

TOWN OF OTEGO

NOVEMBER 13, 2019

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 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
Teresa Sears	Town Clerk
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
David Sheldon	Councilperson
Terry Brown	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supt.

Minutes

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the October 9th meeting. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept the minutes of the October 15th meeting. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to accept the minutes of the November 6th meeting. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor’s Report

Mr. Hurlburt read the Supervisor’s report for the month of October:

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$446,025.04
Receipts:	28,972.03
Disbursements:	<u>51,934.05</u>
Ending Balance:	\$423,063.02
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 25,346.86
Receipts:	400.21
Disbursements:	<u>1,367.46</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 24,379.61
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$580,972.14
Receipts:	8.60
Disbursements:	<u>17,775.12</u>
Ending Balance:	\$563,205.62
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$648,122.60
Receipts:	17,530.83
Disbursements:	<u>57,226.89</u>
Ending Balance:	\$608,426.54

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept this report as read. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Dog Control Officer

Ellen Dwyer gave the dog report for the relatively quiet month of October: 6 reports of loose/stray dogs; 4 unverified/unable to catch/no complaint; 2 taken to the shelter; 1 out of area call; and 1 dangerous dog complaint.

Town Clerk Report

Teresa Sears presented the Town Clerk report for the month of October.

County Representative

Kathy Clark shared the dates of the informational meetings on the creation of a county administrator position. In Oneonta, the meeting will be November 14th at 7:00 pm at the Oneonta City Hall. On November 19th, the meeting will take place at 7:00 pm at the Otsego County Courthouse. Questions were raised by residents and discussion ensued.

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Ms. Clark also raised concern about the criminal justice reform occurring in 2020 and the impact it may have on our community.

Code Officer

Not in attendance.

Highway Report

The highway department has been busy with wintry weather conditions the last few days. They have been working at the gravel bank in the last month making sand for use this winter.

Mr. Hurlburt was approached by O'Connell Electric. They would like to rent space on the town property to store their poles, equipment and vehicles while working in the area. This would be a short term agreement.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to draw up a 6 month lease agreement with O'Connell Electric at the cost of \$700 per month. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Planning Board

Karen Sullivan and her assistant, from Otsego County Planning, provided training at the October meeting. They reviewed and discussed the forms that the planning board has been updating. Mrs. Sullivan suggested forming a commission to work on the R2 and R3 zoning changes. She will look for the town's GML-239 at the county. She asked the planning board to send a letter to the town board asking for a zoning ordinance change.

The board has been granted an hour and a half of their required annual training.

Lois Chernin, Mark Dye, and David Sheldon volunteered to serve on this committee.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown, to appoint Lois Chernin, Mark Dye, and David Sheldon to a zoning committee for the purpose of making changes to the R2 and R3 zones. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Shared Services

The Town of Unadilla sent a draft of a shared services agreement for 5 years for consideration and approval by the town board.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept the 5 year shared services agreement with the Town of Unadilla. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

2020 Budget

The budget hearing was held on November 6th. Compilation of the budget is completed.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to adopt the 2020 Town Budget. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Town/School Agreement

The Unatego School District sent a copy of the town/school agreement to the Town Board. The board would like the town attorney to review the agreement. With Oneonta Christian Academy purchasing the former elementary school, the board believes their use of the fields will need to be considered.

Marriage Fee Waiver

The town clerk reported on a new state law waiving the fee on marriage licenses for active duty members of the Armed Forces. The bill gives local governments the freedom to waive the fees they charge also.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to waive the town fee for a marriage certificate for active duty service members of the U.S. Armed Forces. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Warrant #11

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: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to adjourn the meeting. Motion: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Sears
Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

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_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.