates over \$250,000 for road repair, most of which will hopefully be reimbursed by FEMA. This may be a low estimate as everything hasn't been assessed yet.

Because of the road work that needs to be done due to the recent flooding there was discussion of hiring a temporary worker in the highway dept.

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to hire a temporary person for the highway department. Salary will be \$12.50/hour, no benefits.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Zoning

Mr. Hesse addressed the board. He knows that the town board is fully aware of his concerns about the proposed change to the R1 zoning. He urges the board to seriously consider the change, and he will no longer make an issue of this amended law.

Internet Access

The town has received a letter from the Town of Oneonta concerning internet access. Mr. Hurlburt will contact the Oneonta town supervisor.

Budget Resolution

The town has received unanticipated revenue from the county for snow and ice removal. A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown, to increase the revenue in highway DA2300 by \$50,700.00 and increase highway appropriation DA5142.4 by \$50,700.00. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Board of Assessment Review

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to appoint Lee Emerson to the Board of Assessment Review. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

County Representative

Kathy Clark gave the county phone numbers for flood victim assistance. The state and federal governments have declared the area a disaster which allows for money for repairs/cleanup and low interest loans. There will be a meeting Sept. 22 at emergency services to get information to the towns about the relief process.

Dog Control Report

Ellen Dwyer gave her dog report: 13 reports of loose/stray dogs, 3 trips to the shelter.

Warrant 9

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, 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 meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Maryalice Brown
Town Clerk