

TOWN OF OTEGO

DECEMBER 12, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, December 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
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 Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the November 14th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$372,501.98
Receipts:	21,647.11
Disbursements:	<u>19,539.44</u>
Ending Balance:	\$374,609.65

General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 24,544.69
Receipts:	1,065.20
Disbursements:	<u>1,261.48</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 24,348.41

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$481,705.77
Receipts:	7.19
Disbursements:	<u>4,173.41</u>
Ending Balance:	\$452,101.13

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$497,566.37
Receipts:	18,412.44
Disbursements:	<u>4,173.41</u>
Ending Balance:	\$511,805.40

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

The town clerk gave the dog report for Ellen Dwyer: 3 reports of loose/stray dogs, 1 ticket issued and 1 dog taken to the shelter.

Town Clerk Report

Teresa Sears presented the Town Clerk report for the month of November.

County Representative

Not in attendance.

Code Officer

Dan Wilber reported that he is working on a manufactured home permit. He conducted a chimney fire inspection, which now must be certified by a chimney sweep.

Highway Report

Mr. Hurlburt presented the Highway report. He is presently resolving an issue with Airgas. Sheldon Road water situation has been taken care of.

Due to runoff, water has been pooling at the end of driveways on town and county roads leading to icy conditions. Drivers need to exercise caution.

Mr. Hurlburt plans to look into replacing the Chevy 4500 truck next year. It is increasingly difficult to find parts, as the model has been discontinued. This past year, over \$10,000 has been put into the truck which is not cost effective.

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Planning Board

Hours for the Planning Board training last month were approved by the Town Board.

Harris Memorial Library

Two representatives from the library shared with the board the new state requirement making it mandatory to join the Four County Library System by 2021. The initial cost is \$6000, and yearly fees are \$5000. The State is giving \$3000 to cover a portion of this cost. The village and town have agreed to give \$3000 each. Sarah Livingston presented the proposed budget and future budget scenario to the board. She is hoping this will be placed on the Unatego Central School budget referendum in the spring.

The library is holding a Silver Tea fundraiser on December 16th and will be part of the Otego Tree Lighting ceremony on December 22nd.

Doris Wayman

Mrs. Wayman thanked the Highway Department for all the work done this summer/fall. She would like a culvert put in at the end of her driveway next year. She also issued a complaint about the runoff at the end of the driveways on Flax Island Road, particularly Rhett Hill's. She is concerned about potential accidents.

Ms. Westfall recommends a general notification be placed in the newspaper alerting property owners to their responsibility for driveway maintenance. The board asked Mr. Hurlburt to write this notice.

Edson Family Plot

Mr. Hurlburt reported that this property is being turned over to the Town of Otego due to a lack of trust funds. The town will have to assume the seasonal maintenance on this property.

Ms. Westfall will contact Community Bank to find out the details about this. A resolution will have to be passed in order to adopt the property.

Carolee Byrnes asked to view the list of cemeteries currently maintained by the town.

Warrant #12

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 Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to adjourn the meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Sears
Town Clerk

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_____ Highway Supt.