

TOWN OF OTEGO

July 9, 2025

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, July 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 cover any other business coming before the board.

The following members were present:

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

Visitors: Allen Ruffles, Kathy Leahy

Minutes

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

Supervisor’s Report

Mr. Hurlburt read the Supervisor’s report for the month of June:

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$741,651.12
Receipts:	27,108.98
Disbursements:	<u>26,701.14</u>
Ending balance:	\$742,058.96
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 47,383.98
Receipts:	1,280.79
Disbursements:	<u>1,115.33</u>
Ending balance:	\$ 47,549.44
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$886,401.63
Receipts:	23,185.79
Disbursements:	<u>3,483.38</u>
Ending balance:	\$906,104.04
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$1,250,181.53
Receipts:	17,167.36
Disbursements:	<u>136,686.81</u>
Ending balance:	\$1,130,662.08

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

Report by Amy Cross- DCO read by Mrs. Horan. June 20 – report of dogs running with videos. Visited resident, has 11 unlicensed dogs. Gave them free rabies clinics information and two weeks to start licensing dogs. Two have been done to date. Also, June 20 – report by resident that neighbor was hitting her dog. Dog was unlicensed, on neighbor’s property and grabbing neighbor’s pant legs. June 26 – Resident checking on parent’s home thought she heard two dogs crying. She left, DCO walked property and could find no dogs. Called delinquent dog owners on June 30.

Town Clerk Report

Mrs. Horan presented the town clerk monthly report for June.

Code Officer

Dan Wilber said that his office is busy with summer inspections. He also relayed some good news on the Health/EMS front. The newly formed Bassett Healthcare and Otsego County Long Term Inter-Facility Transport Partnership received a grant from the state for over 20 million dollars. 4.3 million dollars is to be dedicated to the Otsego County Ambulance Service for operating costs and facilities improvements which will significantly help out with urgent and non-urgent medical transports.

Highway

Mr. Hurlburt noted that the DEC is now questioning if there is cultural or historical significance that the repair of the creek bank at the Otego Little league might damage – he has not received a response on that yet. He has received estimates of the costs of the 229 cu. Feet of riffraff needed to fill in around the stone blocks. He believes with the fiber mesh; it will be around \$11,600. Also, JR advised the town board that the diesel fuel pump is having issues – he will look around and get estimates as this will probably be a bid item.

Planning Board

Lois Chernin reported that planning board activity has been slow recently but they are seeing a few people who are purchasing land with the intent of building cabins/camps for rental. The planning board will have one owner’s request to review at the next planning board meeting.

Old

The request for the new Town of Otego .gov website has been submitted and we are awaiting approval.

New

Allen Ruffles, the Otsego County Treasurer, made a presentation at the board meeting regarding the county treasurer’s office ability to stand in as a tax collector for municipalities that no longer have an individual dedicated to the position or no longer want to have a local office. They are currently performing this responsibility for a few towns who have agreed to contract with the county for this service.

Kathy Davis announced the 2025/2026 JCAP funding has been made available – the board will approve the resolution to make application for the funding at the next meeting.

A resident has expressed a complaint about the amount of through traffic connecting the little league field with the pool/pavilion area. Since this is a safety concern, the metal gates will be closed between the ball field and pool/pavilion area.

Warrant #7

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Jimmy Hamm, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # 128-142 in the amount of \$12,736.19. Highway Fund vouchers # 75-83 in the amount of 15,661.90.

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

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

Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Horan
Town Clerk

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_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.