

**TOWN OF OTEGO**

**DECEMBER 11, 2019**

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 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 Terry Brown, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept the minutes of the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

Mr. Hurlburt read the Supervisor's report for the month of November:

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$423,063.02
Receipts:	5,113.36
Disbursements:	<u>29,587.92</u>
Ending Balance:	\$398,588.46

General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 24,379.61
Receipts:	2,090.18
Disbursements:	<u>3,031.63</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 23,438.16

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$563,205.62
Receipts:	157.20
Disbursements:	<u>41,762.50</u>
Ending Balance:	\$521,600.32

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$608,426.54
Receipts:	10,285.49
Disbursements:	<u>68,596.58</u>
Ending Balance:	\$550,115.45

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 report for November: 4 reports of loose/stray dogs; 3 unverified/unable to catch/no complaint; 1 taken to the shelter; 1 lost out of area; 2 lost/2 found. There were a total of 12 impoundments in the last year.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Report

Teresa Sears presented the Town Clerk report for the month of November. She shared that the ATC tax program used by the town is offering Micipay for online tax payments in the 2020 tax season. Residents who prefer to pay by credit or debit would find this service valuable. However, there is an additional cost of 2.65% to the taxpayer.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to offer Micipay as an option to taxpayers. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

County Representative

Kathy Clark reported on the new rate for the transfer station, and gave an update on the county administrator position which was recently adopted by the County Board. Having serious concerns about this, she chose to vote against it.

The town board thanked Ms. Clark for her 12 years of service as county representative for our area.

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Code Officer

Dan Wilber reported that there is a resident installing a geothermal system. Also, he has a court case to attend tomorrow.

Highway Report

The highway department has been busy with snow and ice removal. They are working on truck maintenance. Mr. Hurlburt is receiving quotes to replace the Chevy truck.

Planning Board

The planning board has had a relatively quiet month. There are two subdivisions under consideration; one faces boundary issues and the other has a section that is landlocked.

A planning board position expires this month. Roberto Romano has served in this position and is willing to continue, however, Harry Martin submitted a letter to the board expressing his desire to serve. Mr. Martin was in attendance at the meeting.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Royce Livingston, to appoint Harry Martin to a 5 year term on the planning board. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Zoning Board of Appeals

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to reappoint Stuart Anderson to a 5 year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Shared Services Agreement

The town clerk has been in touch with the clerk from the City of Oneonta, as well as the Town of Oneonta. The City of Oneonta has written an agreement, to be approved at the Common Council meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>, which will automatically renew every five years. Ms. Westfall is not comfortable with automatic renewal; she would like to review the renewal after five years. Mrs. Sears will contact the city about this.

The Town of Oneonta will discuss an agreement at their December board meeting.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to approve the shared services resolution with the Town of Unadilla for five years. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

January Meeting

Mrs. Stanton asked that the January 8<sup>th</sup> town board meeting begin at 5:30 pm instead of 6:00 pm. All agreed to this change.

Warrant #12

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Sears  
Town Clerk

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