

Town of Otego

September 11, 2019

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 3526 State Highway 7, Otego, New York. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a public hearing on Local Law #1 of 2019, 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.

The public hearing was opened at 6:00 pm.

John Escobar presented his request to rezone the parcel he owns on Saw Mill Road to R1 to be able to add small businesses to the former lumber mill property.

Dan Wilber, Code/Zoning Officer, supports the change, however, he reiterated that a special use permit for each additional business will still be required.

The vote was postponed until October for the town attorney to complete the 239 Review.

The hearing was closed at 6:17 pm.

Minutes

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the August 14th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$464,931.64
Receipts:	8,319.63
Disbursements:	<u>19,515.72</u>
Ending Balance:	\$453,735.55
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 27,079.21
Receipts:	215.23
Disbursements:	<u>1,078.86</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 26,215.58
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$590,231.70
Receipts:	142.31
Disbursements:	<u>12,639.83</u>
Ending Balance:	\$577,734.18
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$642,646.34
Receipts:	15,451.84
Disbursements:	<u>41,282.15</u>
Ending Balance:	\$616,816.03

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

Dog Control Officer

Ellen Dwyer gave the dog report for the month of August: 2 reports of loose/stray dogs; 2 unverified/unable to catch/no complaint; 1 complaint of neglect—same as last month, but not actionable; 1 complaint of abuse, but no way to ID the suspect; 1 cat call; 1 wildlife call; 1 information call; 2 lost/1 found.

Town Clerk Report

Teresa Sears presented the Town Clerk monthly report for August.

County Representative

Not in attendance.

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Code Officer

Permits are now being received by the assessor. The construction on the Memory Lane property continues to go well. Mr. Wilber completed a woodstove inspection for a local daycare facility. An application was received by G&I Homes, but the property is not in Otego.

Highway Report

Road signs are being stolen, some repeatedly, with a recovery cost of \$460. The gravel bank was inspected by the DEC recently; Mine Safety made a visit shortly thereafter. Mr. Hurlburt reported that required changes have been made to the gravel bank. CHIPS payment should arrive soon. The power screen is being repaired.

Planning Board

A public hearing for the minor subdivision of Dr. Barrett's property is scheduled for September 17th.

The county planning board is willing to assist the town planning board in streamlining their procedures and reviewing the zoning laws, but would like a directive from the town board to work on combining zones R2 and R3 into the same district.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to request the assistance of the Otsego County Planning Department in combining zones R2 and R3. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Board of Assessment Review

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to reappoint James Magee to the Board of Assessment Review for a 5 year term. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

School Land Use

Dr. Richards has requested a meeting with the Town and Village of Otego boards to discuss use of the former Otego Elementary School land for modified sports. The deed has been received by the town, now owner of the land. A tentative date is scheduled for September 24th at 5:30 at the Village Hall.

Justice Court Grant

The following resolution was put forward by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown:

WHEREAS, the Otego Justice Court is a local court processing approximately 1700 traffic cases, 130 criminal cases, and 35 civil cases per year, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to maintain the court facility in good working order and to maintain security,

THEREFORE, the Otego Town board authorizes the town supervisor to sign the Justice Court Assistance Grant application to obtain state funding to improve the operation and safety of the local justice court.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Budget Workshop

The budget workshop will take place on Wednesday, October 2nd, at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building in Otego.

Warrant #9

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 Nay

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Sears
Town Clerk

Town Supervisor

_____ Town Clerk

_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.