

TOWN OF OTEGO

February 10, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 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 Superintendent

Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept the minutes of the January 20th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Appointments

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the appointments made at the January 20, 2021 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$436,089.34
Receipts:	5,009.21
Disbursements:	<u>26,568.63</u>
Ending Balance:	\$414,529.92
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 24,590.80
Receipts:	105.19
Disbursements:	<u>1,390.51</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 23,305.48
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$402,883.00
Receipts:	134.54
Disbursements:	<u>40,976.40</u>
Ending Balance:	\$362,041.14
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$668,477.17
Receipts:	15,334.60
Disbursements:	<u>95.74</u>
Ending Balance:	\$683,716.03

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 was not in attendance. She called to say there was nothing to report for the month.

Town Clerk Report

Teresa Sears presented the Town Clerk report for January.

Mrs. Sears thanked the community for their kindness and consideration shown during her illness that delayed the beginning of tax season. Tax collection is completed for the month of January. The town levy has been met, \$200,000 has been sent to the county and 70.56% of the total warrant has been collected.

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County Representative

Mr. Brockway reported that the State has decided to cut spending by 5% instead of 20%. Sales tax and the bed tax are not looking positively due to the New York State health requirements that may impact the baseball camps again this summer.

There is a new solid waste bill under consideration. It will separate recyclables from solid waste.

Code Officer

Mr. Wilber was not in attendance.

Planning Board

A correction needs to be made to the January appointment. Lois Chernin's term had not expired, so she did not need to be reappointed at that time. The expiration date of January 2025 stands.

A new map will be sent soon by the county. The site plan law will be rolled into zoning.

Highway Report

The new truck will be ready in the next week or two. The village pond has been prepared and is now ready for skaters. It will be open from dawn until dusk.

Mr. Hurlburt received an email from the state offering bridge grants, which he will be applying for. An advertisement will be going in the paper on Saturday for an opening in the highway department to replace Cory Wilber, who has accepted the highway superintendent position for the Town of Butternuts.

Health Emergency Plan

Ms. Westfall emailed a copy of the Health Emergency Plan to the board. A few changes in wording were recommended.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Royce Livingston, to accept the plan with the changes made. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Board of Assessment Review

Arlene Salisbury has decided not to accept another term on the Board of Assessment Review. The town board wishes to thank Mrs. Salisbury for her many years of service.

The Town Clerk will speak to the Assessor about finding a replacement.

Boiler Replacement

Reinhardt was called to address the lack of heat at the Town Hall one day this week. The 22 year old boiler has a leak. Mr. Hurlburt will find out pricing for a new boiler.

Budget Transfers/Amendments

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Royce Livingston, to accept the budget transfers and amendments as presented. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Executive Session

A motion as made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Enter Executive Session: 6:40 pm

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to close executive session. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Executive Session Closed: 7:08 pm

Court Business

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Royce Livingston, to appoint Kenneth Olsen to fill the Town Justice vacancy which expires December 31, 2021. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown, to appoint Carla Kinser to the Court Clerk position. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Deputy Town Clerk

Due to the absence of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector for two weeks in January, the town board feels it would be prudent to appoint a deputy. Mrs. Stanton and Mr. Livingston will assist the Town Clerk in interviewing possible candidates.

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Warrant #2

A motion was made by Terry Brown, 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 Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Sears
Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

_____ Town Clerk

_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.