

**May 13, 2024**

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Otisco that was held May 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Otisco Town Hall, 1924 Barker Street, Tully, New York with the following present:

**Present:** Supervisor Glenn Hall  
Councilman Jesse Spaulding  
Councilman Tyler Knapp  
Councilman Douglas LaFrance  
Councilman Roger Volles

**Others present:** Highway Superintendent, Douglas Hoffman; Financial Advisor, Thomas Chartrand; Attorney for the Town, Craig J. Billinson; Cheryl Brunet, Deputy Town Clerk and approximately 16 others.

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

**INITIAL REMARKS BY SUPERVISOR HALL:**

No public meetings till at least June  
New chairs were purchased to handle larger meetings.  
Website updates continuing  
Upcoming grievance date May 28, 2024  
Georgette Waldau retirement, Cheryl Brunet appointed Deputy Town Clerk  
Wonderland lawsuit, Court date is June 5, 2024  
The noise ordinance is in effect.

Supervisor Hall opened up the floor for comments/questions. The discussions touched on:

- Mass gathering permit requirements and timing re: Wonderland Forest
- Speed limit change and signage on Barker St
- Palmer Capital March 12, 2024 map v map posted to Otisco Wind Watch facebook page
- Discussion regarding turbine transmission lines
- Residents contacted have not been receptive
- Palmer Capital is not a utility, can not invoke eminent domain
- Town funds can not legally be used to distribute flyers not prepared by the Town
- Property values
- Test tower results
- Reiteration of Town's position against large scale wind turbines
- Mass gathering permit/certified mail notification to all local businesses
- Questions for "independent documentarians" filming the board meeting

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion was made** by Councilman Volles and seconded by Councilman Spaulding to approve the April 8, 2024 Minutes.

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

## HIGHWAY REPORT

The Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Monies (Article 284) was presented by Doug Hoffman and signed by all Board members.

**Motion was made** by Councilman Roger Volles and seconded by Councilman Jesse Spaulding to enact the 284 agreement which is an agreement between the Highway Superintendent and the Town Board to spend the repairs money and the Chips money.

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

Discussion was had regarding Tully Highway Dept using Otisco highway to use our Otisco fueling site to fuel their vehicles while replacing their fueling system in late July, early August. The duration would be for 4-6 weeks.. The fuel draw could be regulated.

The Tully attorney should draw up the intermunicipal agreement.

**Motion was made** by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Tyler Knapp to contract with Triple Cities Tech to install expanded internet access in the old highway shop for the price of \$1960.

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

Discussion regarding

- Got the truck back from Pirro Ford with transmission repairs.
- The possible purchase of a new F550 truck to replace the old F350 truck before winter.
- Sale of old obsolete snowblower attachment. More discussion in the fall.
- Truck/pickup/plow/dump truck inventory/usage/replacement
- Signage at the walking trail
- \$2,000 allocated to purchase plants for the walking trail, funds need to be spent before end of year.
- Use of CHIPS money to pave Woodmancy Rd

**SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Motion was made by Councilman Roger Volles and seconded by Councilman Jesse Spaulding to accept the April 30, 2024 Supervisors Report and approve the following transfer of appropriations.

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

**GENERAL FUND**

From: A3620.1	Safety Inspections	Personal Services	\$2,200.00
To: A1410.4	Town Clerk	Personal Services	\$ 200.00
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**HIGHWAY FUND**

From: DA510	Estimated Revenues	PAVENY, EWR, POP	\$70,950.00
To: DA5112.3	Improvement	Capital Outlay	\$70,950.00

Discussed use of contingency or ARPA funds to cover additional attorneys fees. There is no reimbursement for legal fees with the current lawsuit.

**Motion was made** by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Roger Volles to accept the transfer sheet to cover the estimated salary (\$2,000) for the second deputy for the current year and estimated income from the Pave NY fund added to the chips budget.

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

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

The General and Highway bills were audited.

**Motion was made** by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Tyler Knapp to pay the bills out of the proper funds. They are General Fund Abstract for \$21,760.70 and Highway Fund Abstract \$55,184.13.

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

From Supervisor Glenn Hall

The County signed the enhanced patrol contract that we requested with the Sheriff's Department on Tuesday (5/7). Two cars were requested for Friday May 17. Sound testing will also be performed that day. There will also be a Trooper present.

Update on various issues from Robert Hayes, Code Enforcement.

Supervisor Hall announced that the Town Board has to discuss certain matters pertaining to the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation and these discussions should take place in Executive Session with the Board meeting in private since sensitive issues relating to these matters will be discussed. Disclosure of these discussions at this time could have a significant impact on the Town Board's ability to address such matters in the best interests of the Town and the public.

**Motion was made** by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Tyler Knapp to enter Executive Session.

**Executive Session Started @ 9:15 and ended at 9:45**

**Motion was made** by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Tyler Knapp to accept the appointment of Cheryl Brunet as Deputy Town Clerk by Georgette Waldau dated April 24, 2024.

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

**Motion was made** by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Tyler Knapp to accept the resignation of Georgette Waldau effective April 30, 2024.

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

**Motion was made** by Councilman Jesse Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Tyler Knapp to set the annual salary for the (first) Deputy Town Clerk at \$17,000 effective May 1, 2024

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

**Motion was made** by Councilman Roger Volles and seconded by Councilman Jesse Spaulding to adjourn at 9:47 PM.

All in favor, motion carried

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

Respectfully submitted: Cheryl Brunet, Deputy Town Clerk

