

**TOWN OF OTEGO**

**March 11, 2026**

The Town Board of the Town of Otego held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 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	Supervisor
Terri Horan	Town Clerk
Barbara Stanton	Councilperson
Terry Brown	Councilperson
Royce Livingston	Councilperson
Jimmy Hamm	Councilperson
JR Hurlburt	Highway Department Supervisor

Visitors: Members of the local Food Pantry

Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Brown, seconded by Jimmy Hamm, to approve the minutes of the February 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Supervisor's Report - Supervisor Hurlburt read the report for February 2026

General Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$ 632,343.00
Receipts:	296,408.69
Disbursements:	<u>37,400.07</u>
Ending Balance:	\$891,351.62
General Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$ 44,977.98
Receipts:	54,484.00
Disbursements:	<u>1,110.74</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 98,358.79
Highway Fund townwide beginning balance:	\$668,137.78
Receipts:	415,509.09
Disbursements:	<u>59,419.53</u>
Ending balance:	\$1,024,227.34
Highway Fund outside village beginning balance:	\$1,103,520.10
Receipts:	212,920.47
Disbursements:	<u>5,804.64</u>
Ending balance:	\$1,310,635.93

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 dog control report issued by DCO Amy Cross. 2/14 She received a call regarding a neighbor's dog chasing rabbits on her property on Mill Creek. Dog not present when she showed up. 2/27 received complaint on Main Street who said the upstairs dog was barking and scratching. She spoke to the resident. 2/28 called delinquent dog owners for the month.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Report

Mrs. Horan presented the Town Clerk report for February and the status of tax collection to date. By the end of February, 75.18% of the property taxes had been collected, for a total of \$1,593,567.91. A check was issued to the county for \$400,000.

County Representative

Mr. Brockway reported on the progress of the Oneonta Municipal Airport, regarding an additional runway to help expand services.

Code Officer

Mr. Wilber said the decrepit green house at the end of the town's boundaries was purchased

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during the county’s recent auction and has already been torn down. Also he has issued a stop work order for a resident in the town.

Highway Report

JR said the Highway Committee had met and looked at the purchase of an excavator through CHIPS funding. The cost of the excavator is \$205,751.00. Board member Royce Livingston made a motion, seconded by Jimmy Hamm to proceed with the purchase. Motion: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. The old excavator and the snow plow/dump truck that was replaced this fall will both go in the auction. The garage purchased a new computer for the trucks as the old one was getting obsolete. JR also reported a CHIPS increase is planned for the NYS budget and is hopeful it will stay in the budget.

Planning Board

Lois Chernin reported that they are working on doing their training sessions during the meeting since it is slow right now.

Otego Food Pantry

Members of the Otego Food Pantry made a short presentation on their search for a new location and discussed the community’s need for it. The number of residents using the services of the food pantry has increased each month. The Town Board asked that the food pantry come up with a list of specific requirements and their estimated costs to achieve these. Also, any sources of funding they may have access to for the operation or set up. Barbara Stanton will be in touch with the members to help advise them of what their next steps should be.

Warrant #3

A motion was made by Barbara Stanton, seconded by Jimmy Hamm, to pay the warrant in the following amounts: General Fund vouchers # 55-73 in the amount of \$40,325.31.  
Highway Fund vouchers # 23-30 in the amount of \$24,639.87.  
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.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Horan  
Town Clerk

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