

October 9, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Otisco that was held October 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Otisco Town Hall, 1924 Barker Street, Tully, New York with the following present:

Present: Supervisor Glenn Hall
Councilman Peter J. Murphy
Councilman Roger Volles
Councilman Scott Eipp
Councilman Jesse Spaulding

Others present: Highway Superintendent, Douglas Hoffman; Financial Advisor, Thomas Chartrand; Attorney for the Town, Craig J. Billinson; Tax Collector and Deputy Town Clerk Cheryl Brunet, Town Clerk Georgette T. Waldau, and approximately 50 others.

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Glenn Hall and the pledge to the flag was given.

Supervisor Glenn Hall addressed the public regarding the recent noise complaints and those over the last couple of years. Supervisor Hall explained the timeline of noise complaint issues that have occurred since he has been in office and how the frequency of them has increased over that short period. Supervisor Hall said the town has been reviewing and discussing the enactment of a town noise ordinance. A draft copy of the noise ordinance was brought to the board meeting and it was explained that the town board needed to review and comment prior to scheduling a public hearing. Supervisor Hall provided a high-level summary of sound level weightings that would be included in the noise ordinance as well as presented a calibrated sound level meter that the town recently purchased. In addition to the noise ordinance, Supervisor Hall said that the town will be reviewing current local laws to update them as well as consider enactment additional ones 2024. It was explained that the final draft of the noise ordinance would be provided to the public for inspection prior to the public hearing. Comments and questions were taken from the audience of approximately 50 people.

Supervisor Hall addressed the large-scale wind farm project that is planned to exceed 100MW in its current proposed form. Supervisor Hall provided a map of proposed sites that are being considered and where leases are being pursued. This map is currently on display at the town hall and is available for public viewing. Supervisor Hall explained that the project is in its early stages and that 2 test sites are being considered to do a 1-year wind analysis. Supervisor Hall also went on to explain that the town receives frequent interest in both wind and solar projects. Generally, these inquiries don't extend beyond initial contact as early on it deemed these projects cannot be supported by the current electrical grid and/or the logistics of the project make it cost prohibitive. Questions from the audience were taken with some requiring further investigation which will be addressed at the subsequent board meeting.

Motion was made by Councilman Peter Murphy and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles to accept the September 2023 minutes.

All in favor, motion carried.
(Hall, Murphy, Volles, Eipp and Spaulding) Ayes 5 Noes 0

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Douglas Hoffman gave the following report:
Currently working on the snowplows
Filled the vacant position.
Salt Shed will be painted in the spring.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

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

Motion was made by Councilman Peter Murphy and seconded by Councilman Jesse Spaulding to accept the Supervisor's Report.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and seconded by Councilman and seconded by Councilman Peter Murphy to pay the bills out of the proper funds. General Fund, Abstract #10 \$11,946.00 and Highway Fund #10 \$25,419.93.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Peter Murphy and seconded by Councilman Jesse Spaulding to approve the Bank Reconciliation Statement presented to the Town board by Financial Advisor Thomas Chartrand.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Scott Eipp and seconded by Councilman Jesse Spaulding to approve the following Transfer of Appropriations:

GENERAL FUND:

To: A1330.4	Tax Collector	Contractual	\$400.00
A1910.4	Unallocated Insurance	Contractual	\$200.00
A4289.4	Drug Testing	Contractual	\$400.00
		Total	\$1000.00
From: A1990.4	Contingent	Contractual	\$1000.00
		Total	\$1000.00

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Board must 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.

Request to enter Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilman Peter Murphy and seconded by Councilman Jesse Spaulding Volles at 9:30 PM to enter Executive Session.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Roger Volles and seconded by Councilman Peter Murphy at 10:45 PM to conclude Executive Session and enter back into the Regular Town Board Meeting.

Motion was made by Councilman Peter Murphy and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles to adjourn at 10:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Georgette T. Waldau, Town Clerk

