

The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on the 13th day of January, 2021 at 7:00PM at the Town Building in Fly Creek, NY.

Town Board Members Present:

Meg Kiernan	Supervisor
Suzanne Olson	Councilperson
Tom Hohensee	Councilperson
Carina Franck	Councilperson
Matthew Zwissler	Councilperson

Also Present:

William Hribar	Highway Superintendent
Pamela Deane	Town Clerk

Supervisor Kiernan asked everyone to please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Olson, to adopt the minutes of December 9th as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Olson, to adopt the minutes of December 29th as amended.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan read correspondence received since last month's meeting.

Supervisor Kiernan opened the floor for comments.

Carl Wenner submitted articles of racism exhibited throughout history and the spiritual vision of George Washington.

In closing Wenner pointed out that he predicted the Town Board would be doubling residents' taxes in three years. He was wrong. It took 4 years. Wenner urged the Town Board to consider establishing a Contingency Budget in case the Town is hit with an unforeseen catastrophe.

Supervisor Kiernan closed the floor for further comments.

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

General Savings:	\$ 4,718.50	General Checking:	\$270,520.42
Highway Savings:	\$ 7,862.96	Hwy Checking:	\$501,976.97
Building Reserve Fund:	\$173,438.25	Hwy Equipment Fund:	\$268,449.04
Building Reserve CD:	\$-0-	Hwy Reserve CD:	\$ -0-

MOTION by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to accept the financial report as presented and make the necessary transfers.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Franck, seconded by Councilperson Olson, to pay the bills and make the necessary transfers.

GENERAL:	#1-#14	\$	4,604.01
HWY:	#450-#459	\$	3,333.32

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan read ZEO Jess Lanza's report. Permits issued since last meeting were as follow:

<i>Zoning Permits: 7</i>	<i>Site Plan Review: 1</i>	<i>Septic Permits: 1</i>
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Highway Superintendent William Hribar reported on highway concerns and work done since last month's meeting.

- Lights at the new garage are being installed this week.
- The Fuel Chip Reader is no longer working and needs to be replaced.

- He informed the Town Board that he has received notice that two new houses are going up on Seasonal Roads. One on Williams Rd. and one on Murdock Rd. He will need to open up both sections of road to where the houses are going in.
- Still waiting to hear from DEC on what size culverts are needed for Tripp Hill Rd.
- Lastly Hribar submitted quotes, payment schedule, and trade-in value towards a new loader.

MOTION by Councilperson Franck, seconded by Councilperson Olson, authorizing Supervisor Kiernan to transfer \$13,320.00 from the Building Reserve Fund to Highway Checking to cover the cost of the new Lighting and new Fuel Chip Reader.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

After a short discussion Councilpersons Franck, Hohensee, and Olsen, volunteered to be on a Salt Shed Committee. As a committee they will consult with an engineer to determine suitable placement for the salt shed, suitable size and best affordable construction design.

Planning Board member Daryl Szarpa reported on applications currently being reviewed by the Planning Board.

Dog Enforcement Officer Tom Steele reported that there have been no dog complaints since last month's meeting.

Councilperson Hohensee reported that the Safety Committee will be meeting February 2nd at 9:30AM, weather permitting.

After a short discussion the following audits will be done by the following Town Board Members, preferably before the February meeting.

Town Supervisor –Councilperson Olson
 Town Clerk-Councilperson Hohensee
 Town Tax Collector-Councilperson Franck
 Town Court-Councilperson Zwissler

Supervisor Kiernan proposed the following Appointments for 2021 which was reviewed and discussed by the Town Board.

Town of Otsego 2021

Accountant	Ray Holohan
Payroll	Ray Holohan, CPA with ADP
Deputy Supervisor	Tom Hohensee
Bank Depositories -	Community Bank, Bank of Cooperstown
Court Clerk -	April Rackmeyer
Custodian -	
Dog Control Officer -	Tom Steele
Health Officer -	Chris Kjolhede
Highway Deputy Supervisor -	Bill Hribar Jr.
Historians -	Tom Heitz & Sherlee Rathbone
Meeting Date -	Second Wednesday of each month at 7 PM
Mileage Reimbursement -	\$.50 per mile
Newspaper (Official) -	The Daily Star
Registrar Vital Statistics -	Cooperstown Village Clerk & Deputy
Town Board Attorney -	Ryan Miosek
Codes Officer –	Otsego County Codes Department
Zoning Enforcement Officer -	Jess Lanza
Zoning Board and Planning Board Clerk -	Bill Deane
Planning Board Attorney -	Ryan Miosek
7 Year Planning Board Term -	Lynn Krogh
5 Year Zoning Board Term -	Greg Crowell
1 st Alternate Zoning Board	Tony Scalise
2 nd Alternate Zoning Board	Corinne Armstrong
1 st Alternate Planning Board	Ben Bauer
2 nd Alternate Planning Board	Rosemary Broderson

Committees:	
Watershed	Meg Kiernan
Building & Grounds	Tom Hohensee & Matthew Zwissler
Communications	Meg Kiernan
Safety	Carina Franck & Tom Hohensee
Highway Committee	Carina Franck & Tom Hohensee
Finance Committee	Meg Kiernan & Suzanne Olson

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Zwissler, to adopt the proposed Appointments offered by Supervisor Kiernan.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan stated that the Fly Creek Historical Society has requested from the Town Board a letter of support for a Historical Marker for the Taylor Cemetery.

MOTION by Councilperson Franck, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, authorizing Supervisor Kiernan to send a letter of support for a Taylor Cemetery Historical Marker.

Supervisor Kiernan stated that there has been interest from residents to create more trails at Hartwick State Forest, most of which is located in the Town of Otsego. Because the land is owned by the State there would be no liability to the Town.

After a short discussion it was decided that DEC be approached to create more trails for public use.

The Town Clerk submitted a year-end report that was reviewed and approved by the Town Board.

The Zoning Officer submitted a year-end report that was reviewed and approved by the Town Board.

MOTION by Councilperson Franck to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:10PM.

Next meeting will be February 10th at 7.00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk