

**TOWN OF OTEGO**

**FEBRUARY 8, 2017**

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 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
Maryalice Brown	Town Clerk
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
David Sheldon	Councilperson
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Royce Livingston	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supt.

A moment of silence was observed for Marla Calabro who passed away February 3.

Minutes

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the January 11 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$287,123.46	
Receipts:	151,956.10	
Disbursements:	<u>23,843.40</u>	
Ending Balance:	\$415,236.16	
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 18,291.46	
Receipts:	160.15	
Disbursements:	<u>1,468.75</u>	
Ending Balance:	\$ 16,982.86	
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$ 279,022.59	
Receipts:	647.29	
Disbursements:	<u>51,389.42</u>	
Ending Balance:	\$ 228,280.46	
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 420,167.45	
Receipts:	33,382.43	
Disbursements:	<u>13.50</u>	
Ending Balance:	\$ 453,536.38	

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

Crossroads Inn

Brad and Noel Feik, owners of Crossroads Inn, were in attendance. They are contracted with Otsego County Dept. of Social Services to provide affordable housing for the homeless. They now live on site and have part time help. They have onsite programs and provide transportation for appointments. Neighbors are concerned that people who have been in jail and some residents who are sex offenders reside there for a period of time.

Dog Control Officer

Ellen Dwyer gave the dog report: 4 reports of loose/stray dogs, 0 tickets issued, two dogs with no tags were treated at Community Vet for quill removal and then taken to the shelter.

County Representative

Kathy Clark reported that the radio project is ongoing. The state has told the counties that they have to provide indigent legal services which will be a big expense. There is a move to return the responsibility to the state.

## Local Law #1 of 2017

The town attorney and the town board completed an environmental review pursuant to the NYS Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to issue a negative declaration for SEQRA. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

The following resolution was put forward by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Terry Brown:

WHEREAS, a proposed Local Law No. 1 for 2017 entitled "A Local Law for Flood Damage Prevention" was introduced to the Town Board of the town of Otego at a regular meeting on December 14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the proposed Local Law was submitted to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("the DEC") on December 15, 2016 and upon review, the DEC responded that the proposed Local law appeared to meet the federal and state requirements for floodplain management; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 15, 2016, a copy of the proposed Local Law was referred to the Otsego County Planning Department for review and recommendation under section 239 of the General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, by recommendation dated December 19, 2016, the Otsego County Planning Department returned the matter for local action and found no significant county-wide or inter-community impacts; and

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board for a public hearing to be held by the town Board at the Municipal Building, 3526 State Highway 7, Otego, New York at 6 pm on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, to hear all interested parties on the proposed Local Law; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was duly advertised in the Oneonta Daily Star, the official newspaper of the Town, and was posted on the Town Clerk's Sign Board and posted on the town's website, at least ten days prior to the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was duly held at the Municipal building at 6 pm on January 11, 2017, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) the Town Board has determined that the adoption of Local Law No. 1 for 2017 is an unlisted action pursuant to SEQRA and after reviewing the Environmental Assessment Form and upon due deliberation, has determined that the adoption of Local Law No. 1 for 2017 will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and there has issued a negative declaration; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, after due deliberation and review of all of the submissions, finds it in the best interest of the Town to adopt said Local Law No. 1 of 2017,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Otego hereby adopts said Local Law as Local Law Nov. 1 of 2017, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and the Town clerk is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Otego, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local law to the Secretary of State, and to provide a copy of the adopted Local Law and a report of the Board's final action to the Otsego County Planning Department.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

## Code Officer

Mr. Wilber has given a draft local law for the administration and enforcement of the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code to the town attorney. The state has made some changes concerning manufactured homes. This will be reviewed by the town attorney to present to the town board at the March meeting.

Changes to the building code will require review of the current zoning law to comply with the state.

## Planning Board

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to appoint Lois Chernin to the town planning board to fill the unexpired term of Marla Calabro, such term to expire in 2020.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The planning board asked that training provided by Coughlin and Gerhart satisfy the credits they are required to have annually. The board has no problem with this.

## Resolution Regarding Certain Town Roads

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Otego maintains certain Town roads, among others, and desires to confirm the length of such Town roads that are maintained by the town,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Town roads are designated as Town roads and are maintained by the town:

1. Church Hill Road, from County Route 6 to turnaround (.9 miles)
2. Spur Road, formerly known as Hell Hollow Spur Road, from County Route 8 to Hell Hollow Road (.25 miles)

- 3. Hamilton Road, from County Route 6 to dead end (.17 miles)
  - 4. Willow Hill Road, from Willow Street to dead end (.14 miles)
  - 5. Farone Road, from County Rout3e 48 to dead end (.21 miles)
- Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Aged Exemption

The town attorney is formulating a local law to raise the aged exemption for town taxes.

School Closing

Buzz Hesse addressed the town board concerning the plans by Unatego School district to close the elementary school building in the village of Otego. He urges the town board and all residents to be present at the school board meetings to show support for our community school. A local group is advocating for the school and has presented the school board with reasons to keep the building open and possibly close the Unadilla school.

Town Clerk Annual Report

The town clerk presented her annual report to the board.

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 Nay

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Maryalice Brown  
 Town Clerk

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

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