

TOWN OF OTEGO

February 13, 2019

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 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 Superintendent

Minutes

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the January 9th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

Mr. Hurlburt read the Supervisor's report for the month of January:

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$350,607.53
Receipts:	244,298.66
Disbursements:	<u>22,634.92</u>
Ending Balance:	\$572,271.27
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 21,784.42
Receipts:	55,149.60
Disbursements:	<u>1379.96</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 75,554.06
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$357,051.61
Receipts:	403.16
Disbursements:	<u>57,518.26</u>
Ending Balance:	\$299,936.51
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$580,759.66
Receipts:	13,213.10
Disbursements:	<u>503.00</u>
Ending Balance:	\$593,469.76

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 January: 2 reports of loose/stray dogs; 1 dog lost/ 1 found; 1 ticket issued; 1 bark complaint; and 1 taken to shelter.

Ms. Dwyer looked into the boarding fee agreement with the Delaware Valley Humane Society. The dog owner pays the boarding fee if the dog is redeemed within the 5 day period.

Discussion of the impound fee—currently \$10--followed. Mr. Hurlburt asked to postpone a decision on this until the end of the year for changes to be made in 2020.

Town Clerk Report

Teresa Sears presented the Town Clerk report. She also reported on tax collection in the month of January. The town levy has been met, and 67.53% of the total warrant has been collected.

County Representative

Not in attendance.

Code Officer

Mr. Wilber submitted his annual report to New York State.

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He has contacted the Department of Social Services about a property on County Highway 8. He is supposed to meet with the owners, but they are not answering their phone. He will continue attempts to resolve the situation.

1. John Escobar:

Mr. Escobar has hired an attorney to ask the town to change the zoning on his property from residential to commercial. The attorney has sent a letter to the town requesting this consideration.

Ms. Westfall advised that the letter be submitted to the county, as well as to the town board and planning board. A public hearing will need to be held in April.

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to refer Mr. Escobar's request for rezoning to the planning board. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Highway Report

Wintry conditions continue to keep the highway department busy. Mr. Hurlburt will be meeting with Robert Hendricks, of Energy Solutions, for a quote on LED lighting for the Town Hall. He sees a benefit in energy cost and efficiency since making this change at the highway department.

Planning Board

Mark Dye and Lois Chernin were in attendance. They reported that the planning board is currently processing 2 lot split requests, one for Dr. Barrett and the other for Jordan/Cella, both on County Highway 48. The board continues to work on making the forms more user friendly.

Youth Recreation

Barbara Stanton shared that the Village of Otego is in negotiations with the Unatego School Board and the Town/Village of Unadilla. Unadilla would like to use the Otego pool and rec building this summer for their summer program. Additional staffing will be needed. Concerns about the impact to the facilities and cost were raised. The next meeting will be on Monday, February 18th, at 9:30 am in the Unatego Superintendent's office for anyone interested in attending.

School Land

The subdivision of the Otego Elementary School land was approved by the Village of Otego. Ms. Westfall will send a draft of the deed to the school attorney next week.

Warrant #2

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 Barbara Stanton, to adjourn the meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Sears
Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

_____ Town Clerk

_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.