

TOWN OF OTEGO PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 17, 2026

Planning Board Members Present:	Lois Chernin, Mark Dye, Kathy Leahy, Lonnie Ridgway
Planning Board Members Absent:	None
Planning Board Member Excused:	None
Planning Board Alternate Present:	Joshua Feyerabend
Planning Board Recording Secretary Present:	Colleen Bushnell
Codes Officer - Dan Wilber:	Present
Town Board Liaison – Jimmy Hamm:	Excused
Members of the Public:	2

The regular meeting of the Town of Otego Planning Board opened at 7:10 pm.

The minutes from the January 20, 2026 regular meeting were reviewed by members.

Motion made by Kathy Leahy, seconded by Lonnie Ridgway, to accept the minutes as written. No discussion.
Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion Carried.

Report: Lois reported on the Town Board meeting:

- The Otego Food Pantry is requesting the use of the Town Hall basement for their organization.
- Several concerns were discussed: the need for an entrance, parking lot concerns, restroom facilities, water and electricity issues. These issues would all need to be addressed.
- The Food Pantry Board examined the basement. They were made aware the organization would be responsible for any renovations necessary. They will seek any funding that might be available.
- Joseph Hurlburt feels the town should vote on this issue should it move forward.

Old Business:

- Lois states there is no new information on the Monti project.
- The new zoning has been delayed as the lawyer involved took a new job. This means further progress will be ongoing with the Town of Otego lawyer.
- When the review is completed by the lawyer and the Chairman of the Zoning Commission it will be presented to the Zoning Commission to review. The Planning Board will then review and discuss. The Town Board will then review and forward to Otsego County for their review. The next step will be public hearings followed by approval by the Town Board.

New Business:

- Lois requested suggestions for topics for training for the Planning Board.
- The Board has access to a computer so training could be at meetings if there is no business to be addressed.
- Suggestions were: Final SEQR training for short forms and long forms.
- Lois will try and set up for the March meeting pending any actions to be addressed.
- Lois will forward Joshua the link as he will be in Virginia on the date of the next meeting.

Privilege of the Floor: None

Next meeting: March 17, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Motion made by Kathy Leahy, seconded by Lonnie Ridgway, to adjourn the meeting. No discussion
Vote: Yes: 5 No: 0 Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Colleen Bushnell, Secretary