

TOWN OF OTEGO

January 8, 2025

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 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
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 December 11th, 2024 meeting. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Appointments: The following appointments were made for 2025:

Bank: Community Bank
Newspaper: The Daily Star
Historian: Mary Johnson-Butler
Registrar: Terri Horan
Dog Control Officer: Amy Cross
Code Enforcement Officer: Daniel Wilber
Zoning Officer: Daniel Wilber
Flood Plain Administrator: Dan Wilber
Youth Rec Delegates: Barbara Stanton, Royce Livingston
Deputy Supervisor: Barbara Stanton
Highway Committee: Joseph Hurlburt, Terry Brown
Liaison with Planning Board: Jimmy Hamm
Bookkeeper: Karen Kropp
Health Officer: Dan Wilber
Dep. Highway Supt.: Kevin Stanton
Insurance Committee: Royce Livingston, Barbara Stanton, Terry Brown
Court Clerks: Katharine Davis
Town Attorney: Beth Westfall
Liaison with Town Justices: Jimmy Hamm
Liaison with DCO: Terry Brown, Royce Livingston

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Royce Livingston, to accept the above appointments. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Mileage Rate

Per the IRS rate, town mileage rate increased to .70/mile.

Supervisor's Report

Mr. Hurlburt read the Supervisor's report for December 2024:

General Fund town wide beginning balance:	\$653,412.44
Receipts:	9,705.47
Disbursements:	<u>68,499.78</u>
Ending Balance:	\$594,618.13
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 43,228.84
Receipts:	4.98
Disbursements:	<u>4,687.10</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 38,546.72

Highway Fund town wide beginning balance:	\$795,853.97
Receipts:	826.60
Disbursements:	<u>161,642.47</u>
Ending Balance:	\$635,038.10

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$869,860.20
Receipts:	242,529.82
Disbursements:	<u>68,687.01</u>
Ending Balance:	\$1,043,703.01

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Royce Livingston, to accept this report as read. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Dog Control Officer

Mrs. Horan read the dog report for the month of December as submitted by Amy Cross. November 30th – NYSP report of dogs chasing deer and turkeys. In Laurens district, referred to their DCO. December 14th and 16th – complaints of dog wandering. Dog is elderly, licensed and not wandering.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Mrs. Horan presented the Town Clerk report for the month of December. Tax collection began on January 3rd, tax payments are coming in steadily.

Lois Chernin, Chair of the Planning Board term ends on January 31, 2025. She has indicated she would like to continue to serve in that capacity. Royce Livingston made a motion, seconded by Jimmy Hamm to renew Lois' term for another five years. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

County Representative Absent

Code Officer

Dan Wilber said there are several single-family dwellings in the works, that a cell tower request had been referred to the planning board, and that he has updated the permit fee schedule from 2017. The board will look at the new schedule at next month's board meeting.

Highway Report

The highway department has received a couple of applicants in response to the advertisements. However, one lives out of the area and another did not return calls.

Also, Emerson Testing is now Parks DbA Emerson Testing in Unadilla. Royce Livingston made a motion to continue use of Parks DbA Emerson Testing for the Town of Otego for the year 2025. The motion was seconded by Jimmy Hamm. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Planning Board

Lois Chernin reported that all the planning board members are now in compliance with training hour requirements. The planning board will be looking at cell tower requirements for the applicant referred by Dan. Also, Lois will be submitting the rough draft of the zoning ordinance to Beth.

New Business:

DVHS contract for 2025 is up for renewal. Royce Livingston made a motion, seconded by Jimmy Hamm to renew the contract for 2025. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Dave Sheldon has resigned from the planning board effective January 1, 2025. The Town of Otego town board and the planning board thank him for his many years of service to the citizens of Otego. We appreciate all of his time and dedication to our community.

Old Business:

There are still questions as to coverage on the Shared Services Agreement. Beth will contact Bill VanGorder, our insurance agent, to find out more information. Royce Livingston made a motion to approve the agreement contingent on the coverage information Beth finds out. Jimmy Hamm seconded the motion. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

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Warrant # 1

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Jimmy Hamm, to pay the warrant for the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # 1—25 in the amount of \$ 28,205.70. Highway Fund vouchers # 1—13 in the amount of \$ 16,218.47. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to adjourn the meeting. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Horan
Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

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_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.