

July 14, 2025

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Otisco held on July 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 Roger Volles

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 6 others.

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hall at 7:00 pm

The minutes of the June 9, 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 Spaulding and seconded by Councilman Volles to accept the June 9, 2025 minutes.

All in favor, motion carried

(Hall, Spaulding, Knapp, Volles) Ayes 4 Noes 0

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Paint quotes – only one paint quote has been received. Other contractors were contacted and none have responded. Accountant Chartrand noted that if Superintendent Hoffman documented his search for estimates, he could proceed with the initial quote, estimated at \$5,500 before add-ons such as playground and town hall shutters and front door.

Motion was made by Councilman Volles and seconded by Councilman Knapp to accept the single paint quote and proceed with the process.

All in favor, motion carried

(Hall, Spaulding, Knapp, Volles) Ayes 4 Noes 0

- Road Work – Have done 1 ½ mile of road recycling, 1 mile on Dutch Hill and ½ mile on Octagon Rd.
- Hot paved 2 intersections, Kinyon and Finlon
- 16 miles of chip seal in progress

- Upcoming - Bailey Rd culvert correction to address snow and water issues
- Replenish stockpiles of sand and salt. Changes in salt suppliers will affect salt purchases this year
- Mowing
- If funds allow may do another hot pave on Barker from Bailey past Doody's farm

Motion was made by Councilman Volles and seconded by Councilman Spaulding authorizing the updated 284 agreement to spend highway funds.

All in favor, motion carried

(Hall, Spaulding, Knapp, Volles) Ayes 4 Noes 0

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

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

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

All in favor, motion carried

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

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

All in favor, motion carried

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

Motion was made by Councilman Volles and seconded by Councilman Spaulding to pay the bills out of the proper funds. They are General Abstract # 7 in the amount of \$14,937.10 and Highway Abstract # 7 in the amount of \$211,301.40.

All in favor, motion carried

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

BUSINESS DISCUSSION

Cell Tower –, National Grid has installed power. Shelter to be placed soon.

IT – Supervisor Hall is working with Triple Cities and Ben Bibik to transfer the domain name licensing to Triple Cities. Also still working on the .gov transition.

Daycare Center – awaiting further communication.

Election – The Republican Caucus will be held on July 21, 2025 at the town hall at 7 pm. Supervisor Hall offered to post any information on a Democratic caucus to our website.

Local Law updates – Attorney Billinson has completed the drafts for the Wind Turbine and Battery Storage local laws. Under general municipal law #239m (New York) the drafts must be submitted to the Onondaga County planning board for review. Once reviewed, the Town of Otisco can accept or reject their recommendations. The public hearing will depend on the receipt of the planning board's recommendations.

Motion was made by Councilman Spaulding, seconded by Councilman Knapp to schedule an informational public hearing in August to review the pending Wind Turbine and Battery Storage Local Laws

All in favor, motion carried

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

Pete Sheedy raised several questions regarding timing of the local law in regards to the federal position on wind power, upcoming state elections and various other topics related to the wind project. Supervisor Hall and Attorney Billinson responded.

Dave Garlock asked when the drafts of the local laws will be available for public review. Attorney Billinson will try to have the drafts available by July 29-30.

Potential Solar Field – Supervisor Hall has received no additional information on the three potential 3 and 5 megawatt solar fields. He spoke to the power upgrades. The upgrades to the Rt 80 and 20 substation were done for the Hourigan Farm. They received a federal grant.

Sherman Road Property – The Code Enforcement Officer is working to notify owner of code violations. Attorney Billinson described the process if violations are not corrected. There are other ongoing concerns/complaints regarding this property.

Speed Limit reduction on Otisco Valley Rd.- Current speed limits were discussed.

Resolution #20 2025

Motion was made by Councilman Knapp and seconded by Councilman Spaulding to extend the 40 mile per hour speed limit on Otisco Valley Rd from Ryfun's Store at approx. 1344 Otisco Valley Rd, to the Otisco Lake Shore Park at approximately 1481 Otisco Valley Rd.

All in favor, motion carried

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

Other comments, suggestions, and questions were heard from the attendees.

Ann Ruggles thanked Supervisor Hall and Attorney Billinson for their letter to Governor Hochul.

Pete Sheedy and Dave Garlock had many concerns regarding the racetrack. Enforcement of local laws was discussed.

Jayne Baritell expressed her appreciation for the speed limit sign on Barker St. She also inquired about the speed limit signs on Cook Rd.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn was made by Councilman Knapp and seconded by Councilman Spaulding at 8:38 PM.

All in favor, motion carried

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

Respectfully submitted: _____
Cheryl Brunet, Town Clerk