

TOWN OF OTEGO

APRIL 8, 2026

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 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:

Barbara Stanton	Deputy Town Supervisor
Terri Horan	Town Clerk
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Jimmy Hamm	Councilperson
Royce Livingston	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supt.

Members of the Food Pantry

Minutes

A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Jimmy Hamm, to accept the minutes of the March 11th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report

Barbara Stanton read the Supervisor's Report for March:

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$891,351.62
Receipts:	9,077.27
Disbursements:	<u>35,847.96</u>
Ending Balance:	\$864,580.93
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 98,358.79
Receipts:	270.12
Disbursements:	<u>41,212.15</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 57,416.76
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$1,024,227.34
Receipts:	1,623.14
Disbursements:	<u>74,794.39</u>
Ending Balance:	\$951,056.09
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$1,310,635.93
Receipts:	15,484.35
Disbursements:	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance:	\$1,326,120.28

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

Dog Control Officer

Mrs. Horan read the dog control report submitted by Amy Cross, Otego DCO. March 5, she received an report of loud barking dog in upstairs apartment on Main Street. Tenant said they were moving and dog was to be taken to new resident today. March 9 report of dogs charging neighbor – visited. Unfounded as dogs are older and on invisible fence. On March 31 she made calls for delinquent dog renewals.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Report

Mrs. Horan presented the Town Clerk report for the month of March and the Annual Town Clerk Report for 2025. Tax collection is at 79.45% for a total of \$1,685,926.01 collected through March. Another \$100,000 was mailed to the county, for a total of \$500,000.00 to date. In addition, nearly 300 second tax collection notices were mailed out.

County Representative

Mr. Brockway reported that there will be a Laurens sponsored Fly-in Breakfast for the Oneonta Airport to give it more exposure.

Planning Board

Planning board members completed required training during their last meeting and that the Zoning Commission is now working with Beth on documents review.

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Highway Report

The highway department is presently working on grooming roads, chipping brush and cleaning up any damage from the harsher winter.

Otego Days/Clean Up Day

Otego Days and the Fire Department Chicken Barbecue will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2026. Clean-up Day will be on Saturday, May 9th from 8 am to 12 pm. White goods and up to 8 tires will be accepted, but no electronics. Proof of residency is required. Notices will be placed in the Daily Star and in the Town Hall.

Town and NYMIR Insurance

The insurance committee met with Mr. VanGorder. Total insurance for this year is \$44,210.82 and includes cyber insurance which will be \$2,355.69. The cyber insurance is a \$36.12 overage of last year's policy. Royce Livingston made a motion, seconded by Terry Brown to approve this slight increase. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Food Pantry

Food pantry representatives brought a compilation of key points/concerns for the town board to consider as to whether the pantry can feasibly afford /use the basement space at the town hall. Beth Westfall, the town attorney stated that while the town can offer space to a private enterprise, by state law they cannot offer any funding towards the project. Board members and JR Hurlburt agreed to help answer several of the areas under discussion and will get back to the food pantry as they are completed.

Warrant #4

A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Jimmy Hamm, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # 74-92 in the amount of \$21,364.05 and Highway Fund vouchers #31-48 in the amount of \$52,855.86. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Terry Brown, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Horan, Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

_____ Town Clerk

_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.