

**TOWN OF OTEGO**  
**September 18, 2013**

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 3526 State Highway 7, Otego, New York. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing on Local Law #3 of 2013, 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
George Dolezel	Councilperson
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
David Sheldon	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supt

Local Law #3 of 2013

The town clerk read the legal notice that appeared in the Daily Star on September 13, 2013. This was the second legal since the original date for the hearing was Sept. 11 which was cancelled because of severe weather.

There was no input from the public for or against the law.

The hearing was closed at 6:05 and the regular meeting opened.

Minutes

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to accept the minutes of the August 14 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by George Dolezel, to accept the minutes of the August 27 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$292,873.90
Receipts:	5,482.27
Disbursements:	<u>18,729.76</u>
Ending Balance:	\$279,626.41
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$7,581.47
Receipts:	125.15
Disbursements:	<u>1,215.40</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 6,491.22
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$300,517.73
Receipts:	1.37
Disbursements:	<u>15,366.05</u>
Ending Balance:	\$285,153.05
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$374,024.28
Receipts:	26,162.67
Disbursements:	<u>64,071.36</u>
Ending Balance:	\$336,115.59

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

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Dog Control Report

The town clerk read the dog report for Ellen Dwyer who was unable to attend: 10 reports of loose/stray dogs, 2 warnings issued, 1 ticket issued, and one dog taken to the shelter.

County Representative

Kathy Clark was unable to attend.

### Gas Drilling

The board members were each given a cd from Stuart Anderson containing a talk given by Michael Lovegreen, Chair of the Bradford County Natural Gas Advisory Board, last month in New Berlin. The board agreed to show the 15 minutes presentation at the October meeting.

### Code Officer

Dan Wilber was introduced to those present.

### Planning Board

The town board has received a very preliminary copy of the comprehensive plan for their review.

### Highway Report

JR Hurlburt reported that the Flax Island culvert is complete except for paving, but the road is open.

The highway department is working on storm damage from severe rainstorms we've had in the last couple of weeks.

The roof on the highway building has been repaired.

Mr. Hurlburt also reported that he is looking into grant money for pre-disaster mitigation for Chamberlain Hill Rd. The area sustained a lot of storm damage and there may be grant money available to fix the area so that damage from future storms won't be so extensive.

Joseph Hurlburt reported that they hope to have the Green St. bridge complete by the end of September.

### Time Warner

No action. Beth Westfall, town attorney, has emailed them but has not gotten any answer.

### Board of Assessment Review

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to appoint Rosemary Holbrook to a 5 year term on the board of assessment review. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

### Town Assessor

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by David Sheldon, to appoint H. Marie Lawrence the town assessor for a six year term. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Rodney Robinson stated that he has asked Ms. Lawrence to come to his property to check the assessment and she hasn't. Mr. Hurlburt will look into this.

### Justice Court Grant

The following resolution was put forth by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown:

WHEREAS, the Otego Justice Court is a local court processing approximately 1400 traffic cases, 80 criminal cases, and 30 civil cases per year; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to maintain the court facility in good working order;

WHEREFORE, the Otego Town Board authorizes the tow supervisor to sign the Justice Court Assistance Grant application to obtain state funding to improve the operation and safety of the local justice court.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

### Court Training

Kathy Davis wants to attend court training in Albany in October. The board approved this expense of approximately \$225.

### Whispering Oaks Lane

The town board received notice from Umberto and Maureen Angilletta of the dangerous road condition on Whispering Oak lane. There is erosion and the drainage pipe should be replaced. Mr. Hurlburt reported that the condition has been resolved.

### Employee Handbook

David Sheldon inquired about the status of the employee handbook which is to be updated. Nothing has been done to date.

### Local Law #3 of 2013

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by David Sheldon, to adopt Local Law #3 of 2013 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law section 3-c, as attached. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Warrant #9

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by George Dolezel, 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 6:50 pm.

Maryalice Brown

Town Clerk

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