

TOWN OF OTEGO

November 8, 2023

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

Presentation to Ellen Dwyer:

Ellen Dwyer, the Town of Otego's Dog Control Officer for 27 years was thanked by the Town Board of Otego at their November town board meeting upon her retirement on September 30, 2023. Town Supervisor Joseph Hurlburt presented Ms. Dwyer with a Certificate of Appreciation as well as a gift and our thanks for a job well done. She will be missed.

Minutes

A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Jimmy Hamm, to accept the minutes of the October 11th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Royce Livingston, to accept the minutes of the October 17th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

Note: Correction to the minutes on the Supervisor's Report of October:

Highway Fund townwide ending balance was \$790,178.56, should be \$787,243.02

Highway Fund outside village was \$893,349.12, should be \$870,876.88

Figures were downloaded from August Excel report.

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$697,113.68
Receipts:	11,961.18
Disbursements	<u>32,510.04</u>
Ending Balance:	\$676,564.82

General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 38,848.53
Receipts:	149.83
Disbursements:	<u>1,162.67</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 37,835.69

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$787,243.02
Receipts:	1,260.99
Disbursements:	<u>49,766.21</u>
Ending Balance:	\$738,737.80

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$870,876.88
Receipts:	40,141.79
Disbursements:	<u>56,963.42</u>
Ending Balance:	\$854,055.25

Dog Control Officer

The Town Clerk read the report submitted by Amy Cross. Two barking dog complaints were received from the same person. They were investigated and resolved for now. October delinquent dog owners were called on October 31, 2023.

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Town Clerk Report

Terri Horan presented the Town Clerk report for the month of October.

Re-appointment of Kathy Leahy to the Planning Board

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Royce Livingston, to re-appoint Kathy Leahy to another five-year term to the Planning Board. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

County Representative

Mr. Brockway advised that the county is continuing to work on the budget and that Otsego County has the lowest tax rate of any county in New York/

Highway Report

Highway trucks are now ready for the winter months – the sand was in Laurens and the Franklin highway department helped bring it over. Mine Safety Inspectors were present during the process. More information has been obtained on the new/used bulldozer – per Beth and the procurement policy of the Town of Otego, sealed bids must be submitted and examined prior to any purchase. She will work with JR to get notices written up and given to the town clerk to be placed in the Daily Star.

Planning Board

Business at the planning board has slowed since the summer. The Zoning Commission is still working on the town zoning laws draft.

AFLAC Presentation

Two representatives of AFLAC gave a short presentation on AFLAC's supplemental Accident Insurance and Cancer Insurance policies – brochures were left with the town clerk and will be available to any town appointed/hired employee of the Town of Otego.

Training for Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals

Beth has agreed to set up training for both boards and potential candidates for the Zoning Board of Appeals will be invited. She will get with Lois Chernin (Planning Board) and Stuart Anderson (ZBA) to confirm the date and time.

Warrant #11

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Royce Livingston, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # 218--234 in the amount of \$33,463.94 Highway Fund vouchers # 120-126 in the amount of \$ 9,479.73 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.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Horan
Town Clerk

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