

The Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly meeting on the 10th day of January 2018 at the Town Building, Fly Creek, NY at 7:00 PM.

Town Board Members Present:

Meg Kiernan	Supervisor
Thomas Hohensee	Councilperson
Carina Franck	Councilperson
Bennett Sandler	Councilperson
Joseph Potrikus	Councilperson

Also Present:

William Hribar Sr.	Highway Superintendent
Michelle Kennedy	Town Attorney
Pamela Deane	Town Clerk

Supervisor Kiernan called the meeting to order and asked everyone to please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to accept the December 27th minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan read correspondence received since the last regular meeting.

Supervisor Kiernan opened the floor for comments.

Carl Wenner stated that everything he believes in the Town Board is against, with the exception of Councilperson Potrikus. He expressed his dismay with the Town Board passing a resolution last month whereby sidewalks should be considered when a new road is built. There's no peace when someone is opposing everything you believe in all the time.

Rob Bohm appreciates Councilperson Potrikus' conservative principals. He too was against the consideration of installing sidewalks when a new road is built. He also felt the Town Board gave up to soon on searching the 2018 budget for more savings and that the residents should be involved in every financial decision. He was glad to see the Board established a financial committee to oversee spending throughout the year. Bohm pointed out that the table Councilperson Sandler presented at last month's meeting showing the different Towns within the County and their rates per thousand regarding their tax bill was not quite accurate. Not all the Town's equalization rates are at 100% like the Town of Otsego. He also criticized the Fly Creek Fire Department for raising their budget 100% without any input from residents.

Councilperson Sandler welcomed Bohm to gather information from the website, draft his own table and see if it is dramatically different then his findings. Bohm accepted the challenge.

John Phillips came to the Fly Creek Fire Department's defense and told Bohm that the Fly Creek Fire Department advertised a public hearing to hear public comments about their budget. He felt the Fly Creek Fire Department is very frugal with their spending. Phillips went on to state that the Fly Creek Fire Department exists because of dedicated volunteers that donate many hours of their time. If the Town were to have a paid Fire Department there would be a huge increase in everyone's taxes.

Supervisor Kiernan closed the floor for comments.

Supervisor Kiernan gave a financial report. The Board discussed the following balances in the various accounts:

General Savings: \$ 4,699.10	General Checking: \$ 335,868.06
Highway Savings: \$ 7,835.62	Hwy Checking: \$ 536,271.65
Building Reserve Fund: \$176,270.89	Hwy Equipment Fund: \$ 298,368.19

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee seconded by Councilperson Sandler, to accept the financial report.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Sandler, to pay the bills and make the necessary transfers.

GENERAL:	#1-#17	\$ 6,886.15
HWY:	#1-#11	\$ 6,669.27

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Dog Control Officer Tom Steele reported answering 2 dogs running at large complaints and 1 court case.

Planning Board member Walter Dusenbury discussed four applications being currently reviewed by the Planning Board.

The Town Board briefly discussed a Preservation of Historical Building Law draft submitted by Councilperson Franck. Cooperstown Graduate Program students Sam Pike and Amanda Berman wrote the draft after hearing input from former Planning Board Chairman Paul Lord, Councilperson Franck and Councilperson Potrikus. Councilperson Potrikus felt the draft was focused on Preserving Historic Buildings rather than Revitalizing old ones and mandated stipulation were cost prohibited. He submitted a copy of the Village of Cooperstown's Plan Development District (PDD), which he was very much in favor of.

John Phillips read an e-mail he received from Paul Lord. Lord was concerned with the law being so stringent that no one would use it.

The Town Board tabled further discussion until the February meeting.

Highway Superintendent William Hribar Sr. gave the Highway Superintendent report.

- The backhoe needed two back tires. The best price he found was with McCarthy's Tire in Oneonta at \$408/tire plus a cost of \$400.00 to mount them.
- The 2 way radios have poor reception. He plans on asking the County for a repeater in hopes that will correct the problem.
- Fly Creek resident and contractor Steve Purcell was hired to change the locks and replace weather stripping around the doors on the highway building.
- Hribar encouraged the Town Board to budget for two new 10 wheelers in next year's budget. He learned from the County that they have gone with leasing trucks. He was impressed with the new Peterbilts they recently leased. These two trucks the County just leased are scheduled to be replaced in 10 years. Costs of the trucks are \$225,000.00/truck.
- He thought it beneficial to lease a sod loader.
- Hribar submitted a few bills for the Boards consideration that did not make the warrants.

MOTION by Councilperson Potrikus, seconded by Councilperson Sandler, to pay the additional Highway Bills submitted by Highway Superintendent William Hribar Sr.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Councilperson Potrikus reported that despite the freezing temperatures American Roofing came as promised and repaired the Highway Garage Roof on Cemetery Road. As far as the refurbishing of the old highway garage roof located on County Highway 26, he is trying to recruit two more bids.

Councilperson Franck e-mailed David Bloodgood from NYMIR asking if there are any guidelines on video taping the Town's inventory. Bloodgood responded by saying that NYMIR has no guidelines on video taping inventory. He suggested using a cell phone; transfer the information to a computer, and save it on a thumb drive. She has started video taping equipment located at the Town Building.

Supervisor Kiernan submitted copies of the Computer Support Agreement offered by Scott Dibble. He is asking for a one time yearly fee of \$1,200.00 to maintain all the computers used by the various departments.

MOTION by Supervisor Kiernan, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to accept the Computer Support Agreement as offered by Scott Dibble.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Councilperson Sandler talked to former County Treasurer Dan Crowell for advice on overseeing the Town's finances. Crowell suggested that the Town use the document put out by the State Comptrollers Office. He is working on creating a template from the State Comptrollers Office's document using Quick Books. Crowell also was very willing to offer any advice to the Finance Committee anytime he is in the area. The goal is to monitor the budget, report quarterly, and be able to project expenses three years out.

Supervisor Kiernan reminded the Board there were ZBA appointments that still needed to be filled.

MOTION by Councilperson Potrikus, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to appoint John Dewey to the 5 year vacancy (term ending 12/31/22) and Tony Scalici 1st Alternate (term ending 12/31/20).

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan submitted the Animal Shelter Contract, which was reviewed and discussed by the

Board and the Town Attorney.

MOTION by Councilperson Potrikus, seconded by Councilperson Sandler, to accept the Animal Shelter Contract with the stipulation that veterinary fees are not to exceed \$500.00 without the approval of the Town Board.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

After a short discussion it was decided that two people from the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Town Board would meet on January 30th at 7:00PM to discuss amending definitions in the Land Use Law that needed clarification. Supervisor Kiernan and Councilperson Franck volunteered from the Town Board.

Supervisor Kiernan conveyed to the Board that LEAF would be presenting an Opioid Addiction Education presentation on January 25th at the Town Building.

Supervisor Kiernan asked that she be appointed to act as the Town's Delegate at the yearly Education and Training Seminar offered by the Association of Town's in New York City in February.

MOTION by Councilperson Potrikus, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to appoint Supervisor Kiernan as the Town's delegate at the Training and Education Seminar held in New York City for all Elected Officials.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Supervisor Kiernan, seconded by Councilperson Sandler, to go into Executive Session for Attorney Client Privilege.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (9:04PM)

MOTION by Councilperson Potrikus, seconded by Councilperson Sandler to come out of Executive Session.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (10:04M)

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 10:05PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk