

**TOWN OF OTEGO**

**DECEMBER 13, 2017**

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a public hearing and a regular board meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 3526 State Highway 7, Otego, New York. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing on Local Law #4 of 2017 regarding Administration and Enforcement of the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and the State Energy Conservation Construction , audit the bills and any other business coming before the board.

The following members were present:

Joseph Hurlburt	Town Supervisor
Maryalice Brown	Town Clerk
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
David Sheldon	Councilperson
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Royce Livingston	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supt.

Public Hearing Local Law #4 of 2017

Dan Wilber, Code Officer, informed the Board that there has been a change concerning third party electrical inspections in the code law. After some discussion, he will get the change to the attorney and the Board will get the new law and hold the public hearing in January 2018.

The hearing was closed and regular meeting opened.

Minutes

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to accept the minutes of the November 8 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor’s Report

Mr. Hurlburt read the Supervisor’s report for November:

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$351,873.72
Receipts:	2,544.76
Disbursements:	<u>29,560.38</u>
Ending Balance:	\$324,857.99
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 24,588.98
Receipts:	.18
Disbursements:	<u>2,791.69</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 21,797.47
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$ 388,266.71
Receipts:	53.12
Disbursements:	<u>45,503.25</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 342,816.58
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 464,985.06
Receipts:	6.99
Disbursements:	<u>29,931.57</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 435,060.48

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, 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.

Junk Cars

Harry Thayer addressed the board about town properties with multiple junk cars. There is a neighboring property where the owner has a number of unlicensed vehicles that are being put on the neighbor’s property. Mr. Wilber will check into this property and will see about enforcement under property maintenance.

### County Representative

There will be a meeting held at the Springbrook facility to discuss the pros and cons of a county manager versus a county executive. The county budget has passed with a .07 percent increase.

### Planning Board

Kate Lawrence left a report with the town clerk: a lot split application was reviewed but did not meet our town land use requirements, so the application has been revised and will be reviewed this month

Stuart Anderson and Mark Dye attended a zombie property workshop on December 11. Mr. Anderson gave the town board a summary of topics concerning vacant and abandoned properties including actions that municipalities may consider by using local laws and building codes.

### Code Officer

Dan Wilber gave the board a monthly code report for the year 2017 and plans on issuing the report on a monthly basis going forward.

Mr. Wilber would also like to see about a backup for code data so information may be saved offsite in case of catastrophe.

There was a complaint about buildings on Stoney Brook Rd in August. These buildings are now gone but Mr. Hurlburt reported that a new shed is there, but no permit issued according to Mr. Wilber. Mr. Hurlburt would like to have the road become seasonal since no one is living on the road and it is difficult to turn plow trucks around.

### Highway Report

The County Snow and Ice Agreement that was accepted last month can be voided. There was one adopted in December 2016 for three years that the county did not have on file.

The new pickup truck will be ready next week.

### Repurposing Committee

Buzz Hesse addressed the board. He understands that the municipality does not want the responsibility or liability of maintaining the closed school buildings. He wants to get the Board's feeling about taking over the land for park/sport fields if they can be separated from the buildings. He would consider proposing this to the repurposing committee if the town board might be interested.

Dick Downey invited the town board and all present to the next meeting of the committee on December 14. David Sheldon plans on attending. Monday, Dec. 18 the school board will meet with the attorney present to address the RFP's.

### American Power and Gas

The town board is not interested in changing utilities.

### Local Law #1 of 2018

The town board will hold a public hearing on Local Law #1 of 2018, a local law regarding administration and enforcement of the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building code and the State Energy Conservation Construction code on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

### Cold War Veteran Exemption

The town attorney will look into the existing law to make sure that the exemption does not expire after 10 years.

### Phone System

Since the offices will be reconfigured with the retirement of the town clerk, the clerk has been looking into changing the phone system. Otsego Telephone Systems gave an estimate of \$3357.00 to change the phone system that will update the phones with room for future expansion.

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Maryalice Brown  
Town Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_ Town Supervisor

\_\_\_\_\_ Town Clerk, April 1985 to Dec. 2017

\_\_\_\_\_ Councilperson

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