

August 10, 2020

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Otisco that was held August 10, 2020 at 7:30 PM at the Otisco Town Hall, 1924 Barker Street, Tully, New York with the following present:

**Present:** Supervisor Glenn Hall  
Councilman H. Stanley Edinger  
Councilman Peter J. Murphy  
Councilman Steven Loetterle  
Councilman Roger Volles

**Others present:** Highway Superintendent, Scott Eipp; Financial Advisor, Thomas Chartrand; Attorney for the Town, Craig J. Billinson; Kate Fitzpatrick, Town Historian; Sheila Coon, Tina & Tim Fredette, Clark Gronsbell, and Georgette T. Waldau, Acting Town Clerk

This meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor Glenn Hall and the pledge to the flag was given.

The minutes of the July 13, 2020 Regular Monthly Meeting were made available via email and discussed.

Motion was made by Councilman Roger Volles and seconded by Councilman Steven Loetterle to accept the July 13, 2020 minutes.

All in favor, the motion carried.

( Hall, Edinger, Murphy, Loetterle, and Volles)

Ayes 5 Noes 0

## HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Scott Eipp requested Clay Road (off Dutch Hill Road) be abandoned. The road is about 2/10 of a mile.

The roads were inventoried, and roads signs were put on a GPS.

Keith Schaal is requesting he get paid for 5 weeks vacation and can his sick time be added to his retirement? Financial Advisor Thomas Chartrand will look into this request.

The paving is done for this year. Superintendent Eipp inquired if it possible to use anyone other than Suitcoat for the Paving Company. The board said we can research, as long as they are on county contract there should be no problem.

The new plow should be here in April, the old plow will go out for auction.

The Salt Shed needs to be stained or painted. Is this something the Town can do or does it need to go out for bid? The walls are pressure treated wood.

Residents on JC Avenue inquired about the creek that crosses Otisco Valley Road that needs be cleaned out. Superintendent Eipp was told that the town has nothing to do with that creek and the residents should contact the County or DEC.

## SUPERVISOR REPORT

The Supervisor's Report was given by Financial Advisors Thomas Chartrand.

Motion was made by Councilman Peter Murphy and seconded by Councilman H. Stanley Edinger to accept the Supervisor's Report.

(All in favor, motion carried)

(Hall, Edinger, Murphy, Loetterle and Volles)

Ayes 5 Noes 0

Motion was made by Councilman Peter Murphy and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles to pay the bills out of the proper funds. General Fund, Abstract #8 \$10,792.81 and Highway, Abstract #8 \$164,293.70.

(All in favor, motion carried)

(Hall, Edinger, Murphy, Loetterle and Volles)

Ayes 5 Noes 0

Thomas Chartrand stated the town received the snow removal check and the refund for the Kamm Road damage.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Tina Fredette addressed the town board regarding an extension of the Water District in Amber from the marina to Mooney Drive. Mrs. Fredette is currently having issues with her well and said there is interest from other residents also.

Attorney Craig Billinson worked on the original Water District and will contact Chris Laughton of Barton & Loguidice, who also worked on the original Water District. Attorney Billinson will report back to the board at the next meeting in September 2020.

### BUDGET FOR 2021

The Annual Budget Requests will be sent out the end of August and are to be returned by September 11, 2020. The Budget workshop will begin immediately following the Regular Monthly Meeting on September 14, 2020.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Board had to discuss certain matters relating to certain personnel matters and these discussions should take place in Executive Session with the board meeting in private since issues, including sensitive policies relating to town personnel matters will be discussed. Disclosure of these discussions at this time could have significant impact on the Town Board's ability to negotiate certain contractual relationships in the best interests of the town and the public.

Request to enter into Executive Session.

Motion was made by Councilman H. Stanley Edinger and seconded by Councilman Peter Murphy to adjourn the Regular Monthly meeting and enter into Executive Session @ 8:25 PM.

(All in favor, motion carried)  
(Hall, Edinger, Murphy, Loetterle and Volles) Ayes 5 Noes .

No action was taken.

Motion was made by Councilman Peter Murphy and seconded by Councilman Steven Loetterle to conclude Executive Session and enter back into the Regular Town Board Meeting at 8:30PM.

### RESOLUTION #38

Motion was made by Councilman H. Stanley Edinger and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles to accept the resignation of Linda Perry Hitchings, Town Clerk, effective August 10, 2020.

(All in favor, motion carried)  
(Hall, Edinger, Murphy, Loetterle and Volles) Ayes 5 Noes 0

RESOLUTION #39

Motion was made by Councilman Roger Volles and seconded by Councilman Steven Loetterle to authorize Supervisor Glen Hall to sign Linda Perry Hitchings retirement letter and authorize Georgette T. Waldau, Acting Town Clerk to also sign Linda Perry Hitchings retirement letter.

(All in favor, motion carried)  
(Hall, Edinger, Murphy, Loetterle and Volles) Ayes 5 Noes 0

RESOLUTION # 40

Motion was made by Councilman Steven Loetterle and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles appointing Georgette T. Waldau as Town Clerk until December 31, 2021 to finish the Linda Perry Hitchings term.

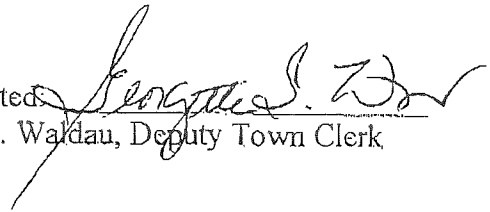
(All in favor, motion carried)  
(Hall, Edinger, Murphy, Loetterle and Volles) Ayes 5 Noes 0

RESOLUTION # 41

Motion was made by Councilman H. Stanley Edinger and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles to appoint Cheryl Brunet as Deputy Town Clerk and to set the hourly rate at \$12.50 per hour.

(All in favor, motion carried)  
(Hall, Edinger, Murphy, Loetterle and Volles) Ayes 5 Noes 0

Motion was made by Councilman H. Stanley Edinger and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles Murphy to adjourn at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,   
Georgette T. Waldau, Deputy Town Clerk