

TOWN OF OTEGO
MAY 14, 2025

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 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 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
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Royce Livingston	Councilperson
Jimmy Hamm	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supervisor

Visitors: David Sheldon

Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Royce Livingston, to accept the minutes of the April 9th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor’s Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$817,733.72
Receipts:	14,565.23
Disbursements:	<u>33,554.33</u>
Ending balance:	\$798,744.62
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 49,491.41
Receipts:	5.97
Disbursements:	<u>1,080.77</u>
Ending balance:	\$ 48,416.61
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	*\$927,195.38
Receipts:	12,504.91
Disbursements:	<u>33,751.34</u>
Ending balance:	\$905,948.95
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$1,279,501.93
Receipts:	12,614.55
Disbursements:	<u>31,625.82</u>
Ending balance:	\$1,260,490.66

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept this report as read, with the provision that *Hwy Townwide Beginning Balance be confirmed with the bookkeeper. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Dog Control Officer

Read by Mrs. Horan, DCO Amy Cross reported that the Sheriff’s department called on March 30 and asked her to pick up a Milford dog. She advised them it was out of her jurisdiction. On April 6 a homeowner called saying a dog on River St. attacked her dog while she was walking it. When DCO responded, no one would answer the door. April 18th another homeowner on County Route 6 said his neighbor’s dogs were on his property. DCO arrived at property just as the owner did. Owner removed dogs and took them home. Called delinquent dog owners on list for April.

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Town Clerk Report

Mrs. Horan gave the Town Clerk report for April. Tax collection ended at 83.20 % collected for a total of \$1,673,469.74. Tax season is now complete; she will settle with the county on Friday, May 23, 2025.

County Representative

In light of the recent Otego Clean Up Day, many residents are interested in knowing when the Otsego County Hazardous Waste Days are going to be this summer. Mr. Brockway believed in August or September but will check on it.

Code Officer

Mr. Wilber reported that building permit applications for new construction and renovations are up, with two new housing permits being issued.

Highway Report

JR met with Soil and Water to discuss how to shore up the banks where the Little League field is located. He will proceed with the permitting process but was told there were currently no funds available to help defray costs. Dan Wilber suggested reaching out to our legislators to see if they can help.

The highway department annual expenditure agreement was presented to the board. Royce Livingston made a motion, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to approve the agreement. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Board Members signed the agreement as presented.

The Secor Road bridge repair work has been completed and is being cleaned up. It should be ready for re-opening next week.

The highway superintendent also reported that there have been several areas of trash and garbage debris dumped around Flax Island. While the highway department was cleaning up one pile, they ran into forest rangers investigating other areas of illegally disposed of trash.

Planning Board

The planning board held a public hearing in April and also approved a home occupation business. In addition, Planning Board Secretary Colleen Bushnell submitted her official resignation letter. Barbara Stanton made a motion to accept the resignation, seconded by Jimmy Hamm. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Lois will prepare a job description of the planning board secretary, to be posted by the town clerk. The town clerk will also send a letter to Colleen Bushnell thanking her for her many years of service to the residents of the town as well as to the town and planning boards.

New Business

Town of Otego .gov website. Per new NYS requirements, all villages, towns, and cities having a population over 1,500 persons must now transition to a more secure .gov website. The first step in the process is to obtain authorization from the town board or senior officials. Terry Brown made a motion, seconded by Royce Livingston, for the Town of Otego to begin the changeover to a .gov website. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

The town clerk will get with Steve Lawton to choose a name and start work on the transition.

Warrant #5

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Royce Livingston, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # 82—106 in the amount of \$62,940.77. Highway Fund vouchers # 50 - 60 in the amount of \$26,759.13. 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 7:01 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Horan
Town Clerk

Supervisor

Town Clerk

Councilperson

Councilperson

Councilperson

Councilperson

Highway Supt.