

TOWN OF OTEGO

February 14, 2024

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 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	Town Supervisor
Terri Horan	Town Clerk
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Royce Livingston	Councilperson
Jimmy Hamm	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Superintendent

Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Royce Livingston, to accept the minutes of the January 10th 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:	\$584,151.67
Receipts:	17,271.61
Disbursements:	48,849.29
Ending Balance:	\$552,573.99
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$35,638.57
Receipts:	4.44
Disbursements:	<u>1,104.26</u>
Ending Balance:	\$34,538.75
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$554,661.42
Receipts:	1,319.89
Disbursements:	<u>47,098.53</u>
Ending Balance:	\$508,882.78
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$978,847.20
Receipts:	1,317.11
Disbursements:	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance:	\$980,164.31

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

Dog Control Officer

The Dog Control Report was read by Mrs. Horan. There were two dogs found in a stranger's garage. After contacting all the neighbors without success, they were transported to Delaware Valley Humane Society. There was also a dog abandoned after police action. The release of the dog was secured, the animal was picked up and taken to DVHS where it was subsequently adopted. Calls were made to owners of expired licenses for January.

Town Clerk Report

Terri Horan presented the Town Clerk report for January.

Tax collection is completed for the month of January. The town warrant has been paid, \$250,000 has been sent to the county and 70.85% of the total warrant has been collected.

County Representative

Mr. Brockway reported the County has a new septic tank replacement program, in cooperation with the NYS DEC. For Otego homeowners, any properties that need septic tanks replaced and are within 250 feet of the main branch of the Susquehanna River may have up to 50% of the costs covered. Residents should apply to the county.

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Code Officer

Mr. Wilber said it has been a slow season so far. He will be issuing a permit for a marijuana growing greenhouse and barn operation on county highway 48 under agriculture in the near future.

Highway Report

The highway supervisor reported that it has also been a slow month due to the mild winter. Highway personnel have been doing shop work.

Planning Board

The planning board did not have a meeting last month. The zoning commission is still proceeding with zoning documents. They should be ready to review shortly.

New rugs/tile flooring

Katharine Davis presented several quotes from Endwell Rug on replacement of the carpeting in the court room/meeting room and hallway and bathroom linoleum. Royce Livingston made a motion to accept the quote for the larger "green" carpet squares and the linoleum quotation, seconded by Jimmy Hamm. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The flooring will be paid with ARPA funding but Kathy will investigate if a portion of JCAP could help cover the costs. More information on to the timing of the replacement will be forthcoming and may be delayed by the use of the courtroom by Unadilla's Town Hall and Court.

Use of Otego Town Hall/Court Room by Unadilla

Supervisor Hurlburt reached out to the Town of Unadilla in the aftermath of an accident which damaged the Town of Unadilla courtroom and town hall. Unadilla will get back to us if they need to take up the offer.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Royce Livingston, to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Enter Executive Session: 7:18 pm

A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Terry Brown, to close the executive session and return to the regular meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Executive Session Closed: 7:30 pm

Warrant #2

A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Terry Brown, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers #28-51 in the amount of \$25,023.84. Highway Fund vouchers #7-21 in the amount of \$16,713.73. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Horan
Town Clerk

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_____ Highway Supt.