

TOWN OF OTEGO

March 10, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 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 any other business coming before the board.

The following members were present:

Joseph Hurlburt	Supervisor
Teresa Sears	Town Clerk
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
David Sheldon	Councilperson
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Royce Livingston	Councilperson

Minutes

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to approve the minutes of the February 10th regular meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

Mr. Hurlburt read the Supervisor's report for February:

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$414,529.92
Receipts:	245,215.18
Disbursements:	<u>22,877.72</u>
Ending Balance:	\$636,867.38
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 23,305.48
Receipts:	48,286.35
Disbursements:	<u>1,678.76</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 69,913.07
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$362,041.14
Receipts:	364,516.38
Disbursements:	<u>131,556.08</u>
Ending balance:	\$595,001.44
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$683,716.03
Receipts:	196,661.17
Disbursements:	<u>0.00</u>
Ending balance:	\$880,377.20

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

Dog Control Officer

Mrs. Sears gave the dog report for January 11th -- March 10th in Ms. Dwyer's absence: 4 reports of loose/stray dogs; 2 unverified/unable to catch/no complaint; 2 warnings; 2 taken to shelter; 1 cat call; 1 dangerous dog pending.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Report

Mrs. Sears presented the Town Clerk Annual Report for 2020 and the Town Clerk report for February.

By the end of February, 76.38% of the property taxes have been collected, for a total of \$1,438,034.60.

County Representative

Mr. Brockway reported on the stimulus money that should be granted, as long as stipulations by the state are followed. The Town of Otego could see \$534,197.00 and the Village of Otego could see \$172,769.00.

The county is selling rain barrels, but no paint is available this year.

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Code Officer

Mr. Wilber thanked the town board for the expression of sympathy at the loss of his mother.

This last month, ISD had to service his computer which is not recognizing the old or new WiFi. There is a single family home application underway. Mr. Wilber expressed concern over a planning board situation that has arisen.

Highway Report

The new truck is being repaired in Syracuse due to a noise in the differential. Mr. Hurlburt will be contacting well companies about a replacement for the well pump; the water coming up from the well is mud.

There was only one response to the recent job posting for the highway department, but he was unable to accept the position due to the wages. Competing with private companies makes it difficult to find people. Mr. Hurlburt suggested hiring someone without a CDL license and then training them.

The job will be reposted on the town sign and on Monster. The Highway Committee will meet soon to discuss wages.

Planning Board

The map received recently from Otsego County was incomplete, not the actual zoning map. Ms. Chernin will contact the county about getting the complete one.

The planning board bylaws were last updated in 2015, so they have decided to review and update them again.

Court Report

Justice Decker's bank account must be closed out. Supervisor Hurlburt will make an appointment with Community Bank and then discuss how to handle the balance with Ms. Westfall.

The Court Clerk position remains open. The recent appointee was unable to accept the position.

Board of Assessment Review

The county recommends moving to a 3 person board, like most area towns, instead of a 5 person board that we currently have. This will require a permissive referendum.

Warrant #3

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, 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.

Executive Session

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Enter Executive Session: 7:10 pm

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to leave executive session. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Executive Session Closed: 7:45 pm

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 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Sears
Town Clerk

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_____ Town Supervisor

_____ Town Clerk

_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.