

TOWN OF OTEGO

October 11, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 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 cover 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.

Members of the community present: Stuart Anderson and Katharine Davis

Minutes

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

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Royce Livingston, to accept the minutes of the September 20th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the October 4th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$684,563.57
Receipts:	38,728.76
Disbursements:	<u>26,178.65</u>
Ending Balance:	\$697,113.68
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 36,305.99
Receipts:	3,579.50
Disbursements:	<u>1,036.96</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 38,848.53
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$795,197.34
Receipts:	1,280.85
Disbursements:	<u>6,299.63</u>
Ending Balance:	\$790,178.56
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$1,035,303.38
Receipts:	20,213.41
Disbursements:	<u>162,167.67</u>
Ending Balance:	\$893,349.12

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

Dog Control Officer

Ellen Dwyer stated there were no reports for September 14th – October 1st: Amy Cross, Otego's new DCO sent in her report for October 2nd to October 10th that there were no calls in that time period.

Town Clerk Report

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

Board Re-Appointments

Rosemary Holbrook, Chairman of the Board of Assessors is resigning her position. Mrs. Horan read her resignation letter to the board and a letter from the town, thanking Mrs. Holbrook for her many years of service to the Town of Otego. The position for the BAR is now open and will be posted on the

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town website, electronic sign and bulletin boards.

Also, a position on the Zoning Board of Appeals is open as well. This position will also be posted on the town website, electronic sign and bulletin boards.

Highway Report

Mr. Hurlburt reported that all of the CHIPS paperwork has been mailed out and the trucks are getting serviced and ready for winter. He also noted that he and several other highway superintendents met with the new CHIPs representative during highway school to discuss the 10-year highway stone limit. Finally, there is discussion about replacing the old town bulldozer. JR will look into this further and provide more information on financing options.

Planning Board

Planning Board business has been quiet this month.

The Zoning commission is making progress on the draft zoning document.

DEC Request for Fishing Access at tax map # 317.115-2-40.00 Otsdawa Creek

Since the Town of Otego has already granted fishing access on the other side of this parcel, the town will grant this parcel the access as well. A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Terry Brown to approve fishing access for a period of 5 years. Town Supervisor Hurlburt will sign/mail the contract to the DEC.

Budget

The board has finalized the 2024 Town of Otego tentative budget. A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Barbara Stanton to hold a public hearing for Wednesday, October 17th at 5:30 pm, after which the Town Board will take action.

Emergency/Exit Lighting

The quote by JD Electrical Contracting of \$2098 was accepted and the parts have been ordered to replace the old exit signage. They will be able to do the work sometime during the week of October 17th.

Warrant #10

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Royce Livingston, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # 195--217 in the amount of \$ 41,235.29 . Highway Fund vouchers # 105--119 in the amount of \$ 73,805.79 .

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 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Horan
Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

_____ Town Clerk

_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.

