

TOWN OF OTEGO

SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 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 George Dolezel, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept the minutes of the August 12 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$344,493.28
Receipts:	8,022.73
Disbursements:	<u>24,901.46</u>
Ending Balance:	\$327,614.55
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 15,029.56
Receipts:	268.00
Disbursements:	<u>1,112.98</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 14,184.58
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$ 360,038.54
Receipts:	1,192.58
Disbursements:	<u>44,449.39</u>
Ending Balance:	\$316,781.73
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$482,207.87
Receipts:	12,745.09
Disbursements:	<u>58,677.37</u>
Ending Balance:	\$436,275.59

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

Ellen Dwyer gave her report: 6 counts of loose/stray dogs, 1 ticket issued, 1 warning, and 3 dogs taken to the shelter.

County Representative

Kathy Clark informed the board and residents of household hazardous waste collection to be held at the Unadilla Highway Dept and the County Meadows complex this weekend. There will also be Project Clean Sweep for pesticide disposal on Sept. 28. The county website has more information.

The IDA will be opening a workforce training center focusing on jobs available in this area.

Code Officer

Dan Wilber has some projects in the works and a couple of complaints he is looking into.

Employee Handbook

The town clerk has received information from Bruno Bruni and will forward it to the board.

Planning Board

A variance was given to Escobar for his new business at the old lumber yard.

The planning board is waiting for more information before issuing a lot split. They want to make sure the parcel won't be landlocked.

Highway Report

The highway crew has finished paving a few different stretches of town roads. They will be putting guard rails on Lower Green St. There is insulation for in the garage roof but it's been way too hot to get close to the roof these days.

FEMA: discussion of the money still due. The town has received another \$82,000 and the attorney has been in contact with the engineer and our FEMA contact to get the additional money that was approved after the initial project approval.

Compressor Station

Some board members will accompany Dick Downey to a compressor station for the Millenium pipeline in Long Eddy this Friday, Sept. 11 . There are plans in the works to visit a larger compressor station in Lenox, PA in a month. Katie Higgins asked if the board would take questions to present to the people working there. If she gets the questions to the town clerk before Friday they will bring them along.

Time Warner

No action.

Solar

NAI Platform is a real estate company interested in solar sites in the Otsego Co. area. Nathan VanWhy was in attendance since Ms. Westfall was away. He explained that this company is looking to buy, rent, or possibly provide electricity for the town buildings, in exchange for 3 acres for solar panels. Mr. Hurlburt will speak to Ms. Westfall before the next meeting.

Town Gas pumps

The school district is not interested in using the town pumps.

Otego Health District

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

RESOLUTION ABOLISHING THE OTEGO CONSOLIDATED HEALTH DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Town of Otego and Village of Otego formed the Otego Consolidated Health District; and

WHEREAS, the functions and duties of the Otego Consolidated Health District can be performed by the Otsego County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Village believe it to be in their best interests to dissolve the Otego Consolidated Health District, thereby devolving its powers and duties to the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Otego Consolidated Health District be hereby abolished and all the powers and duties of such health district be devolved upon the County of Otsego.

This resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be dated this 9th day of September, 2015.

Standard Workday Resolution

The following resolution was put forth by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Otego, location code 30697, hereby established the following as standard work days for its employees and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the clerk of this body:

Title	Standard work Day (Hrs/day)
Assessor	6.00
Code Officer	6.00
Zoning Officer	6.00

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Board of Assessment Review

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by George Dolezel, to appoint Arlene Salisbury to a 5 year term on the Board of Assessment Review. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Justice Court Grant

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

WHEREAS, the Otego Justice Court is a local court processing approximately 1800 traffic cases, 100 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 town 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.

The board will hold a budget workshop on Wed, September 30 at 6:00 pm.

Warrant #9

A motion was made by George Dolezel, seconded by Barbara Stanton, 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 7:30 pm.

Maryalice Brown
Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor _____ Town Clerk

_____ Councilperson _____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.