

February 12, 2024

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Otisco held February 12, 2024  
At 7:00 PM at the Otisco Town Hall, 1923 Barker Street, Tully, New York with the following present:

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Glenn Hall  
Councilman Scott Eipp  
Councilman Jesse Spaulding  
Councilman Roger Volles

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Cheryl Brunet, Tax Collector, Highway Superintendent, Douglas Hoffman; Annette Jones, Deputy Clerk, Financial Advisor, Thomas Chartrand; Georgette T. Waldau, Town Clerk; Craig Billinson, Attorney for the Town and 26 others.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion to open the Public Hearing to repeal Local Law #1 of 1966 providing for a partial tax exemption of Real Property Tax by certain persons with limited income over 65 years of age. Motion was made by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles at 7:05 PM.

All in favor, motion carried.  
(Hall, Volles, Eipp, Spaulding)                      Ayes 4                      Noes 0

The Public was allowed to speak and ask questions.

Motion was made by Councilman Scott Eipp and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles to close the Public Hearing at 7:10 PM.

All in favor, motion carried.  
(Hall, Volles, Eipp, Spaulding)                      Ayes 4                      Noes 0

**RESOLUTION # 25 2024**

Motion was made by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Scott Eipp to repeal Local Law #1 of 1966.

All in favor, motion carried  
(Hall, Volles, Eipp, Spaulding )                      Ayes 4                      Noes 0



## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion was made by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Scott Eipp at 7:45 PM to open the Public Hearing to amend Local Law #1 of 2023 titled Noise Control Law.

All in favor, motion carried.  
(Hall, Volles, Eipp, Spaulding) Ayes 4 Noes 0

Several questions arose about the Local Law #1 of 2023 Noise Control Law at the last Public Hearing .

ie: Farming and agriculture exceptions  
Vehicle and Traffic: Use the V&T Law #386.  
Who to call with a complaint: Call 911 to initiate the complaint.

The Public was allowed to speak and ask questions.

Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Roger Volles and seconded by Councilman Jesse Spaulding at 7:50 PM.

## **RESOLUTION # 27 2024**

Motion was made by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles to accept the changes to Local Law #1 of 2023 and to enact the Amended Noise Control Law #4 of 2024.

All I favor, motion carried  
(Hall, Volles, Eipp, Spaulding) Ayes 4 Noes 0

The minutes of the January 08, 2024, Organizational Meeting and Regular Monthly Meeting were made available via email.

Motion was made by Councilman Scott Eipp and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles to approve the minutes.

All in favor, motion carried  
(Hall, Volles, Eipp, Spaulding ) Ayes 4 Noes 0

## **HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Douglas Hoffman gave the following report:

The water line broke in the Historian's Office. (water was turned off)  
Taking care of some trees  
Trucks are back.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Motion was made by Councilman Roger Volles and seconded by Councilman Jesse Spaulding to accept the December 2023 Supervisors Report.

All in favor, motion carried  
(Hall, Volles, Eipp, Spaulding)                      Ayes 4              Noes 0

Motion was made by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Scott Eipp to accept the Supervisors Report for the January 2024 and approve the following transfer of appropriations.

HIGHWAY FUND

From: DA599	Surplus	2024 unspent	\$1,384,000.00
		TOTAL	\$1,384,000.00
To: DA5110.4	General Repairs	Contractual	\$ 524,000.00
DA5130.	Machinery	Equipment	860,000.00
		TOTAL	\$1,384,000.00

Motion was made by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles to approve the Bank Reconciliation presented to the Town Board from Financial Advisor Thomas Chartrand.

All in favor, motion carried  
(Hall, Eipp, Volles, Spaulding )                      Ayes 4              Noes 0

The General and Highway bills were audited. Motion was made by Councilman Scott Eipp and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles to pay the bills out of the proper funds. They are General Fund Abstract #2 for \$ 625,411.5 and Highway Fund Abstract #2 32,382.37.

All in favor, motion carried  
(Hall, Eipp, Volles, and Spaulding)                      Ayes 4              Noes 0

Motion was made by Councilman Roger Volles and seconded by Scott Eipp authorizing Supervisor Glenn Hall to purchase a CD for \$700,000.00 at 4.5 %.

All in favor, motion carried  
(Hall, Eipp, Volles, and Spaulding)                      Ayes 4                      Noes 0

**RESOLUTION # 28 2024**

Motion was made by Councilman Jesse Spaulding seconded by Councilman Scout Eipp to appoint Tyler Knapp as Town Councilman to fill the vacancy left by Peter Murphy's resignation.

All in favor, motion carried  
(Hall, Eipp, Volles, and Spaulding)                      Ayes 4                      Noes 0

**RESOLUTION # 29 2024**

Motion was made by Councilman Roger Volles and seconded by Councilman Scott Eipp appointing Councilman Jesse Spaulding as Deputy Town Supervisor.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Roger Volles and seconded by Councilman Scott Eipp authorizing Councilman Jesse Spaulding's signature on the NYCLASS Investment Accounts.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Scott Eipp and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles authorizing Councilman Jesse Spaulding to sign on the updated checking and savings accounts.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Roger Volles and seconded by Councilman Jesse Spaulding authorizing Georgette T. Waldau, Cheryl Brunet and Terrance Fischer to sign Corporate Authorization Resolution.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles to hold a Public Hearing on the March 11, 2024 Town Board Meeting at 7:00 PM on the Solar Energy Systems Local Law #1 of 2023 that was lost by the state.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Roger Volles and seconded by Councilman Jesse Spaulding to hold a Public Hearing on the March 11, 2024 Town Board Meeting at 7:00 PM for Mass Gathering Law.

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

**FROM THE SUPERVISOR**

Supervisor Hall provided details on the contractual terms with the Onondaga county Sheriffs dept regarding the enhanced detail that the town will be utilizing in 2024.

Supervisor Hall has been in contact with representatives from Palmer Capital on the proposed Wind Turbine project and asked them to attend the March 2024 board meeting to answer questions from the town residents.

**RESOLUTION #24 2024**

Motion was made Councilman Roger Volles and seconded by Councilman Jesse Spaulding to oppose the granting of IDA benefits and PILOT agreements for any project that is residential in significant part. The Town Board does not believe residential developments create long term jobs or economic benefits to municipalities, such as the Town of Otisco. The Town Board also opposed granting PILOT agreements to property owners or developers of renewable energy projects since the federal government and the State of New York already provide incentive and subsidies for these types of projects. The Town Board also opposed the OCIGA granting PILOT agreements to property owners of developer who seek to develop land within the Town of Otisco for purpose of conducting activities that would have a high potential for degradation of the Towns rural and agricultural character or the Town's natural resources.

The Town Board also requests the time for extension of benefits and PILOT agreements to qualified commercial and industrial projects not exceed 10 years in length. The Town Board should be given adequate time to consider the financial impacts of the prosed PILOTS and other issues specifically related to the Town of Otisco and to communicate any concerns to IDA before the IDA adopts any proposed revisions to OCIDA's Uniform tax Exemption Policy

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

Motion was made by Councilman Roger Volles and seconded by Councilman Scott Eipp to enter Executive Session at 9:15 PM to discuss the new Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and Teamster's Union .

All in favor, motion carried.  
(Hall, Eipp, Volles, Spauling, Knapp)      Ayes 5      Noes 0

Motion was made by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles to exit Executive Session at 9:40 PM.

All in favor, motion carried.  
(Hall, Eipp, Volles, Spauling, Knapp)      Ayes 5      Noes 0

Motion was made by Councilman Roger Volles and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles to adjourn at 9:50 PM.

All in favor, motion carried.  
(Hall, Eipp, Volles, Spauling, Knapp)      Ayes 5      Noes 0

Respectfully submitted \_\_\_\_\_  
Georgette T. Waldau, Town Clerk