

**TOWN OF OTEGO**

**February 12, 2025**

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 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 Barbara Stanton, seconded by Royce Livingston, to accept the minutes of the January 8<sup>th</sup> 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:	\$594,618.13
Receipts:	460,412.07
Disbursements:	<u>37,503.52</u>
Ending Balance:	\$1,017,526.68

General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$38,546.72
Receipts:	52,823.99
Disbursements:	<u>1,445.11</u>
Ending Balance:	\$89,925.60

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$635,038.10
Receipts:	1,112.16
Disbursements:	<u>43,173.10</u>
Ending Balance:	\$592,977.16

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$1,043,703.01
Receipts:	220,075.29
Disbursements:	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance:	\$1,263,778.30

A motion was made by Jimmy Hamm, 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. On 1/6 the DCO received an anonymous call about poop on a sidewalk that was posted on social media. No action taken. 1/7 a report was made about a dog left in the cold. Owner was found to be in hospital and person volunteered to care for the dog in the meantime. 1/20 Neighbor complaint about neighbor harassing her dogs, the state police were called.

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, \$290,000 has been sent to the county and 69.54% of the total warrant has been collected.

County Representative

Mr. Brockway reported the County some grants are available for Revolutionary War soldiers' graves/tombstones and also for abandoned buildings. He will get the information to the town clerk.

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Code Officer

Mr. Wilber said there is an uptick in building permits for residential houses, he has a cease-and-desist order issued and that there may be a new Air Bnb law coming.

Also, Royce Livingston made a motion to accept the new Coding/Zoning Enforcement Fee Schedule presented at last month's meeting. Seconded by Jimmy Hamm. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Highway Report

The highway supervisor reported that the highway department has finally been able to hire a new driver, Hanson Carkees, after an absence of a driver for many months. He is working out well. Also, there is a possibility that the parts room in the garage may get some free lighting courtesy of a special NYSEG program. JR is getting more information on it. Finally, although the highway department has been out with salt for the roads over 53 times this season, the town is still in pretty good shape with salt supplies.

Planning Board

The planning board has had a slow month but they are still looking for replacement members. The zoning documents have been handed over to Beth to start reviewing.

Judges Audit

The audit was completed on January 25<sup>th</sup> and signed by all parties. Jimmy Hamm gave the audit to the town clerk to copy and mail.

Shared Services Agreement

Per Beth, Bill VanGorder wanted a couple of statements added to the county agreement. She forwarded this information to the county attorney and is awaiting their comments.

Warrant #2

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Royce Livingston, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers #26-42 in the amount of \$20,027.48. Highway Fund vouchers #14-24 in the amount of \$22,063.09. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Horan  
Town Clerk

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