

Otisco Town Board Meeting

Monday August 12, 2024, 7:00pm

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Otisco that was held August 12, 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 10 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.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Supervisor Hall began by stating that he has been meeting with the supervisors of the Towns of Lafayette and Tully regarding the large-scale wind turbine project and will continue to do so.
- The permit for the cell tower was approved. Construction work expected to start in either August or September. National Grid planning needs to complete a site survey.
- Wonderland lawsuits are not resolved. Decibel limits were discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilman Volles and seconded by Councilman Spaulding to approve the July 8, 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:

- The portable speed limit sign was hit by a car. The driver was identified, and insurance has reimbursed.
- ½ mile of Fish Gulf Road has been paved. Olin Stratton commended the highway department for the fine paving job.

- The VIN has been issued on the new plow truck. The chassis will be completed first then the plow parts will be added.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Motion was made by Councilman Spaulding and seconded Councilman LaFrance to allow Supervisor Hall to sign the Intermunicipal Agreements to allow the Town of Tully and the Village of Tully to use Otisco’s fueling island during their renovation.

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

The Supervisor’s Report was given by Financial Advisor Thomas Chartrand. General Fund spending is at 57%and revenues are at 92%.

Highway fund spending is at 51% and revenues are at 92%.

Motion was made by Councilman Knapp 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 Volles to approve the following Transfer of Appropriations:

GENERAL FUND

From: A1990.4	Contingent	Contractual	\$ 10,000.00
To: A1421.4	Attorney (Article 78)	Contractual	\$ 2,000.00
A3620.4	Safety Inspections	Contractual	\$ 6,000.00
A7110.2	Parks	Capital Outlay	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
		TOTAL	\$ 10,000.00

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

Motion was made by Councilman Knapp and seconded Councilman Spaulding 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 LaFrance and seconded by Councilman Knapp to pay the bills out of the proper funds. General Fund, Abstract # 8 \$11,109.26 and Highway Abstract #8 \$46,883.39.

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

Financial Advisor Chartrand stated that the budget worksheets will be sent out around the end of August for the September budget meeting. We will be having the budget workshop on September 9 following the regular September meeting.

BUSINESS DISCUSSION

- Reminder: Referendum August 27 6am to 9pm to abolish the Tax Collector position and merge the duties with the Town Clerk.
- Town hall entrance. Councilman LaFrance suggested the front porch/ramp project might be something the Tully High School shop class may be interested in building. He will continue to explore this possibility. Supervisor Hall will inquire about the insurance required.
- Carrie Fassler Curtis asked about the possibility of “Blind Driveway” signage on Route 80 at the crest of the hill south of Beak and Skiff. Being a state road, the town has little control per Councilman Spaulding.
- Councilman Spaulding also received the petitions signed over the last several years regarding the speed limit on Otisco Valley Rd by the campgrounds. He also had formal requests for speed limit signs on Barker Street between Otisco Rd and Cook Rd and for Cook Rd between Rt 80 and Case Hill.
- Federal grant money \$ 259,383.83 , balance \$ 69,728.83.

Motion was made by Councilman Knapp and seconded Councilman Spaulding to enter executive session at 7:50 pm

Motion was made by Councilman LaFrance and seconded Councilman Spaulding to exit executive session at 9:05 pm

Motion was made by Councilman Volles and seconded by Councilman Knapp to adjourn at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Brunet
Deputy Town Clerk