

Otisco Town Board Meeting

Monday October 14, 2024, 7:00pm

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Otisco that was held October 14, 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 Roger Volles
Councilman Tyler Knapp
Councilman Jesse Spaulding
Councilman Doug LaFrance

Others present: Highway Superintendent, Douglas Hoffman, Financial Advisor, Thomas Chartrand; Cheryl Brunet, Deputy Town Clerk, and Mandie Young, 2nd Deputy Town Clerk.

Also present were 11 town residents.

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

Supervisor Hall gave an overview of the agenda.

The minutes of the September 9, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting were made available via email and discussed.

Motion was made by Councilman Volles and seconded by Councilman Spaulding to accept the September 09, 2024 minutes.

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

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Douglas Hoffman reported:

- Mobil speed sign is back in business
- Maple trees were purchased and have been planted
- Basketball hoop installations are complete
- Getting plow trucks ready for winter
- Deputy Superintendent position has been changed from Scott Edinger to Shawn
- Discussed the waiver for 2025 and 2026 for new EV truck regulations
- Triple Cities will install a new WIFI unit to replace the 2 separate networks when they replace the Highway PC
- Superintendent Hoffman would like to have an EMT or paramedic give some instructions on use of the defibrillator and a CPR course.

Motion was made by Councilman Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Volles to accept the resignation of Scott Edinger from the Deputy Superintendent position.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Volles to accept the appointment of Shawn Evans to the Deputy Superintendent position.

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

SUPERVISOR REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

Motion was made by Councilman Volles and seconded by Councilman Knapp to pay the bills out of the proper funds. General Fund, Abstract #10 \$16,393.23 and Highway, Abstract #10 \$52,846.71.

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

BUSINESS DISCUSSION

Wind Turbine Update

Supervisor Hall reported that Palmer Capital asked to come to the February 2025 board meeting to discuss progress on the Maple Harvest Wind Farm Project.

Sheriff's Department

Requested details are reliant upon deputies signing up for them. Our requests have been filled less than half the time. Feedback was positive on those we did have. Our budget for the year was \$10,000, we have used \$3,100. Probably will not request any more details this year.

Supervisor Hall has been speaking with the Chief of Police and the Sherriff regarding what they will and will not enforce regarding the local noise ordinance.

Attorney Billinson researched the enforcement provisions in the noise ordinance. In addition to the police, the town Code Enforcement Officer and the Animal Control Officer, the Town Board can also designate any person or official to be an investigating officer to take decibel readings and file complaints and issue appearance tickets.

Attorney Billinson and the board discussed a possible deputy to the Code Enforcement Officer charged with enforcing certain ordinances. The position would require code enforcement credentials. Future enforcement will likely be inhouse.

Local Law Amendments

Local Law #8 **ANTI-DUMPING AND ANTI-LITTERING LAW**
A LOCAL LAW TO REPEAL THE TOWN OF OTISCO ANTI-DUMPING AND ANTI-LITTERING ORDINANCE OF 2003 AND ENACT A NEW LOCAL LAW PERTAINING TO ANTI-DUMPING AND ANTI-LITTERING IN THE TOWN OF OTISCO was discussed. Attorney Billinson added a provision that current property owners in the town have to comply with provisions of the New York State property maintenance code. Also included in the amendment is a stipulation regarding third party activity on a local property.

Attorney Billinson is still working on a local law amending/ updating the current law regarding Adult Use.

The Board is anticipating a public hearing on both local laws in December.

Cell Tower

Construction should start by the end of October. The building permit extension was filed this month. Verizon has signed on and ATT appears interested in signing on.

Town Hall Entrance

Councilman LaFrance has submitted 3 quotes and they were discussed.

Motion was made by Councilman LaFrance and seconded by Councilman Knapp to accept the quote from Dan Bennett Construction @ \$11,200 contingent upon a statement that only owners or partners in the company will be working on the project, satisfying the prevailing wage stipulations and/or providing the supplemental US Dept of Labor Certified Payroll Worksheet for contractors and subcontractors.

(All in favor, motion carried)

(Hall, Knapp, Volles, LaFrance, and Spaulding)

Ayes 5 Noes 0

Motion was made by Councilman LaFrance and seconded by Councilman Volles to waive the building permit fees.

(All in favor, motion carried)

(Hall, Knapp, Volles, LaFrance, and Spaulding)

Ayes 5 Noes 0

Town Hall Carpet Replacement

Deputy Town Clerk Brunet has submitted 2 quotes and they were discussed.

Motion was made by Councilman LaFrance and seconded by Councilman Volles to accept the quote from Carpet House contingent on statements satisfying the prevailing wage stipulations and/or providing the supplemental US Dept of Labor Certified Payroll Worksheet for contractors and subcontractors.

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

Verizon Internet/Fios

Attorney Billinson will check if franchise fees will be associated with Verizon. Attorney Billinson also had questions about the poles Verizon has been installing next to the electric/telephone poles.

Resident Bob Burns notified the Board that the street sign on Bailey Rd and Route 80 was down. He also inquired into the Bailey Rd property that has several code and health dept violations. Deputy Town Clerk Brunet responded that I am working with the Code Enforcement Officer on addressing this issue. I have also written to the Board of Health on the matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Board entered into Executive Session after the public exited the Town Hall @ 8:00 pm

Supervisor Hall requested a motion to enter into Executive Session.

Motion was made by Councilman Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Volles to enter Executive Session.

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

Supervisor Hall announced to those present that the Town Board has to discuss certain matters relating to proposed, pending or current litigation involving the Town and these discussions should take place in Executive Session with the Board meeting in private since disclosure of these discussions at this time could have a significant impact on the Town Board's ability to properly defend such lawsuit in the best interests of the Town and the public.

Motion was made by Councilman Volles and seconded by Councilman Knapp at 8:30 pm to conclude Executive Session and enter back into the Regular Town Board Meeting.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Knapp and seconded by Councilman Volles to
Adjourn @ 8:30 pm

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

Respectfully submitted: _____
Cheryl Brunet, Deputy Town Clerk