

**TOWN OF OTEGO**

**July 12, 2023**

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 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:

Joseph Hurlburt	Town Supervisor
Terri Horan	Town Clerk
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Royce Livingston	Councilperson
Jimmy Hamm	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supt.

Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Royce Livingston, to accept the minutes of the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$740,022.58
Receipts:	11,136.01
Disbursements:	<u>27,468.53</u>
Ending balance:	\$723,690.06
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 39,409.94
Receipts:	328.56
Disbursements:	<u>1,482.75</u>
Ending balance:	\$ 38,255.75
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$755,201.81
Receipts:	46,846.36
Disbursements:	<u>4,168.05</u>
Ending balance:	\$797,880.12
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$1,073,821.06
Receipts:	12,618.18
Disbursements:	<u>32,810.85</u>
Ending balance:	\$1,053,628.39

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Jimmy Hamm, to accept this report as read. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Dog Control Officer

Ellen Dwyer was absent – but she left a report that there were no dog incidents during this month for the first time ever.

Town Clerk Report

Mrs. Horan presented the town clerk monthly report for June.

County Representative

Rick Brockway was absent.

Code Officer

Mr. Wilber noted that permit applications and property inquiries are up – mostly for second homes. He also issued a CO for a house on Route 7.

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### Highway

Mr. Hurlburt noted that he received a call about water running across the road on Mill Creek Road. He investigated and found that the beaver dam had broken, but the water dispersed quickly and was not a problem.

The highway committee met to discuss which roads to pave and the purchase of a new backhoe at a cost of \$123,072.67 from CHIPS money. Based upon the recommendation of the Highway Committee, Barbara Stanton made a motion to purchase the backhoe, seconded by Jimmy Hamm. All in Favor 5, 0 Nays.

Terry Brown also made a motion to surplus the existing town backhoe and place it in Auctions International, seconded by Royce Livingston. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

### Planning Board

Lois Chernin reported that the planning board has a minor sub-division hearing for this month and that they have had hearings almost every month in 2023. Since the cost of advertising these hearings has gone up, they may have to look at adjusting some of the planning board fees to cover this cost.

### Boiler Inspection

The town supervisor reported that the insurance inspection of the boiler is being taken care of by our insurance representative – who has already tried on several occasions to get one scheduled. She is still working on it.

### Air-Conditioning

D & D Refrigeration out of Morris has contacted the Town Supervisor saying the equipment is in to update the air conditioning in the back offices and move the thermostat, but he has not been able to get a time/date for installation from them yet.

### Dog Control Officer

The position of Otego Dog Control Officer has not received any applications to date. It has been posted on the town website and town bulletin boards. It will go on the electronic sign and the town clerk will look for other budget friendly means to advertise the position before it is run in the Daily Star.

### Proposed Local Law # 2 of 2023

Beth Westfall has requested a public hearing on August 9, 2023 on the proposed adoption of Local Law # 2 of 2023, entitled “A Local Law Opting Out of S487 of the New York Real Property Tax Law”. A motion was made by Barbara Stanton seconded by Terry Brown, to hold a Public Hearing on Local Law # 2 on August 9, 2023 prior to the regular board meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

### Executive Session

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

Enter Executive Session: 6:43 pm

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Royce Livingston, to exit executive session. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Exit executive session 7:00 pm

### Warrant #7

A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Jimmy Hamm, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # 136--154 in the amount of \$21,283.99. Highway Fund vouchers # 78--85 in the amount of \$11,622.50. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Horan  
Town Clerk

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