

**TOWN OF OTEGO**

**MAY 10, 2017**

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 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.

Public Hearing

A public was held on Local Law #2 of 2017, a local law providing for partial exemption from taxation of real property owned by persons who are 65 years of age or over.

The town clerk read the legal notice that was published in the Daily Star on May 1, 2017.

There were no opinions expressed for or against the law by those in attendance.

The hearing was closed at 6:05 pm. A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by David Sheldon, to enter into the regular meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Minutes

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the minutes of the April 12 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$468,065.01
Receipts:	5,312.49
Disbursements:	<u>24,376.95</u>
Ending Balance:	\$449,000.55

General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 27,472.52
Receipts:	50.23
Disbursements:	<u>1,152.70</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 26,370.05

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$ 442,970.41
Receipts:	45,405.33
Disbursements:	<u>45,283.49</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 443,092.25

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 662,374.56
Receipts:	9.47
Disbursements:	<u>240.98</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 662,143.05

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: 4 reports of loose/stray dogs, one warning issued, one dog taken to the shelter.

County Representative

Kathy Clark reported on county activities: residents may now pay their taxes in installments to the county for the current year only starting in June; the county has entered into an agreement with Airbnb which collects the bed tax for the county, which has resulted in an increase in the bed tax revenue; the radio used by

emergency crews is still being worked on as service is not good in parts of the county.

#### Code Officer

Mr. Wilber reported that he has completed his annual recertification.

The Crossroads/Feik home has started.

An Order to Remedy has been sent to a residence on County Hwy 8. If not cleaned up an appearance ticket for court will be issued.

#### Building Code Law

The town attorney and code officer had a phone conference about the changes to the building code law. Ms. Westfall plans to have something to present to the board at the next meeting.

#### Planning Board

Lois Chernin reported that the board continues to work on reviewing certain forms.

#### Highway Report

Mr. Hurlburt reported that there has been no word from FEMA concerning the major March snowstorm.

There has been an increase in the Chips allocation which will help with the summer road work.

There was discussion of mattresses being left on the roadsides. There is a fee to take to the transfer station so residents asked if the county might provide some relief.

#### Street Lights

Mr. Hurlburt will speak to the village mayor about the grant for street lights.

#### Village Water Well

The village has just started pumping the proposed new well to see if it might bring the arsenic levels down.

#### Local Law #2 of 2017

A motion was made by David Sheldon, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to adopt Local Law #2 of 2017, a local law providing for partial exemption from taxation of real property owned by persons who are 65 year of age or over. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

#### Charter Franchise

Beth Westfall has been in contact with Alice Kim from Charter. The town would have to pay the cost of any infrastructure (\$12,000) to extend internet service to the highway dept, and internet service would not be provided free of charge. The board could also decide to raise the franchise fee for added revenue, but that fee is then passed on to the Charter customers.

If the board decides to go forward with the renewal, Ms. Westfall will bring a draft agreement to the June board meeting and a public hearing will have to be scheduled.

#### Destruction of Records

The town clerk notified the board that certain fiscal records from 2005-06 will be destroyed, as attached.

#### Ambulance Service

The town received notice from Adirondack-Appalachian Regional Emergency Medical Services Council that the Town of Pittsfield plans on establishing an ambulance service to serve the Town of Pittsfield

#### Warrant #5

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

Many thanks to JR Hurlburt for the repairs to the entrance overhang installing the motion light, and power washing the municipal building.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Maryalice Brown  
Town Clerk

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