

**June 10, 2024**

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Otisco that was held June 10, 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 Doug LaFrance  
Councilman Roger Volles  
Councilman Tyler Knapp

**Others present:** Highway Superintendent, Douglas Hoffman; Deputy Town Clerk, Cheryl Brunet, Financial Advisor, Thomas Chartrand; Attorney for the Town, Craig J. Billinson, and approximately 19 others in the audience.

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

INITIAL REMARKS FROM SUPERVISOR HALL

Regarding Wonderland Forest: The court case is still in process. The attorneys have met twice and the Judge has moved the court date to July 11. Possibly no news at the next board meeting as it is on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Pete Sheedy asked for an update on the town website on how the Wonderland Court case goes on July 11. Craig noted that we may not have a decision immediately after the court date. Supervisor Hall said he would update via Supervisors Notes on the web page when a decision is reached.

Regarding the Racetrack: They seem to be taking steps to mitigate sound levels. Per their website: Mufflers & Decibel Limit (70db @ 250'). Tech Test – 92db – 3500rpm @ 20'.

Police Patrol: We are utilizing the police patrol and they have been shown the potential problem areas around town. Not always predictable when they will be available.

Cell Tower Update: There seems to be progress. Construction is anticipated to begin this summer. All government permitting is complete.

Windmills: Supervisor Hall noted that NYS Assemblyman John Lamondes had reached out to him, Lafayette Supervisor Bill McConnell, and Tully Supervisor John Masters to meet with him and Palmer Capital on Friday June 14. County Legislator Rich McCarron also noted that a group of well-organized residents as well as himself and County Legislator Dave Knapp, are meeting with NYS Senator Rachel May on Tuesday June 11 to discuss their concerns and opposition to the Turbines.

Palmer Capital is available to come to the Otisco Town Board meetings, Supervisor Hall suggested we invite them back in the fall.

We are not creating any new local laws creating restrictions on windmill development. ORES can override any local restrictions.

Other: Cynthia Myrdek noted that the weeds/cuttings from Otisco Lake are becoming a problem. Supervisor Hall will reach out to someone from OCWA.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilman Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Volles to approve the May 13, 2024 Monthly Meeting Minutes.

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

### HIGHWAY REPORT

Highway Superintendent Douglas Hoffman gave the following report:

- Shrubs have been planted along the back of the town park walking path
- Bert Edinger is donating a bench for the walking trail in memory of Darlene Edinger.
- Fuel system repairs, the town will cover the repairs, require nothing from the fire department.
- Repairs and paving on Woodmancy will begin sometime towards the end of June, around the same time as the county works on Otisco Road. When we have a tentative date, it will be posted on the website.
- Truck replacement discussion is deferred to next month
- Jesse Spaulding is working on the no parking signs permit for the Amber fire house.

### SUPERVISORS REPORT

The Supervisor's Report was given by Financial Advisor Thomas Chartrand. He noted that the Comptroller would like us to report our NYCLASS Funds as Investments in Securities. The changes have been made.

Motion was made by Councilman Volles and seconded by Councilman Spaulding to accept the Supervisors Report.

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

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

GENERAL FUND

From: A1990.4	Contingent	Contractual	\$15,160.00
		TOTAL	\$15,160.00
To: A1421.4	Legal (Article78)	Contractual	\$10,000.00
A3620.4	Safety Inspections	Contractual	5,000.00
A9010.8	Employee Benefits	State Retirement	160.00
		TOTAL	\$15,160.00

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

Motion was made by Councilman Volles and seconded Councilman Knapp to accept the Bank Reconciliation Statement presented to the Town Board by Financial Advisor, Thomas Chartrand.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Spaulding and seconded by Councilman LaFrance to pay the bills out of the proper funds. General Fund, Abstract #6 \$28,632.57 and Highway, Abstract #6 \$20,113.16.

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

BUSINESS DISCUSSION

Supervisor Hall has been in discussion with Kurtis Florence of TripleCities regarding the online course for cyber security awareness training that needs to be completed. Updating laptops was also discussed.

Attorney Craig Billinson has been working on the intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Tully, and their attorney Robert DeMore regarding their use of the Town of Otisco fueling facility. Tully's draft was received, and Attorney Craig Billinson noted his concerns, particularly his concerns that the Town of Tully carry adequate insurance to cover the potentially

sensitive situation giving access to the fuel by a third party. Attorney Craig Billinson forwarded the requirements and expected the Tully Town Board would approve the revised agreement on Wednesday, June 12, 2024.

Otisco Financial Advisor Thomas Chartrand noted that the Village of Tully and Tully Fire Department were also interested in participating in an intermunicipal agreement.

No fixed date has been set to begin the fuel repairs but August and September is the latest plan.

The Town of Tully will be billed monthly.

Motion was made by Councilman Volles and seconded Councilman Knapp to authorize Supervisor Hall to enter into a temporary Intermunicipal Agreement allowing the Town of Tully to access the Town of Otisco fueling facilities.

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

Attorney for the Town, Craig Billinson presented the options to combine the elected office of Town Clerk and the elected office of Tax Collector in a town of the second class (less than 10,000 residents).

Option 1 – the town board by resolution can abolish the position of Tax Collector. With this approach the position is not abolished until the expiration of the term which is December 31, 2025. Needed to be at least 150 days before the November Election

Option 2 – adopt a town local law immediately abolishing the Tax Collector position. This is subject to a mandatory referendum. The vote can take place at the next election or there can be a special election sooner than November. The date needs to be established within 60 days of the local law. The Board needs to have a public hearing and publish notice like any other local law.

Would not go into effect until voted in the affirmative then would be filed with the NYS Secretary of State. Need to decide whether to conduct a local vote or put it on the ballot. Michelle Edinger should be consulted.

Motion was made by Councilman Spaulding and seconded Councilman Volles to schedule a public hearing on the enactment of a Town of Otisco Local Law abolishing the elected position of Tax Collector and combining the Tax Collector's duties with the duties of the Town Clerk.

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

A question was raised on the ditches on Otisco Rd. The concern was the water running down Otisco Rd onto NT Ave. Councilman Spaulding addressed the question and responded in his capacity as the Onondaga County Highway Maintenance Supervisor. The wheel ruts cause some of the problems and will be remedied by paving this year. Eventually the wheel ruts will return. Ditches will be cleaned, but not made deeper.

Motion was made by Councilman Volles and seconded by Councilman Knapp to adjourn at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl Brunet, Deputy Town Clerk

