

Town of Otego

September 12, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 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
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 Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the July 11th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$407,150.03
Receipts:	10,086.90
Disbursements:	<u>19,619.07</u>
Ending Balance:	\$397,607.86
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 24,012.87
Receipts:	125.20
Disbursements:	<u>1,165.06</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 22,973.01
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$407,226.07
Receipts:	85,842.10
Disbursements:	<u>3,153.82</u>
Ending Balance:	\$489,914.35
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$616,502.69
Receipts:	47,764.24
Disbursements:	<u>86,599.41</u>
Ending Balance:	\$577,667.33

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 for the month of August: 3 reports of loose/stray dogs, 1 warning given and 1 ticket issued, complaint of possible neglect but didn't see dogs.

Town Clerk Report

Maryalice Brown presented the Town Clerk monthly report for August.

County Representative

Not in attendance.

Code Officer

Dan Wilber could not attend but left a report: 2 new manufactured home permits in process, 2 new septic permits issued, 1 manufactured home permit close to being closed out with a certificate of occupancy.

Highway Report

Mr. Hurlburt reported that the new pickup has been received; roads are being sealed; removed dead tree on the Roland Hill Museum property in village.

Planning Board

No updates.

Phone/FAX/Internet Provider

The board was in receipt of the quote for construction of a line to the highway dept. for internet service and the cost of phone lines for the highway dept. and municipal building.

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A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by David Sheldon, to switch to Spectrum as the sole provider and accept the quote from Spectrum for construction. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Health Insurance

Barbara Stanton met with Kevin Morse concerning the health insurance. The quote for the renewal has gone up, but still less than previous increases. It was suggested that there be a board member to be a liaison to the health insurance to received pertinent information.

Board of Assessment Review

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

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.

Standard Work Day Resolution

The town clerk had a corrected workday resolution. After discussion, the town attorney wants to speak to the Retirement System, as she wants to make certain that appointed officials need to update their work hours if they are not new appointments.

Historian Report

Mary Johnson-Butler gave the board her annual report.

Stuart Anderson

Mr. Anderson addressed the board about electricity that is generated and sold by localities, such as Jamestown, Sherburne and Blenheim-Gilboa. He wanted to know if the town might consider building a small water powered closed loop electrical system. There is grant money available. Discussion followed. Glenn Seroka brought up a wind power project in the town of Guilford. The board was not sure of the feasibility of such a water powered system in the town that would be able to tie in to the Otego electrical substation. No action will be taken at this time.

School Proposal Status

At the August 27 meeting of the Unatego school board it was voted to give the town 11.03 acres along Willow Street. A copy of the map showing the subdivision was reviewed by the board. Beth Westfall, town attorney, will contact the school attorney.

Warrant #9

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Barbara Stanton, 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 budget workshop meeting will be held on Wed., September 26 at 6:00 pm.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryalice Brown
Deputy Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

_____ Councilperson

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_____ Councilperson

_____ Highway Supt.