

An Organizational Meeting of the Town Board was held on the 5th day of January at the Town Building, Fly Creek, NY at 9:00AM.

Town Board Members Present:

Thomas Breiten	Supervisor
Bill Michaels	Councilperson
Anne Geddes-Atwell	Councilperson
Meg Kiernan	Councilperson
John Schallert	Councilperson

Also Present:

Pam Deane	Town Clerk
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Supervisor Breiten called the meeting to order.

MOTION by Councilperson Kiernan, seconded by Councilperson Geddes-Atwell, to appoint Attorney Paul Elkan as Town Attorney.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor Breiten, Councilpersons Geddes-Atwell and Kiernan voted yes. Councilpersons Schallert and Michaels voted no.

MOTION by Councilperson Kiernan, seconded by Councilperson Schallert, to approve the Minutes of December 10<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> as grammatically corrected.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor Breiten and all Councilpersons voted aye.

It was the consensus of the Board to make the following appointments.

- Supervisor Deputy – Meg Kiernan
- Vital Registrar – Village of Cooperstown Clerk and Deputy
- Accountant – Gruever, Scott & Zweifel
- Planning Board Attorney – James Ferrari
- Town Historians – Thomas Heitz and Sherlee Rathbone
- Mileage Allowance – 45¢/mile
- Executive Communication Director – Anne Geddes-Atwell
- Legal Paper – Oneonta Daily Star
- Town Board monthly meeting- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.
- Banks – Wilber National, Key Bank, MBIA, Norwich Bank and NBT Bank.

Interviews were scheduled for various vacancies at 6:00PM January 14<sup>th</sup> before the Boards regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Councilperson Geddes-Atwell will call former Town Attorney Tillapaugh and ask for the necessary job description language for Planning Board and ZBA alternates before the interviews.

Councilperson Schallert proposed that cost amounts before bidding be lowered in the Procurement Policy from \$10,000/\$20,000 to \$5,000/\$10,000. The Board consented to make that change.

It was the consensus of the Board to adopt the following policies:

- Investment Policy
- Procurement Policy
- Ethic Policy

Supervisor Breiten reminded all Board members of their responsibility to conduct the annual audits of all the departments.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor Breiten and all Councilpersons voted aye.

Councilperson Michaels stated that he is concerned with the flooding of Otsego Lake. He feels the flooding could be significantly reduced if the Village of Cooperstown would lower the dam. It was agreed that Scott Fickbohm from Soil and Water be invited to the next Watershed Committee meeting to address measures that can be taken to reduce the flooding of Otsego Lake.

MOTION by Councilperson Michaels, seconded by Councilperson Kiernan, to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor Breiten and all Councilpersons voted aye.

The next regular meeting will be January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Town Building in Fly Creek at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Deane  
Town Clerk