

**TOWN OF OTEGO**

**OCTOBER 9, 2019**

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 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
Royce Livingston	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supt.

Minutes

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to accept the minutes of the September 11th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept the minutes of the September 24th meeting with the removal of the last sentence. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Local Law #1 of 2019

Nathan VanWhy, law partner of Ms. Westfall, reported that the 239 Report was received from Otsego County Planning. No significant county-wide impacts were found.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to declare the Town of Otego the lead agency, and determine the Escobar property to be an unlisted action for SEQR, and to issue a negative declaration. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Royce Livingston, to approve the rezoning of the parcel at 116 Secor Road from R3 to R1, thereby adopting Local Law #1 of 2019. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$453,735.55
Receipts:	10,312.95
Disbursements:	<u>18,023.46</u>
Ending Balance:	\$446,025.04

General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 26,215.58
Receipts:	215.21
Disbursements:	<u>1,083.93</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 25,346.86

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$577,734.18
Receipts:	7063.85
Disbursements:	<u>3,825.89</u>
Ending Balance:	\$580,972.14

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$616,816.03
Receipts:	65,842.73
Disbursements:	<u>34,536.16</u>
Ending Balance:	\$648,122.60

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

Dog Control Officer

Ellen Dwyer gave the dog report: 3 reports of loose/stray dogs--2 no complaint, 1 warning; 2 barking complaints—1 ticketed, 1 still being processed; 1 neglect under investigation; 1 cat call; 1 wildlife call; 2 lost dogs/1 found.

## Town of Otego/October 2019

### Town Clerk Report

Teresa Sears presented the Town Clerk report for the month of September. Two new issues arose this month: 1.) New York State has passed a law waiving the state fee on marriage licenses for active duty members of the Armed Services. Towns may also opt to waive their fee for active duty military. 2.) Otsego County has decided to adopt a new tax program in mid-2020. They will no longer be using ATC, which the town currently uses, therefore eliminating the subsidizing of this program. Though the upcoming tax season will not be affected, the following seasons will. Mrs. Sears will look into the yearly cost of continuing with ATC.

### County Representative

Kathy Clark reported that the Hazardous Waste Day was again successful. They received double the volume of last year. Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>, the cost of bringing large electronics to the transfer station will increase. Styrofoam may be recycled at 23 Duane St, in Oneonta.

The county will present a program soon on the negative health effects of vaping. The free rabies clinic was held last evening at the Otego Firehouse. The last one of this year will be held in Hartwick on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Ms. Clark encouraged the board to respond to the I88 Corridor Study.

### Code Officer

Dan Wilber gave the report for the month of September. There are a few permits being processed. He recently received a call about a property that was subdivided. It seems the owner bypassed the planning board and went straight to the county. Mr. Wilber will continue to investigate how this happened.

### Highway Report

Mr. Hurlburt reported that Lower Green Street and Haney Road have been sealed. He would like to see a speed limit set on Haney Road, and will discuss how to go about this with the town attorney next month.

Changes required by the DEC were made to the gravel bank. The rebate check for the LED lighting was received, but was inaccurately reported on the Supervisor's Report as coming from Time Warner. The check was issued by NYSEG in the amount of \$862.

### Planning Board

Mr. Dye shared that the planning board will soon be meeting with the county on zoning changes. The Barrett property subdivision is in the final stages; feedback is being obtained from neighbors.

### 2020 Budget

The town board scheduled a budget workshop meeting for Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm to begin compiling the budget.

The budget hearing date will be decided at the workshop.

### JCAP Grant

Mr. Hurlburt met with Kathy Davis to review and sign the submission for the JCAP grant. He shared the specifics with the board. Anything approved by the state must still be presented to the board for approval.

### NYMIR

Forms recommended by the NYMIR representative for use of the village pavilion and "prior written notices" were reviewed. No action will be taken until the town attorney has examined them.

### Otego Elementary School

Mr. Downey reported on the 3 new bids recently submitted to the school board. All three appear to be viable options. There will be a general public hearing to present them on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the high school. A decision will be made at the next meeting, following public comment.

### Warrant #10

A motion was made by Terry Brown, 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: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to adjourn the meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Sears  
Town Clerk

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