

Town of Otego

June 13, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 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
Teresa Sears	Town Clerk
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
David Sheldon	Councilperson
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Royce Livingston	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Superintendent

Minutes

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the May 9th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept the minutes of the May 18th special meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$463,365.52
Receipts:	29,314.19
Disbursements:	<u>55,856.60</u>
Ending Balance:	\$436,823.11

General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 34,613.35
Receipts:	25.28
Disbursements:	<u>1,391.87</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 33,246.76

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$414,782.23
Receipts:	3,006.77
Disbursements:	<u>21,974.20</u>
Ending Balance:	\$395,814.80

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$720,233.19
Receipts:	22,244.32
Disbursements:	<u>21,660.85</u>
Ending Balance:	\$720,816.66

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

Dog Control Officer

Ellen Dwyer gave the dog report for the month of May. There were: 7 loose or stray dogs; 3 taken to the shelter; 1 dog taken to Oneonta; 1 dangerous dog complaint, subsequently dropped; 1 warning; 1 ticket; 2 lost/found; 2 barking complaints; 1 call for advice.

Town Clerk Report

Teresa Sears presented the town clerk monthly report to the board.

County Representative

Kathy Clark reported on the Otsego County Health Fair that occurred in April. 1500 attendees in total over two days, for a well-received fair.

The Office of the Aging has received a grant to do a health based study on exercise for people over 60. They are starting with a Tai Chi class to help people with arthritis. It begins in June and lasts eight weeks, with classes in both Unadilla and Oneonta. To register, call (607)547-5232. They are willing to hold classes in Otego if there is interest and space available.

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Upcoming rabies clinics to be held from 6:00-8:00: June 19th, Edmeston; July 11th, Morris Fire Department; August 14th, Neahwa Park.

Ms. Clark then gave a report on the recent county meeting on office management.

Code Officer

Mr. Wilber was not in attendance.

Planning Board

Lois Chernin reported that the planning board is continuing to work on the lot split forms and the planting of memorial trees. She reported that River Valley/New Holland had dirt brought in which was dumped into the wetlands next door. No permits had been issued; the work has been put on hold.

Highway

Mr. Hurlburt reported on the 2 cleanup days in Otego. The new pickup truck, to replace the damaged truck, has been ordered. There will be paving in the area in the coming weeks.

New Business

1. Complete Streets Presentation

Maureen Blanchard, with the SUNY Cobleskill Research Foundation, presented Complete Streets, a policy that formalizes a community's desire to have streets that are safe for pedestrians, bicyclists, runners, Amish buggies, motorists etc. Each community would have to decide what that would look like for them and how to implement it. There would be no greater liability, but it could give leverage in work being done by the Department of Transportation and in obtaining federal grants.

2. Court Clerk Hiring

Ray Maruszewski reported that 10 resumes have been received for the position of Court Clerk, with 3-4 having previous experience. The justices will begin the interviews next week. Councilpersons Barbara Stanton and Terry Brown are interested in attending the interviews.

3. Emergency Lights

No service to change batteries on the emergency lights is required from Payne's Fire Equipment at this time.

Old Business

1. School Land Status

There has been no vote taken by the Unatego School Board to rescind Option B and approve Modified Option A. Beth Westfall, the town attorney, was asked by Dr. Richards to speak with the school attorney, John Lynch.

2. Website Management

The Town Clerk presented a proposal from Steve Lawton for a redesign and overhaul of the current town website.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to accept the proposed project. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

3. Magna 5 Contract

Ms. Westfall contacted Magna 5 about the ongoing problem with the phone and Fax service. Though they opened a ticket to look into the problem, they never reported back to her. She recommends giving them a 30 day written notice of contract termination, to be preceded by a definite plan for a new provider. Mrs. Sears will begin research on a new provider.

Warrant #6

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by David Sheldon, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers #_____ in the amount of \$_____. Highway Fund vouchers #_____ in the amount of \$_____. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to adjourn the meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. The meeting adjourned at 7:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Sears
Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

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_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.