

Town of Otego

August 14, 2019

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 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

Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to accept the minutes of the July 10th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$482,952.14
Receipts:	18,433.08
Disbursements:	<u>36,463.58</u>
Ending Balance:	\$464,931.64
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 27,864.01
Receipts:	360.22
Disbursements:	<u>1,145.02</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 27,079.21
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$515,276.14
Receipts:	78,279.47
Disbursements:	<u>3,323.91</u>
Ending Balance:	\$590,231.70
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$741,052.66
Receipts:	11.04
Disbursements:	<u>98,417.36</u>
Ending Balance:	\$642,646.34

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 the month of July: 2 reports of loose/stray dogs—1 unverified/unable to catch/no complaint and 1 taken to shelter 34 miles away; 2 dangerous dog complaints—1 unfounded and 1 court adjudicated; 3 complaints of neglect on the same dog--unfounded; 2 out of area calls.

Town Clerk Report

Teresa Sears presented the Town Clerk monthly report for July.

County Representative

Not in attendance. Both candidates, Rick Brockway and Caitlyn Ogden, running for county representative were in attendance.

Code Officer

Dan Wilber reported on activity for the month of July: an application for a manufactured home; 1 of 2 minor lot splits; construction of home/pool on Memory Lane; and the storage facility which is close to completion.

The town board addressed the need for better communication between the code enforcement officer and the assessor in both the town and village.

Highway Report

Mr. Hurlburt was not in attendance. Mrs. Sears read the report in his absence. Sealing is complete on Calder Hill. All the lights in the municipal building have been changed to LED. Ditching continues on Lower Green Street. The sand screen is being repaired.

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Escobar Property

Paperwork has been completed, and the rezoning of this parcel is ready to move forward.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to schedule a public hearing for September 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building in Otego, and to authorize the Town Clerk to publish a notice in the local paper. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Building Safety

A security auditor from the state was invited by the court clerk to perform a safety audit of the municipal building. He asked questions, and gave recommendations. He will send a formal written report in the near future.

The town board wishes they had been made aware of this audit and allowed to participate. They will review the report with the code enforcement officer when it arrives.

Assessor Appointment

The assessor's term will expire in September.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to reappoint Mario Arevalo to another six year term. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Health Insurance

Barbara Stanton and JR Hurlburt met with Kevin Morse from MVP about health insurance this next year. Premiums are supposed to increase by 8%, but all feel this is still reasonable since the plan is working well. All agreed upon renewing.

Phone/Fax/Internet

Verizon came in June to lower their lines on the existing poles in preparation for Spectrum. No other updates are available. A question was raised on whether or not there is an expiration date on the original price quoted.

ZBA Vacancy

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to appoint John Markus to complete the term of Peter Johnson on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Oil Tank Update

Supervisor Hurlburt gave the board an update on the municipal building oil tank. It was installed originally by Treiffesen's. Though at the time it conformed to DEC law, it no longer does. If kept in ground, it will have to be dug up yearly for testing. It seems more prudent to install a 275 gallon double-wall tank in the boiler room of the basement. Cost will be \$2150.00 for equipment and labor.

Warrant #8

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown, 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.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Teresa Sears
Town Clerk

_____Town Supervisor

_____Town Clerk

_____Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.