

Town of Otego

July 8, 2020

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 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 cover any other business coming before the board.

The following members were present:

Barbara Stanton	Deputy Town Supervisor
Teresa Sears	Town Clerk
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Royce Livingston	Councilperson

Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Royce Livingston, to accept the minutes of the June 10th meeting. Motion: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

Mrs. Stanton read the Supervisor's report for the month of June:

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$529,497.82
Receipts:	11,674.04
Disbursements:	<u>18,267.63</u>
Ending balance:	\$522,904.23
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 29,034.05
Receipts:	0.22
Disbursements:	<u>992.27</u>
Ending balance:	\$ 28,042.00
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$623,206.64
Receipts:	58,269.63
Disbursements:	<u>13,304.55</u>
Ending balance:	\$668,171.72
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$802,611.79
Receipts:	14,019.21
Disbursements:	<u>109,861.99</u>
Ending balance:	\$706,769.01

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Royce Livingston, to accept this report as read. Motion: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Dog Control Officer

Mrs. Sears read the dog report as provided by Ellen Dwyer for the month of June. There were: 3 reports of loose/stray dogs; 2 unverified/unable to catch/no complaint; 1 warnings; 1 bark complaint; 3 out of area, information.

Town Clerk Report

Teresa Sears presented the town clerk monthly report for June. She shared the MVP rate change of 5.49% that will begin in 2021. Also, New York State has modified the records retention schedule that will need board approval in August.

Tax Collector Annual Report

The tax collector presented the board with the annual report of taxes collected. All records were returned to the county on June 16th.

County Representative

Not in attendance.

Code Officer

Mr. Wilber has been busy issuing permits; 2 single family dwellings and 2 garage/accessory buildings are under construction. He received another complaint today on a particular property that he has dealt with in the past.

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Highway

Mr. Hurlburt was unable to be in attendance.

Planning Board

Lois Chernin reported that the planning board met in June for the first time since the quarantine. The simple lot split form and fee schedule are expected to be approved in the July meeting.

Zoning Commission

The commission is meeting every 2 weeks. They have begun work on the zoning code, which is difficult to read and understand.

Park Improvement

Glenn Seroka congratulated JR Hurlburt on the great work he did cleaning up the pond area, and installing a fountain. He is concerned about the liability with the youth seen hanging around there now. The board assured him that Mr. Hurlburt has signs ordered to address any potential problems.

Mr. Seroka pointed out the decrepit condition of a home on State Highway 7 near Wells Bridge. The town clerk will email Mr. Wilber about this.

Court Report

A written update on the status of reopening the court was provided by Kathy Davis for the board to review.

Interviews were held for the deputy court clerk position. Rachel Gleiberman was chosen to fill the vacancy. A six month probationary period will be set, with an increase in hourly wage following, to begin next week.

A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Terry Brown, to hire Rachel Gleiberman as the new deputy court clerk at \$14.50 per hour. Motion: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Royce Livingston, to hire Satellite Central to clean the court cameras per proposal. Motion: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

School Land Use

Changes were made to the original contract to include softball fields and maintenance of the fields. The town will continue to provide mowing; Unatego will provide upkeep of the fields.

Mrs. Stanton sent the high school schedule to OCA.

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Royce Livingston, to accept the revised 5 year school land contract. Motion: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

School Reopening Update

Dick Downey reported on the 3 options under consideration for the school district to reopen in the fall. The school board is waiting for the governor's guidelines and timeline. In June, a survey was taken to gauge the success of the online learning in the spring; the results will be shared soon with the public. The school board continues to meet via Zoom.

Warrant #7

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Royce Livingston, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # _____ in the amount of \$_____.

Highway Fund vouchers # _____ in the amount of \$_____.

Motion: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Terry Brown, to enter into executive session to discuss a court reopening related matter. Motion: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Executive session from 6:38 to 6:47 pm.

Following the return from executive session, a motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Terry Brown to request hearing impaired equipment from JCAP due to Covid 19 mandates.

Motion: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Royce Livingston, to adjourn the meeting. Motion: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Sears
Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

_____ Town Clerk

_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.