

TOWN OF OTEGO PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 17, 2026

Planning Board Members Present:	Lois Chernin, Mark Dye, Lonnie Ridgway
Planning Board Members Absent:	Kathy Leahy
Planning Board Member Excused:	None
Planning Board Alternate Present:	Joshua Feyerabend - Excused
Planning Board Recording Secretary Present:	Colleen Bushnell
Codes Officer - Dan Wilber:	Excused
Town Board Liaison – Jimmy Hamm:	Absent
Members of the Public:	3

The regular meeting of the Town of Otego Planning Board opened at 7:10 pm.

The minutes from the February 17, 2026 regular meeting were reviewed by members.

Motion made by Lonnie Ridgway, seconded by Mark Dye, to accept the minutes as written. No discussion.
Vote: Yes: 3 No: 0 Motion Carried.

Report: Lois reported on the Town Board meeting:

- The Otego Food Pantry staff attended the Town Board meeting to discuss the use of the Town Hall basement for a food pantry.
- They were made aware that a wall must be erected around their area so the Town's private storage of records is inaccessible.
- They will also need to construct restrooms, parking area, and improve the roadway to the entrance.
- They have not attempted to find funding or done any necessary research.
- Joe Hurlburt will not approve this plan without the approval of the Town of Otego citizens.

- The new town truck is being used and works well.

- The Highway Department is looking at purchasing a new backhoe.

Old Business:

- The Zoning Commission is awaiting a review of the Zoning Laws by the Town lawyer.

- Lois states there is no new information on the Monti project.

New Business:

- Lonnie states he has not received certification for the NYS training he completed.

- The Secretary received information regarding training completed by Kathy Leahy.

Privilege of the Floor: None

Next meeting: April 21, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Motion made by Mark Dye, seconded by Lonnie Ridgway, to adjourn the meeting. No discussion.
Vote: Yes: 3 No: 0 Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. The Planning Board members remained to complete one hour of training on SEQR forms.

Respectfully Submitted:

Colleen Bushnell, Secretary