

TOWN OF OTEGO

MAY 10, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 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 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.

Visitors Dave Sheldon, Kathy Leahy

Minutes

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the April 12th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$862,008.43
Receipts:	2,924.28
Disbursements:	<u>32,685.99</u>
Ending balance:	\$832,246.72
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 42,748.16
Receipts:	105.70
Disbursements:	<u>2,433.31</u>
Ending balance:	\$ 40,420.55
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$814,782.24
Receipts:	142.52
Disbursements:	<u>34,481.52</u>
Ending balance:	\$780,443.24
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$1,079,851.82
Receipts:	11,153.87
Disbursements:	<u>3,352.81</u>
Ending balance:	\$1,087,652.88

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Barbara Stanton, 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 10th: 1 report of loose/stray dogs; 1 bark complaint; 1 FOIL request; 1 dog taken to shelter (34 miles); 1 out-of-area; 1 hit by a car; 1 cat complaint; and 1 dead dog, unverified..

Town Clerk Report

Mrs. Horan gave the Town Clerk report for April. Tax collection ended at 84.77 % collected for a total of \$1,605,535.19. Tax season is now complete; she will settle with the county on May 24, 2023.

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County Representative

Not Present

Code Officer

Mr. Wilber reported that permit applications are up, for renovations and a new house is in the works. JR had a question regarding construction on a property on Burdick Hill, and whether the owner knows it is a seasonal road. Dan will investigate.

Highway Report

One concern that JR has been hearing about is the fill for the village fields by the park and Little League field. The state was to have unloaded a few truckloads of clean fill, what was delivered had concrete, asphalt, dirt and more. He is in the process of leveling it all out so clean fill may be put on top and seeded. This will enable the town to mow the area.

Upon attending the Highway Superintendents meeting in Richfield Springs, JR met the new CHIPS representative who noted that NYS has changed from a five year replacement plan for road stone to a ten year plan. What effect this will have on our roads remains to be seen. The town has also received the CHIPS check and the guys have been out grading dirt roads in the town.

Planning Board

The planning board will hold a public hearing on May 16, 2023 for the Red Barn BBQ (formerly Pie in the Sky) for a special use permit for a farm brewery, farm stand and a food truck.

There is also a special use permit inquiry by Michael Knowlton for a continuing yard sale for YFC on state route 7. The planning board will address this at the May 16, 2023 meeting.

Maps issued by county were incorrect as they did not have signature boxes. Hopefully they will be ready to sign by June's board meeting.

Directive

A presentation was given by Devin Chase of Directive, a technology company located down the road at 330 Pony Farm Road, Suite 3, Oneonta, NY 13820. They have been in the business over 26 years. They are a full service company providing server and network care, IT support for computers, infrastructure recovery, cybersecurity options with web filtering and firewalls and email encryption as well as other services. The town board thanked Devin for his time and the valuable information.

Otego Hometown Heroes

Roxanne Hurlburt and Denise Perry have organized a campaign to honor Otego veterans with banners that will go on street poles in the village. Since the cost is prohibitive for some and they are also planning on a special celebratory breakfast on Veterans Day, they are soliciting donations. The town wishes to show their support for this project. Barbara Stanton made a motion to donate \$4,000 from the Celebrations fund to the Otego Hometown Heroes Fund, seconded by Royce Livingston. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Otego Fire Department

The town would also like to donate towards defraying the cost of getting one of the Otego Fire Department's fire trucks fixed and updating fire crew firefighting apparel. Since ARPA funds are still available, Jimmy Hamm made a motion to donate \$50,000 towards fixing the fire truck and updating fire crew apparel, seconded by Royce Livingston. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Judge's Audit

Jimmy Hamm was appointed liaison to the court to sit with the judges to get this paperwork completed and returned to the NYS Court System.

Warrant #5

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # 96—108 in the amount of \$56,325.53. Highway Fund vouchers # 53—67 in the amount of \$29,709.64. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Horan
Town Clerk

_____ Supervisor

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_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.