

TOWN OF OTEGO

AUGUST 10, 2022

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a Public Hearing followed by a regular board meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 3526 State Highway 7, Otego, New York. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing on Local Law # 3 of 2022 – A Local Law Amending the Town of Otego’s Zoning Ordinance changing several tax map parcels from R1 (Residential Commercial District) to R1 (Light Industrial Overlay District); and to audit the bills and any other business coming before the board.

The following members were present:

Joseph Hurlburt	Town Supervisor
Terri Horan	Town Clerk
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Royce Livingston	Councilperson
Jimmy Hamm	Councilperson

Public Hearing

Mr. Hurlburt opened the public hearing on Local Law # 3 of 2022. The town attorney presented a summary of the proposed law and asked that the law be expanded to include whole tax map parcel(s) rather than a part of the parcel(s). Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer Dan Wilber concurred. No discussion or questions ensued. The board agreed to vote next meeting on Local Law # 3.

The hearing was closed at 6:12 pm and the regular meeting opened.

Minutes

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Royce Livingston, to accept the minutes of the July 13th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor’s Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$703,072.72
Receipts:	3,282.28
Disbursements:	<u>53,015.88</u>
Ending Balance:	\$653,339.12
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 35,001.89
Receipts:	50.29
Disbursements:	<u>1,075.24</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 33,976.94
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$685,097.43
Receipts:	71,443.24
Disbursements:	<u>15,359.51</u>
Ending Balance:	\$741,181.16
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$938,562.76
Receipts:	28,825.63
Disbursements:	<u>70,878.79</u>
Ending Balance:	\$896,509.60

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

Dog Control Officer

Ellen Dwyer gave the dog report June 2022 to August 9, 2022: 8 reports of loose/stray dogs; 4 unverified unable to catch/no complaint; 3 warnings issued; 1 to shelter; 1 out of area (under loose); 1 ownership dispute; 2 information only; 2 out of area; 1 wildlife complaint; 2 lost; 1 found; and 3 cats.

Town Clerk Report

Terri Horan presented the Town Clerk monthly report for July and distributed information sheets on town contracted tech services.

County Representative

Rick Brockway noted that Otsego County is still dispersing ARPA funds to municipalities, up to 50k, for those that can show need. He will process applications that are brought to him.

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Code Officer

There are a number of construction projects underway. Mr. Wilber said construction on the new stick built house at the end of town has already begun. He has also received permit requests for various other projects from local home owners – from decks to garage structures. Mr. Wilber is working on updating codes by the end of the year and would also like to see an absentee landlord policy put in place to have a local administrator for some of these projects.

Highway Report

Highway Supervisor Hurlburt said there is a need to replace and install a new fire alarm system at the garage. He received a bid of \$3626 which will be paid for with ARPA funding. A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Jimmy Hamm to get the alarm system installed using the existing wiring. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The equipment building is coming along well and is ready for steel roofing. This roofing will be done in house due to time and weather constraints.

Finally, there have not been any applications for the highway department driver position. Mr. Hurlburt would like to meet with the highway committee in the coming week to discuss some options.

Planning Board

There will be a public hearing next week for a special use business permit for Custom Electronics and all planning board forms are now available through the town website.

Deputy Court Clerk

Interviews will be conducted August 24th and 25th by Barbara Stanton and Royce Livingston. There have been a number of applicants for the position.

Cannabis Survey

Town supervisor Hurlburt noted he had received a survey from NYS Office of Cannabis Management regarding Municipality Zoning Ordinances. It was completed and given to Attorney Beth Westfall for comments. She stated it was okay to send as written.

Town Hall Boiler

The boiler final cost is \$9750 and will be funded by ARPA.

Warrant #8

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # 160-175 in the amount of \$ 15,794.02. Highway Fund vouchers #101-113 in the amount of \$10,998.20. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Horan
Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

_____ Town Clerk

_____ Councilperson

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