

**TOWN OF OTEGO**

**October 14, 2020**

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 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 Terry Brown, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept the minutes of the September 9th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept the minutes of the September 30th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$508,468.61
Receipts:	20,420.59
Disbursements:	<u>39,331.08</u>
Ending Balance:	\$489,558.12

General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 26,197.75
Receipts:	50.20
Disbursements:	<u>1,300.14</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 24,947.81

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$662,402.51
Receipts:	10.16
Disbursements:	<u>1,524.76</u>
Ending Balance:	\$660,887.91

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$620,025.26
Receipts:	23,805.74
Disbursements:	<u>34,416.69</u>
Ending Balance:	\$607,414.31

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 read the dog report for September: 3 reports of loose/stray dogs; 1 unverified/unable to catch/no complaint; 2 warnings; 1 bark complaint with ticket issued; 3 out of area calls.

Town Clerk Report

Teresa Sears presented the Town Clerk report for the month of September. Her renewal as a DEC issuing agent was finalized and hunting licenses are once again being sold.

County Representative

Mr. Brockway reported that the Otsego County tentative budget is completed and falls under the 2% tax cap.

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County Rep. Continued

Being part of the Solid Waste committee, he encourages recycling glass and cardboard as a cost savings for the county. There is a company in Richfield Springs who is recycling glass deposited at the transfer stations. Cardboard recycling sales are improving also.

Code Officer

Several construction projects are wrapping up this fall. Mr. Wilber received an application for another storage unit on County Highway 48. He reported that the 2020 Code went into effect on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Highway Report

Mr. Hurlburt reported on the completion of Taylor Road paving. The highway department has oiled and stoned all the places they have worked on this past summer. The new trailer is in operation, but they lost the engine in the roller. Another engine has been located.

Planning Board

A new fee schedule was completed and presented to the board by Lois Chernin for approval at the November meeting. The boundary agreement form has been finalized; it will be added to the Planning Board website page. Work continues on the simple lot split form.

Katie Higgins submitted her resignation via email, citing an inability to contribute as much as she would like under the current circumstances. The town board thanks her for the time she has served.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the resignation of Katie Higgins from the Planning Board. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ATV Track Concern

Ellen Dwyer expressed a concern about the new ATV track that is going in on Upper Green Street. She wonders how this will affect the noise level and traffic volume in this area. She questioned whether this is something the Planning Board needs to take into consideration when reviewing the Zoning Ordinance.

An email was received recently by Dan Wilber with a complaint about an ATV track on Briar Creek Road, as reported by the Town Clerk.

Latham Homes

Herb Fiederer, from Latham Homes, has a potential customer with two adjoining parcels who wishes to set up a manufactured home. Mr. Fiederer could not find a land use application on the town website, and recommends the town create one similar to what he finds in other local towns. After explaining the town process, the Town Clerk gave him a building permit application.

Budget Hearing

The tentative 2021 budget is completed and now on file in the Town Clerk's office. There is only a 1.05% increase from last year's budget. A public hearing is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, after which the Town Board will take action.

Warrant #10

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: 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 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Sears  
Town Clerk

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