

TOWN OF OTEGO

APRIL 10, 2019

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 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
Teresa Sears	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 Barbara Stanton, to accept the minutes of the March 13th meeting after amending the 5 Ayes to 4 Ayes for each motion. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$560,397.51
Receipts:	4,625.30
Disbursements:	<u>25,271.25</u>
Ending Balance:	\$539,751.56
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 64,904.86
Receipts:	1,505.50
Disbursements:	<u>35,367.02</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 31,043.34
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$595,324.24
Receipts:	874.39
Disbursements:	<u>52,032.04</u>
Ending Balance:	\$544,166.59
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$790,365.42
Receipts:	7,790.96
Disbursements:	<u>294.62</u>
Ending Balance:	\$797,861.76

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 for March: 3 reports of loose/stray dogs; 1 unverified/unable to catch; 3 no complaint; 1 out of area; 1 bark complaint with 2 tickets issued.

Town Clerk Report

Mrs. Sears presented the Town Clerk report for the month of March. Tax collection is at 78.52% for a total of \$1,399,614.15 collected.

County Representative

Not in attendance.

Code Officer

Mr. Wilber is presently working on a few permits and applications. There are 2 lot splits in process, and a few special use permits on the horizon. Mr. Wilber has completed 24 hours of training at the Building Officials Conference.

Planning Board

Lois Chernin presented the board with a copy of minutes from the training session presented by Karen Sullivan, Otsego County Planning Director.

The planning board is encountering problems with parcels that have overlapping zone areas. A possible solution is to combine zones R2 and R3. Mr. Wilber stated that the zoning needs to follow the comprehensive plan, and now would be an opportune time to change this. He would like to see a standard measure from State

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Highway 7 used to be consistent.

The town attorney said that zoning laws would need to be amended. Ms. Westfall will attend the planning board meeting on May 21st.

The town board asked the planning board to begin reviewing the comprehensive plan in anticipation of changing the zoning ordinance.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown, to allow the 1 hour of training with Karen Sullivan to count toward planning board training hours required. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

John Escobar

Mr. Escobar appealed to the board to allow the zoning change from residential to commercial on the Secor Road property he owns. He first approached the board about this matter in April 2018. He would like to install some small businesses on this property.

Mr. Wilber said that it will need to be rezoned to R1 and a special use permit granted. Ms. Westfall advised the planning board to make a recommendation to the town board at the April 16th meeting. After the recommendation, the town board will need to hold a public hearing on the rezoning. Ms. Westfall will send a letter to Mr. Escobar’s attorney stating that a request for rezoning to R1 is being submitted.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to ask the planning board to make a recommendation to the town board by the May 8th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Highway Report

The highway department has been busy with repairs and brush cutting. Mr. Hurlburt shared about several recent inquiries asking for Memory Lane be taken over by the town. He spoke with Robert Busacca, owner of this development. He sent him the state specifications needed in order for the road to be eligible for the town to take over, and after this it may be presented to the town board for approval.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Peter Johnson has resigned from his position. The town clerk will post the open position on the town sign and town website.

Clean Up Days

Clean Up Day will be on May 11th, from 8 am to 12 pm. White goods, up to 8 tires, may be brought by residents only.

Youth Rec Update

The committee met and revised the agreement with Dr. Richards. Ms. Westfall will discuss this with the school attorney, and then the agreement may be signed. It will be a one year agreement; the committee will assess the use and cost after this year.

Insurance Committee

The committee had a final meeting to decide on a policy. They felt Mr. Van Gorder thoroughly explained the differences between the two policies under consideration. Mr. Hurlburt was initially concerned about the risk, but after speaking with other towns, he is convinced the NYMIR policy will be fine.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Royce Livingston, to change the insurance policy to NYMIR. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

American Legion

After discussion, the board decided to give the American Legion both last year’s and this year’s \$500 budgeted amount. A budget amendment will need to be made.

Warrant #4

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.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to adjourn the meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Sears
Town Clerk

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