

TOWN OF OTEGO

MAY 11, 2022

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a public hearing followed by a regular board meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 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	Town Supervisor
Terri Horan	Town Clerk
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
Jimmy Hamm	Councilperson
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Royce Livingston	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supt.

The following community members were present: Buzz Hesse, Dick Roberts, Dave Sheldon, Kathy Leahy, and Boy Scout Troops 316 and 44 from Gilbertsville who were working on merit badges/advancement.

Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Royce Livingston, to accept the minutes of the April 13th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor’s Report

Mr. Hurlburt read the Supervisor’s report for April:

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$780,908.15
Receipts:	3,104.28
Disbursements:	<u>32,515.63</u>
Ending balance:	\$751,496.80
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 72,726.02
Receipts:	75.48
Disbursements:	<u>35,798.55</u>
Ending balance:	\$ 37,002.95
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$750,548.52
Receipts:	3,775.55
Disbursements:	<u>39,063.47</u>
Ending balance:	\$715,260.60
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$989,541.11
Receipts:	14.50
Disbursements:	<u>0.00</u>
Ending balance:	\$989,555.61

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

Dog Control Officer

Ellen Dwyer gave the dog report for April 13th to May 11th: 3 reports of loose/stray dogs; 2 unverified/unable to catch/no complaints; 1 bark complaint with ticket issued; 1 dog taken to shelter; 1 out-of-area.

Town Clerk Report

Mrs. Horan gave the Town Clerk report for April. Tax collection ended at 83.40 % collected for a total of \$1,590,253.84. Tax season is now complete; she will settle with the county on May 25, 2022.

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County Representative

Rick Brockway shared news that Otsego County has been designated a “Purple Heart County” due to a resolution he brought forward to the County Board of Representatives. The county is planning a commemorative ceremony on June 1, 2022 at 9 a.m. in the County Office Building, 197 Main St. in Cooperstown. Purple Heart recipients and their families are invited to attend.

Code Officer

Mr. Wilber reported that permit applications are up for sheds, renovations, and decks. He has also received two complaints and one has responded.

Highway Report

JR Hurlburt noted there was a lot of cleanup due to the recent storm and extended his thank you to the Otego Fire Department for all their help in the matter. The highway department has also been busy with sand cleanup.

Per Beth Westfall, both the equipment shed and the boiler for the town hall will be covered by ARPA funds. A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Jimmy Hamm to get quotes to get the shed built. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Planning Board

Lois Chernin reported that the planning board will have a Public Hearing on two properties on May 16, 2022 and a special training meeting on their regular scheduled meeting date of May 17, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

She also said that the County Planning Board now has both applications for the “Greenies” parcels along with the “Hometown Auto” parcels.

Dave Sheldon has agreed to serve as planning board alternate. A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Jimmy Hamm to put Dave Sheldon on the planning board as an alternate. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Deputy Court Clerk/Highway Department Driver

Both these positions need to be filled – the Town Clerk will place information on the electronic sign and on the town website regarding employment availability and applications.

Buzz Hesse/Village of Otego Planning Board

Mr. Hesse invited town board members to a meeting May 25, 2022 to the village planning board meeting at 7 p.m. to listen to a representative from Cooperstown discuss additional funding opportunities for municipalities.

In another topic, the village planning board and Mayor Ernie Kroll would like to discuss turning over the responsibility of the memorial park project to the Youth Recreation Commission and be shared equally. Mr. Hesse requested that the the town board talk about the idea and get back to him or the village planning board.

Update on Town Emails

Mrs. Horan read Mr. Lawton’s email concerning the Town of Otego emails. She will send out an email on how to access these to the board members and ask Mr. Lawton for a presentation/training date.

Warrant #5

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Royce Livingston, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # ~~96—118~~ in the amount of \$59,880.23. Highway Fund vouchers # ~~55—68~~ in the amount of \$35,851.46. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Horan
Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.