

## TOWN OF OTEGO

June 14, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 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
Jimmy Hamm	Councilperson
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Royce Livingston	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supervisor

### Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Royce Livingston, to accept the minutes of the May 10<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:	\$832,246.72
Receipts:	18,933.97
Disbursements:	<u>111,158.11</u>
Ending Balance:	\$740,022.58
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 40,420.55
Receipts:	110.34
Disbursements:	<u>1,120.95</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 39,409.94
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$780,443.24
Receipts:	3,691.62
Disbursements:	<u>28,933.05</u>
Ending Balance:	\$755,201.81
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$1,087,652.88
Receipts:	16,211.83
Disbursements:	<u>30,043.65</u>
Ending Balance:	\$1,073,821.06

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 read the dog report for May 11<sup>th</sup> through June 14<sup>th</sup>. There were: 2 reports of loose or stray dogs; 2 unverified/unable to catch/no complaint; 1 lost; 1 barking, and 2 bite/dangerous dogs complaints.

### Town Clerk Report

Terri Horan read the town clerk monthly report for May. She also read the annual tax collector report for 2023.

### County Representative

Mr. Brockway shared that the county has received 3 complaints of undocumented immigrants being housed in the Clarion Hotel. These are unverified but he stated there are none in Otsego County to date.

### Code Officer

Mr. Wilber stated there are a number of projects under work. He recently issued a CO for a modular residence and said that construction on Bert Washburn Road is for a religious retreat.

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Highway Report

The highway supervisor reported that highway crews are currently busy ditching and mowing side roads. He also will meet with the highway committee in a week or two to discuss the state’s new 10 year road stone policy and the effects it will have on the roads of Otego.

Planning Board

Lois presented the town with the new comprehensive planning board by-laws. Royce Livingston issued a motion, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to accept the new Planning Board By-Laws which were then duly signed by the town supervisor and Lois, the planning board chairman. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The official town maps were also ready for signatures. Royce Livingston made a motion to accept the new town maps dated 3/31/2023, seconded by Jimmy Hamm. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Boiler Inspection

NYS Boiler inspection approval is still pending because our insurance company is required to have an inspector look at it – Bill VanGorder has agreed to schedule this inspection. The NYS Boiler inspector will then be notified and can return for approval.

New Business:

Beth Westfall, the town’s attorney, discussed the Otsego Now letter to the town regarding the state’s change to the Real Property Tax Law, in assessing and taxing solar and wind projects. Unless opted out by the municipality per Section 487 of the Real Property Tax Law, projects/systems using the above energy methods would be exempt from taxation for a period of 15 years. Barbara Stanton made a motion, seconded by Jimmy Hamm, to schedule a public hearing for the Town of Otego to opt out of this legislation in accordance with Section 487 of the Real Property Tax law. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays  
The public hearing will be scheduled when Local Law # 2 of 2023 is written and prepared.

Warrant #6

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Royce Livingston, to pay the warrant, in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # 110 - 135 in the amount of \$ 24,837.03. Highway Fund vouchers # 68-77 in the amount of \$10,929.15. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Horan  
Town Clerk

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