

TOWN OF OTEGO

APRIL 10, 2024

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 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
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Royce Livingston	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supt.

Community Members: Glenn Seroka, Dave Sheldon, Seth Little

Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Royce Livingston, to accept the minutes of the March 13th meeting. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$817,403.84
Receipts:	38,684.01
Disbursements:	<u>46,475.53</u>
Ending Balance:	\$809,612.32
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 85,039.01
Receipts:	178.88
Disbursements:	<u>38,353.20</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 46,864.69
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$851,403.32
Receipts:	15,797.11
Disbursements:	<u>42,654.42</u>
Ending Balance:	\$824,546.01
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$1,186,498.98
Receipts:	14,109.75
Disbursements:	<u>827.72</u>
Ending Balance:	\$1,199,781.01

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept this report as read. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Dog Control Officer

Mrs. Horan read the dog control report submitted by Amy Cross, Otego DCO. March 8 she received a report of a missing Great Dane and on March 14 another lost dog. Investigation resulted in both dogs found and at respective homes. On March 29, 2024 she made calls for delinquent dog renewals.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Report

Mrs. Horan presented the Town Clerk report for the month of March and the Annual Town Clerk Report for 2023. Tax collection is at 77.08% for a total of \$1,505,265.43 collected through March. In addition, 264 second tax collection notices were mailed out. The town board was also notified that the Xerox copier is at end-of-life status and will not be supported further through the service agreement. The board suggested putting at new one in the budget for next year. The town clerk will start this process.

County Representative

Mr. Brockway reported the county is working on the new Safety Training Facility which will be a five-year project and will feature a new burn tower for firemen training. They have applications out for grants to offset the building costs.

Code Officer

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

Planning Board

Lois reported there are two special use permits under consideration and one for a vehicle undercoating business was approved.

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Highway Report

JR reported the town is looking for another highway department driver, CDL required after a driver resigned. This information will be posted on the website and bulletin boards and a flyer made up for the Otego Fire Dept/EMS open house. As of now, there hasn't been any news regarding the reinstatement of the CHIPS and RTS funding – he will keep us posted of the situation. Finally, the highway department is presently working on grooming roads and chipping brush.

ZBA Candidate

Seth Little, long time Otego resident expressed interest in serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals. After introductions, Royce Livingston made a motion, seconded by Barbara Stanton to accept Mr. Little as a member of the ZBA. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. The ZBA now has a full complement of five members.

Otego Days/Clean Up Day

Otego Days and the Fire Department Chicken Barbecue will take place on Saturday, May 18, 2024. Clean-up Day will be on Saturday, May 11th 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.

Town and NYMIR Insurance

The insurance committee met with Mr. VanGorder. Total insurance for this year is \$37,450.63 and included cyber insurance which will be \$2319.38 and has a million-dollar liability clause.

A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the insurance policy for this year. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. The town clerk will notify Mr. VanGorder of the acceptance of the proposal.

DEC Request for Fishing Access at tax map # 317.15-2-40.00 Otsdawa Creek

Since the Town of Otego has already granted fishing access on the other side of this parcel, the town will grant this parcel the access as well. A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Terry Brown to approve fishing access. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Town Supervisor Hurlburt will sign/mail the contract to the DEC.

Beth Westfall – Prior Written Notice

Beth indicated that while the town does have a prior notice law, Local Law 1 of 1982, the state is recommending it be strengthened. She requested a public hearing for proposed adoption of Local Law No. 1 for 2024, entitled “Local Law Amending the Town of Otego Local Law No. 1 of the year 1982 regarding liability of towns and town superintendents of highways in certain actions pursuant to Section 65-a of the New York State Town Law.” The Local Law proposes amending the Local Law No. 1 of 1982 of the Town of Otego providing that this local law supersede Section 65-a of the New York State Town Law. The town board agreed to a public hearing on May 8, 2024 at 6 pm to receive public comment on the proposed amendment.

Warrant #4

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Royce Livingston, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # 78-93 in the amount of \$22,779.87 and Highway Fund vouchers #36-50 in the amount of \$39,707.86. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Terry Brown, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Horan, Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

_____ Town Clerk

_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.