

TOWN OF OTEGO

APRIL 9, 2025

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 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	Supervisor
Terri Horan	Town Clerk
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Jimmy Hamm	Councilperson
Royce Livingston	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Supt.

Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Royce Livingston, to accept the minutes of the March 12th meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor’s Report

Mr. Hurlburt read the Supervisor’s Report for March:

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$852,837.15
Receipts:	13,027.88
Disbursements:	<u>48,131.31</u>
Ending Balance:	\$817,733.72
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 51,493.36
Receipts:	146.87
Disbursements:	<u>2,148.82</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 49,491.41
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$937,048.91
Receipts:	39,026.52
Disbursements:	<u>33,548.21</u>
Ending Balance:	\$942,527.22
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$1,264,974.63
Receipts:	14,527.30
Disbursements:	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance:	\$1,279,501.93

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

Town of Otego 2024 Budget Transfers

A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Jimmy Hamm to accept the 2024 Budget Transfers as presented by Karen Kropp, town bookkeeper. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Dog Control Officer

Mrs. Horan read the dog control report submitted by Amy Cross, Otego DCO. March 3, she received an email report of dogs running on Main St, unable to locate. March 14 report of dogs running on River St., resident would not open door or respond and no dogs located. March 19 and March 24 neighbor’s dogs were reported on their Burdick Hill property. She ran up both times and dogs were on their own property tied up. On March 28 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 2024. Tax collection is at 77.23% for a total of \$1,550,230.17 collected through March. Another \$50,000 was mailed to the county, for a total of \$440,000.00 to date. In addition, almost 300 second tax collection notices were mailed out.

County Representative

Mr. Brockway reported that the transfer station suffered wind damage in the recent storm and that Unadilla will help pick up the slack until repaired.

Planning Board

Lois noted there is a public hearing upcoming for a special use permit and also that the Planning Board will need a new secretary soon.

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Highway Report

The highway department is presently working on grooming roads, chipping brush and have been filling in the swampy area next to the upper Little League field with soil from the town barn. JR will also get together with Otsego Soil and Water to address the soil erosion caused by the creek behind the lower Little League.

Beth Westfall

The Otsego County Shared Services document is done. Jimmy Hamm made a motion to accept the final draft, seconded by Royce Livingston. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. JR and Supervisor Hurlburt will sign the copy Beth brought and she will submit it back to Rich Brimmer at the county.

Beth also completed the NYSLRS document for Elected and Appointed Officials. Barbara Stanton made a motion to accept this as prepared and it was seconded by Jimmy Hamm. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. The town clerk will sign and post the document on the website and bulletin boards for 30 days as required.

Katharine Davis

Reported that FES fixed/replaced the court cameras that were not working. The cost to do this will be covered by the JCAP grant.

Otego Days/Clean Up Day

Otego Days and the Fire Department Chicken Barbecue will take place on Saturday, May 17, 2025. Clean-up Day will be on Saturday, May 10th 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 \$40,153.69 and included cyber insurance which will be \$2319.38 and has a million-dollar liability clause.

A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Terry Brown, to accept the insurance policy for this year. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. The town clerk will notify Mr. VanGorder of the acceptance of the proposal.

The town would also like Bill VanGorder to investigate the costs of fire insurance for the NYS Archeology Association Museum building on Main Street next to the school.

Warrant #4

A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Terry Brown, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # 61-81 in the amount of \$23,031.54 and Highway Fund vouchers #38-49 in the amount of \$28,824.22. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, 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

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_____Councilperson

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_____Highway Supt.