

TOWN OF OTEGO

January 14, 2026

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 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:

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Royce Livingston, to accept the minutes of the December 10th, 2025 meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Appointments: The following appointments were made for 2026:

Bank: Community Bank
Newspaper: The Daily Star
Historian: Mary Johnson-Butler
Registrar: Terri Horan
Dog Control Officer: Amy Cross
Code Enforcement Officer: Daniel Wilber
Zoning Officer: Daniel Wilber
Flood Plain Administrator: Dan Wilber
Youth Rec Delegates: Barbara Stanton, Royce Livingston
Deputy Supervisor: Barbara Stanton
Highway Committee: Joseph Hurlburt, Terry Brown, Jimmy Hamm
Liaison with Planning Board: Terry Brown
Bookkeeper: Karen Kropp
Health Officer: Dan Wilber
Dep. Highway Supt.: Kevin Stanton
Insurance Committee: Royce Livingston, Barbara Stanton, Terry Brown
Court Clerks: Katharine Davis
Town Attorney: Beth Westfall
Liaison with Town Justices: Jimmy Hamm
Liaison with DCO: Terry Brown, Royce Livingston

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Royce Livingston, to accept the above appointments. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Mileage Rate

Per the IRS rate, town mileage rate increased to 72.5 cents/mile.

Supervisor's Report

Mr. Hurlburt read the Supervisor's report for December 2025:

General Fund town wide beginning balance:	\$708,025.89
Receipts:	27,381.48
Disbursements:	<u>65,674.01</u>
Ending Balance:	\$669,733.36

General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 47,312.61
Receipts:	255.84
Disbursements:	<u>1,249.46</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 46,318.99

Highway Fund town wide beginning balance:	\$807,336.44
Receipts:	2,996.76
Disbursements:	<u>85,714.68</u>
Ending Balance:	\$724,618.52

Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$1,112,087.73
Receipts:	14,926.74
Disbursements:	<u>38,875.45</u>
Ending Balance:	\$1,088,139.02

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

Dog Control Officer

Mrs. Horan read the December 2025 report from Amy Cross, DCO: On 12/6 Mill Creek Resident report of dog trespassing into their yard – visited both residents, dog is fine. Neighbor conflict. 12/13 Main St complaint dog was tied out, visited. Resident was moving in – dog was fine and will be licensed this week. 12/13 Dog running, caught and take to DVHS. Called expired licenses.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Mrs. Horan presented the Town Clerk report for the month of December. Tax collection began on January 6th, tax payments and are coming in steadily.

County Representative Absent

Code Officer

Dan Wilber said he has been doing inspections and there is some construction ongoing.

Highway Report

The OSHA rep sent more paperwork to fill out. JR has been working it with the Unadilla Highway Supervisor. Also, the Highway 284 Expenditure Agreement for 2026 is due. A motion was made by Royce Livingston, seconded by Jimmy Hamm to accept the document as written. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Board members will sign it after the meeting.

Planning Board

Lois Chernin reported that all the planning board members are now in compliance with training hour requirements. She also gave the 2025 Annual Planning Board Report.

New Business:

Dave Clapper and Joe Groves were in attendance to discuss the future of the town’s “Baby” pool which is experiencing significant deterioration. Several suggestions were made and Joe will explore these further and report back to the board and town clerk.

Old Business:

Court Audit: Jimmy Hamm will get with the justices for dates to perform the 2025 Justice Court Audit.

Hurricane Generator: the concrete pad is poured and as soon as they receive the check, they will schedule a date for installation.

Warrant # 1

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Jimmy Hamm, to pay the warrant for the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # 1—33 in the amount of \$ 54,097.00. Highway Fund vouchers # 1—13 in the amount of \$ 21,814.63. 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 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Horan
Town Clerk

_____ Town Supervisor

_____ Town Clerk

_____ Councilperson

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_____ Highway Supt.