

TOWN OF OTEGO

March 8, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 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
Terri Horan	Town Clerk
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
Jimmy Hamm	Councilperson
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Royce Livingston	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Department Supervisor

Visitors: Ed Horan, Stuart Anderson

Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Royce Livingston, to approve the minutes of the February 8th regular meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$631,846.32
Receipts:	287,194.42
Disbursements:	<u>32,768.05</u>
Ending Balance:	\$877,272.69
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 29,684.04
Receipts:	49,859.38
Disbursements:	<u>35,474.85</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 44,068.57
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$492,368.40
Receipts:	387,980.30
Disbursements:	<u>52,782.04</u>
Ending balance:	\$827,566.66
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$866,605.67
Receipts:	206,731.86
Disbursements:	<u>6,000.00</u>
Ending balance:	\$1,067,337.53

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

Dog Control Officer

Ellen Dwyer gave the dog report for January 11, 2023 -- March 7: 5 reports of loose/stray dogs; 5 unverified/unable to catch/no complaints; 1 barking report, 1 cat report, and 2 lost and 2 found reported.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Report

Mrs. Horan presented the Town Clerk report for February and the status of tax collection to date. By the end of February, 76.45% of the property taxes have been collected, for a total of \$1,447,975.43. In addition, \$385,000.00 has been paid to the county to date.

County Representative

Mr. Brockway reported that there has been concern over the new NYS budget this year which may no longer share federal emergency Medicaid funding with counties. Since 2020 the state has passed on some of the funding to counties to cover a portion of Medicaid costs.

Code Officer

Mr. Wilber stated a new residential dwelling is in the works plus there have been inquiries about an additional house and a log cabin. He also reported he will be taking training courses in April.

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Highway Report

Mr. JR Hurlburt reported that they have been covering the wooden workbenches with steel sheeting to extend their life. Also the town has recovered more of the stolen signs from a culvert in Laurens and in Morris. Finally the Highway Committee is still working on a truck proposal and will meet with a representative from Tracey Road soon. The goal is to standardize the trucks to maximize part interchangeability and availability.

Planning Board

Lois Chernin stated that there is ongoing discussion on the maps but hope to have draft maps in the next month for board members to review and approve before printing.

In other business, Lois asked if the old surplus computer equipment may be purchased. It no longer has a hard drive and is essentially non-functional. Royce Livingston made a motion, seconded by Jimmy Hamm, to sell the old computer equipment to Lois for \$1.00. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

AED Equipment/Training

Ed Horan, representing the Otego Emergency Squad, brought the new Zoll AED unit, case, pads, and signage in to the board meeting. He will get with JR to get the unit mounted in the foyer of the Town Hall the day after the board meeting and once installed he will be responsible for its care under the guise of the Otego Emergency Squad. Mr. Horan also conducted AED/CPR training on February 23, 2023 for all of the town personnel who needed to be instructed in its use. The town thanked him for his generous donation of time and effort in seeing this come to fruition.

Reinhardt BioHeat Tax Credit

After speaking with Reinhardt and Karen Kropp, our bookkeeper it was determined that we unfortunately cannot use these tax credits to get a refund since the town is a government entity that does not file a tax return.

Warrant #3

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Royce Livingston, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # 49 – 69 in the amount of \$28,345.26.
Highway Fund vouchers # 26 – 38 in the amount of \$11,363.07.
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.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Horan
Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

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_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.