**TOWN OF OTEGO**

**February 9, 2022**

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a public hearing followed by a regular board meeting on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 3526 State Highway 7, Otego, New York. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing on Local Law #1 of the year 2022, thereby re-establishing the Fourth Tuesday in May as Grievance Day; to vote on Local Law # 1; to audit the bills and any other business coming before the board.

The following members were present:

Joseph Hurlburt Town Supervisor

Terri Horan Town Clerk

Barbara Stanton Councilperson

Jimmy Hamm Councilperson

Terry Brown Councilperson

Royce Livingston Councilperson

JR Hurlburt Highway Superintendent

Public Hearing

Mr. Hurlburt opened the public hearing on Local Law #1 of 2022. The town attorney presented a condensed summary of the proposed law which will re-establish the Fourth Tuesday in May as Grievance Day. No discussion or questions ensued.

The hearing was closed at 6:05 pm and the regular meeting opened.

Minutes

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

Supervisor's Report

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

General Fund townwide beginning balance: $588,175.30

Receipts: 4149.23

Disbursements: 23,130.55

Ending Balance: $569,193.98

General Fund outside village beginning balance: $ 26,693.67

Receipts: 190.22

Disbursements: 1,426.30

Ending Balance: $ 25,457.59

Highway Fund townwide beginning balance: $500,601.16

Receipts: 6,951.45

Disbursements: 124,700.43

Ending Balance: $382,852.18

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance: $759,642.86

Receipts: 28,920.32

Disbursements: 9,016.91

Ending Balance: $779,546.27

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

Dog Control Officer

Ellen Dwyer was not in attendance. Terri Horan read her report of 3 Loose/stray Dogs, 2 dogs unable to verify/unable to catch/no complaint and 1 warning issued.

Town Clerk Report

Terri Horan presented the Town Clerk report for February.

Tax collection is completed for the month of January. The town levy has been met, $300,000 has been sent to the county and 70.86% of the total warrant has been collected despite not having been able to begin until January 19, 2022.

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County Representative

Mr. Brockway reported that Environmental Impact/Archeological Studies will begin in the spring on potential properties located in the I88 corridor of Otego.

Code Officer

Mr. Wilber received an inquiry on the Coca-Cola property, as to whether it could be used as a micro-brewery. He believes it is doable but will wait for more information.

He also processed a request for removable of a residential structure.

Planning Board

Approval was made on a recent lot split.

Highway Report

Mr. Hurlburt was not in attendance, however he requested a motion be made to place the old tractor and a few miscellaneous items on the auction site to auction off as surplus.

A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Jimmy Hamm to auction off the equipment. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Budget Transfers/Amendments

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Barbara Stanton, to accept the budget transfers and amendments as presented. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Town Attorney

Beth Westfall reported that ARPA has relaxed regulations regarding how towns may use the relief funds. She will do further research and report back.

Court Business

Justice Audit was done on February 2, 2022.

A motion was made by Jimmy Hamm, seconded by Royce Livingston, to accept the results of the audit. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Other

Local Law # 2 of 2022, amending the zoning classification of the five parcels from Zone R-7 (Residential /Commercial District to Zone R-4 (Light Industrial Overlay District) has been tabled until Otsego County Planning Board comments, on the recommendation of the Otego Planning Board.

Cyber/NYMIR Insurance coverage. A meeting will be set to discuss this with the Town’s insurance agent.

Board Members would like to receive access to Town of Otego email accounts. The town clerk will contact Mr. Steve Lawton to discuss the status of this request.

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Warrant #2

A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Jimmy Hamm, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers #31-54 in the amount of $36,499.56.

Highway Fund vouchers #15-27 in the amount of $17,230.54.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Barb Stanton, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Horan

Town Clerk

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