

TOWN OF OTEGO

APRIL 12, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 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
Terri Horan	Town Clerk
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
Jimmy Hamm	Councilperson
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Royce Livingston	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supt.

Community Members: Glenn Seroka, Stuart Anderson, Kathy Leahy

Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Royce Livingston, to accept the minutes of the March 8th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

Mrs. Stanton read the Supervisor's report for March:

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$877,272.69
Receipts:	12,431.80
Disbursements:	<u>27,696.06</u>
Ending Balance:	\$862,008.43
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 44,068.57
Receipts:	.00
Disbursements:	<u>1,320.41</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 42,748.16
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$827,566.66
Receipts:	31,641.91
Disbursements:	<u>44,426.33</u>
Ending Balance:	\$814,782.24
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$1,067,337.53
Receipts:	12,514.29
Disbursements:	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance:	\$1,079,851.82

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

Dog Control Officer

Mrs. Dwyer gave the dog report for March 8th–April 12th: 4 reports of loose/stray dogs; 3 unverified/unable to catch/no complaints; 1 found and taken to shelter; and 1 out of area.

Town Clerk Report

Mrs. Horan presented the Town Clerk report for the month of March and the Annual Town Clerk Report for 2022. Tax collection is at 80.31% for a total of \$1,523,231.75 collected through March.

County Representative

Mr. Brockway reported that the Solid Waste Committee for the county is looking at ways to reduce the 374 tons of garbage per month that the county is sending to Cayuga County landfill, one of only two left in New York State.

Code Officer

Mr. Wilber was at recertification training and not in attendance.

Planning Board

Lois reported the town draft maps are done and were shown to JR, Terry Brown and Barbara Stanton. The board approved the maps and the final presentations will be available for signature possibly by the next board meeting. Lois also expressed concern about the lack of a phone in the planning board room. The town will look into why the present phone jacks are inoperable.

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Highway Report

The highway department committee met with Tracey Road. To replace the existing 10 wheeler truck, the town needs to get on the build list since it takes around 24 months to build. Royce Livingston made a motion, seconded by Jimmy Hamm to place the Town of Otego’s truck request on the build list at Tracey Road. All in Favor 5, Nay 0.

Highway Department supervisor Hurlburt also reported that the new equipment shed is now enclosed on the west side, the new mining permit for the gravel bank has been received and that road crews are grooming the roads as weather permits. Mr. Seroka asked the supervisor about signage where the waste dump area is and JR said that there is a sign for check-in with the office before you get rid of green waste. JR also told Mr.Seroka that the chipped bark is available to Otego residents for the taking.

Dog Control Officer

Ellen Dwyer is retiring effective September 2023. Since she has been in service to the Town for so long, the town clerk will find/create a job description and get it approved before placing it on the town website and in The Daily Star.

Susquehanna Spirit

Kristen Motel, attorney for Susquehanna Spirit, a startup cannabis growing operation, gave a quick presentation outlining a community benefit and social equity plan that the grower has in mind for the Town of Otego. Mr. Bradley Tillbrooks, owner of the company answered additional questions by board members. More information will be forthcoming as the NYS licensing process advances.

Clean Up Day

Otego Days and the Fire Department Chicken Barbecue will take place on Saturday, May 20th 2023. Clean-up Day will be on Saturday, May 13th from 8 am to 12 pm. White goods and up to 8 tires will be accepted, but no electronics. Proof of residency is required. Notices will be placed in the Daily Star and in the Town Hall.

NYMIR Insurance

The insurance committee met with Mr. VanGorder. Total insurance for this year is \$36,641.01 and included Cyber insurance will be \$1345.10 and has a million dollar liability clause.

A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to accept the insurance policy for this year. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. The town clerk will notify Mr. VanGorder of the acceptance of the proposal.

Warrant #4

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Royce Livingston, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # 70-95 in the amount of \$29,888.87 and Highway Fund vouchers #39-51 in the amount of \$13,608.61. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7.22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Horan, Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

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_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.

