

**TOWN OF OTEGO**

**June 9, 2021**

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 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 Terry Brown, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept the minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup> 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:	\$563,045.35
Receipts:	25,677.48
Disbursements:	<u>20,041.76</u>
Ending Balance:	\$568,681.07
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 33,308.17
Receipts:	135.28
Disbursements:	<u>1,125.39</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 32,318.06
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$518,275.36
Receipts:	97,091.85
Disbursements:	<u>2,735.42</u>
Ending Balance:	\$612,631.79
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$910,610.85
Receipts:	194.40
Disbursements:	<u>49,473.59</u>
Ending Balance:	\$861,331.66

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

Dog Control Officer

Ellen Dwyer shared the dog report for May 13<sup>th</sup> through June 7<sup>th</sup>. There were: 7 reports of loose or stray dogs; 5 unverified/unable to catch/no complaint; 1 warning; 1 ticket; 1 cat—out of area.

Town Clerk Report

Teresa Sears read the town clerk monthly report for May. To cover vacation time for Mrs. Sears or any unexpected absences, the town board would like to appoint a temporary deputy clerk.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to appoint Maryalice Brown to position of temporary deputy town clerk for the remainder of the year. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

County Representative

Mr. Brockway was not in attendance.

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### Code Officer

Mr. Wilber has been busy. He is processing several applications for outbuildings and for 3-4 manufactured homes.

Mr. Wilber needs a new laptop computer. Quotes he has obtained run between \$800 and \$900.

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by David Sheldon, to approve the purchase of a new laptop computer for the Code/Zoning Officer. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

### Highway Report

The highway department helped the Laurens highway department repair roads from the recent storm damage. Upper Green Street is finished. Hot mix patching has been done on several roads. CHIPS money for this year went up considerably. It is almost double from last year; what the highway department spends will be reimbursed by the state.

The new truck is completely in service. Mr. Hurlburt would like to put the old one up for auction.

A motion as made by David Sheldon, seconded by Royce Livingston, to allow the old truck to go to the auction. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

### Planning Board

The planning board has two public hearings scheduled for next week—both are for subdivisions. The map is yet to come; hopefully by next month, the new map will be here. Ms. Chernin commends her board on how well they are working together.

The zoning commission continues to work through the site plan review.

### Hazard Mitigation Plan

The town attorney, Ms. Westfall, would like to postpone discussing/approving this until next month to give her more time to review.

### Catskill Center for Independent Living

Megan Staring, the Executive Director for CCIL, presented the board with photos of the proposed memorial walking path along the pond area. They hope to make this area accessible to the disabled, and it would be similar to what was done at the Swart-Wilcox Museum in Oneonta. The village has agreed to help with the installation. Funds have been raised to cover the cost of materials.

JR Hurlburt met with Don Wyckoff. He pointed out the difficulty of maneuvering on stone. The highway department has no time this year to help.

Supervisor Hurlburt would like a smaller committee to sit down with JR to work on the specifics of this project. Councilperson Stanton and Councilperson Livingston were appointed to the committee, as well as one member each from the village and town planning boards.

### Cyber Security

Mrs. Sears presented the cyber security proposals. The difference in the format of the proposals makes a comparison difficult, so the board requested that the proposals be returned to the vendors and redone in a similar format. Mrs. Sears was asked to check the procurement policy to see if a third proposal is required.

### New Business:

#### 1. New Sign on I88

Buzz Hesse is protesting against the new sign on I88 between Unadilla and Otego, traveling east. The sign says “Mohawk Valley Region”, which Mr. Hesse believes is incorrect, since we are not in the watershed region of Mohawk Valley. He has gone to the NYS Department of Transportation, as well as Senator Oberacker’s office asking for the removal of the sign. Anyone interested in joining him in the protest may contact him for more information.

#### 2. ATV Concern

There have been reports of four wheelers driving on town property. Due to a liability concern, the Town Board and the Highway Superintendent would like a sign(s) posted prohibiting this.

### Warrant #6

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by David Sheldon, to pay the warrant, minus the disputed bill #128, in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # 113--133 in the amount of \$ 25,013.21 . Highway Fund vouchers # 69—81 in the amount of \$129,714.07. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

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Executive Session

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Royce Livingston, to enter executive session to discuss tax assessment. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Enter Executive Session: 7:32 pm

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to exit executive session. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Exit Executive Session: 7:42 pm

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Sears  
Town Clerk

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