

# Otsego City management responses to the Town Hall questionnaire 11/17/2017

1) What businesses are in your community?

**Major Corporation to Mom/Pop Business, Coffee Shop, 5 Restaurants, Insurance, Financial**

a. Why do you think they were attracted to your community?

**Many have been here 30, 40, 50 years. Newer business's love the downtown area/main street, the school systems, library and parks. The future of River project.**

b. Do you offer any incentives to small businesses?

**Main Street Façade Improvements.**

2) Do you have other ways to communicate to you residents besides your website?

a. Costs involved?

**We do a Quarterly Newsletter that costs money to print. We also have a Facebook page (that is Free) and we have materials at the counter here at City Hall and that only cost to print.**

3) Police Service: Do you have your own police Department?

**Yes**

a. What is your yearly budget for this police Coverage?

**Total budget-\$1,181,190.00 per year Total wages budget-\$565,942.00**

b. How long has it been established?

**Since 1927**

c. How many officers on duty, full-time & part-time?

**FT-6, PT-4**

d. What kind of coverage do you provide? (Access to detectives, ordinances, hours, etc.)

**We have our Detective, we answer all calls from illegal parking to out past curfew calls. (You can find our ordinances online at [cityofotsego.org](http://cityofotsego.org)) Our police officers work 12 hour shifts.**

4) Parks and Recreation: Who provides the flowers for your community?

**The MS/DDA program**

a. Who pays for the flowers?

**DDA/MS**

b. Who maintains them throughout the season?

**PT employees and Volunteers**

c. Who plants them?

**PT employees and Volunteers**

5) How many DPW workers do you have currently?

**6**

a. What city services do your DPW workers provide? (Snow removal, leaf pick-up, weed control, junk pick-up, etc.)

**We provide all of the above mentioned, plus street maintenance, park maintenance, sidewalk up keep, recycling/transfer station.**

6) What types of recreation do you offer your community?

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**We have three different parks that include playgrounds, basketball courts, baseball fields, tennis courts, family picnic areas and a field used for school sports.**

- a. Do you have plans for a dog park?

**We did a survey and had little interest in this.**

- b. Do you have places for kids to skate-board?

**Yes, at Northside Park**

- 7) What are the biggest challenges that your community faces?

**Hiring a City Manager, the staffing volume on the Fire Dept, Downtown Store fronts being occupied at 100%, The Dam on the River.**

- 8) What challenges has your community faced in the past, and how did you remedy those?

**Scarce Financial Resources, we outsource our mowing and have purchased equipment that allows workers to be more efficient.**

- 9) What are some of the ways in which you have encouraged your residents to be actively involved in their community?

**Through Otsego Main Street, Community Input (Being done during the hiring of the City Manager Process), Boards and Committees.**