

April 14, 2025

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Otisco held on April 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Otisco Town Hall, 1924 Barker Street, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Supervisor Glenn R. Hall
Councilman Jesse Spaulding
Councilman Tyler Knapp
Councilman Doug LaFrance
Councilman Roger Volles, Absent

OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas Chartrand, Financial Advisor; Douglas Hoffman, Highway Superintendent; Craig Billinson, Attorney for the Town; Cheryl Brunet, Town Clerk; Mandie Young Deputy Town Clerk; and 11 others.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ENACTMENT OF LOCAL LAW REGULATING ADULT USES WITHIN THE TOWN OF OTISCO

Motion was made by Councilman Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Knapp to open the Public Hearing.

Supervisor Hall gave an overview of the law and the restrictions it creates.

There were no public comments.

Motion was made by Councilman Knapp and seconded by Councilman Spaulding to close the Public Hearing at 7:04 pm.

(All in favor, motion carried)
(Hall, Knapp, LaFrance, and Spaulding) Ayes 4 Noes 0

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hall at 7:04 pm

Motion was made by Councilman LaFrance and seconded by Councilman Spaulding to adopt the LOCAL LAW REGULATING ADULT USES WITHIN THE TOWN OF OTISCO

(All in favor, motion carried)
(Hall, Knapp, LaFrance, and Spaulding) Ayes 4 Noes 0

An official copy of the LOCAL LAW #2 2025 REGULATING ADULT USES WITHIN THE TOWN OF OTISCO will be provided to Cheryl Brunet, Town Clerk.

REGULAR MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

The minutes of the March 10, 2025, Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting have been distributed via email to all members of the town board by the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

Motion was made by Councilman LaFrance and seconded by Councilman Knapp to accept the March 10, 2025 minutes.

All in favor, motion carried

(Hall, Spaulding, Knapp and LaFrance) Ayes 4 Noes 0

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Currently working on dead tree removal, snow and ditching.

Dead trees are identified and town will manage what they can and hire out the rest of the removal.

Superintendent Hoffman has 3 quotes, would like to purchase more "item 4" from Dave Smith

Will purchase a replacement for refurbished power washer purchased last year. Superintendent Hoffman facilitated a return at full purchase price and replacement for an additional cost.

Procurement policy has been met.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Thomas Chartrand, Financial Advisor gave an overview of the monthly spending and revenue for March 2025.

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

All in favor, motion carried

(Hall, Spaulding, Knapp and LaFrance) Ayes 4 Noes 0

Motion was made by Councilman Knapp, seconded by Councilman LaFrance to approve the bank reconciliation.

All in favor, motion carried

(Hall, Spaulding, Knapp and LaFrance) Ayes 4 Noes 0

Motion was made by Councilman Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Knapp to pay these bills out of the proper funds. They are General Abstract # 4 in the amount of \$27,714.97 and Highway Abstract # 4 in the amount of \$40,812.16.

All in favor, motion carried

(Hall, Spaulding, Knapp and LaFrance) Ayes 4 Noes 0

BUSINESS DISCUSSION

Front porch/deck – construction completed. Councilman LaFrance has received a bid from the builder for replacement of the back porch/step for \$1,500 and \$1,000 to add more screws secure the roof and repair some vents.

Motion was made by Councilman LaFrance and seconded by Councilman Spaulding to accept the bids for back step and roof repairs.

All in favor, motion carried

(Hall, Spaulding, Knapp and LaFrance) Ayes 4 Noes 0

Wonderland Forest – Attorney Billinson and Supervisor Hall appeared at the March 13 court hearing. No decision was rendered at that time, will take up to 60 days.

Cell Tower – is up. Awaiting power from National Grid.

Transition to a .gov website – Work to be done will be coordinated with TripleCitiesTech and Ben Bibik.

Assessed Value Changes – Upon Town of Otisco Assessors meeting with representatives of the State/County, the cost and difficulties involved were nothing we want to undertake at this time if we don't need to.

Local Laws – Supervisor Hall discussed the progress toward updating the Solar/Wind Local Law and adding a Battery Storage Local Law. Still working toward the Public Hearings in June. Supervisor Hall responded to questions from Olin Stratton regarding the types of battery storage covered. Pete Sheedy asked about discarding panels at the end of their useful life. Attorney Billinson explained that the Solar Company posts a bond to cover the decommission and removal of the hardware should the business or the homeowner fail to do so.

Wind Turbines – Supervisor Hall stated that he sees no indication that Palmer Capital has the necessary leases to move forward with permitting in June based on the information he has received from homeowners that have been approached. Discussion ensued regarding sharing information between towns, attorneys and Supervisors and the challenges with doing so. Pete Sheedy questioned if the results of test towers will be revealed. Nothing available at this time.

Solar Project – The initial company developing the solar project on Dutch Hill Rd sold the lease to another solar company, UGE. Supervisor Hall reviewed the new site plan and noted that it mirrors the original plan. The project is 5 megawatts. Supervisor Hall expects UGE to attend a board meeting to present the proposed project including power transmission details.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn was made by Councilman Knapp and seconded by Councilman Spaulding at 8:03 PM.

All in favor, motion carried
(Hall, Spaulding, Knapp and LaFrance) Ayes 4 Noes 0

Respectfully submitted: _____
Cheryl Brunet, Town Clerk