

The Otsego Town Board held a regular monthly meeting on the 14th day of January, 2015 at the Town Building, Fly Creek, NY at 7:00 PM.

Town Board Members Present:

Anne Geddes-Atwell	Supervisor
Thomas Hohensee	Councilperson
Bennett Sandler	Councilperson
Julie Huntsman	Councilperson
Carina Franck	Councilperson

Also Present:

John Schallert	Highway Superintendent
Michelle Kennedy	Town Attorney
Pamela Deane	Town Clerk

Supervisor Geddes-Atwell called the regular meeting to order and asked all those present to please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION by Councilperson Huntsman, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to accept the minutes of Deceth and December 29th as amended.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Geddes -Atwell read correspondence received since last meeting.

Supervisor Geddes-Atwell opened the floor for comments.

John Phillips complimented the Town's highway crew on the condition of the roads.

County Representative Rick Hulse stated that the County plans to develop, with the help of Director of County Planning Karen Sullivan, a Comprehensive/Strategic Plan. All Town Boards within the County will be invited to give their input on what the criteria will be regarding infrastructure projects, health and safety issues, housing, bed tax distribution and more.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to close the floor for comments.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Geddes-Atwell gave a financial report. Balances are as follows in the various accounts:

General Savings: \$ 4,676.42	General Checking: \$ 441,043.03
Highway Savings: \$ 7,797.55	Hwy Checking: \$ 665,016.33
Building Reserve Fund: \$129,172.73	Hwy Equipment Fund: \$102,769.12

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Huntsman, to accept the financial report as given.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Huntsman, to pay the following invoices as well as make the necessary transfers.

GENERAL: #1-#20	\$ 21,082.35
HWY: #1-#15	\$ 4,169.48

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Zoning Enforcement Officer Tavis Austin gave his monthly report discussing Planning Board activity, current zoning violations, and litigations. The following permits were issued since last meeting:

Firework Permit: 1	Zoning Permit: 1	ZBA: 2
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Austin discussed applications currently in litigation or being reviewed by the Planning Board or ZBA. He mentioned that the Cider Mill wishes to add a second floor to part of the store. The current Land Use Law states that pre-existing non-conforming uses cannot increase their non-conformity. Austin stated that he has advised the Cider Mill's engineer, Jonathan McManus, to fill out applications for Use and Area Variances.

Councilperson Huntsman has been working on compiling the Town's utility bill information under phase I for SolomonEnergy. Board members, along with Town Attorney Michelle Kennedy, will be contacting surrounding towns along with Brookwood School and Spring Brook to see if they would be interested in coming on board and switching to solar energy with SolomonEnergy. The more participants the lower the installation cost. The solar energy equipment would be installed offsite. The site has not yet been determined.

John Schallert gave the Highway Superintendent report. He requested that the Board accept Mirabito Fuel Groups State bid.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to accept Mirabito Fuel Groups State bid.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Schallert requested that the Board pass a resolution adding the Town's year-round portion of Nersesian Road and Willow Avenue to the Town's CHIPs inventory.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee to add Willow Avenue and Nersesian Road from the Town line to Christian Hill to the Town's CHIPs inventory.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: (Resolution Docket pg:126)

Schallert asked that the Town Custodian Connie Robinson be relieved from cleaning the highway garage break room and bathroom. He went on to state that the Highway Employees would like to do the cleaning themselves.

The Town Boards decision was tabled until they had a chance to talk to their CSEA Union Representative.

The Board reviewed, discussed and modified a draft letter from Lamont Engineers outlining the problems and proposed solutions on Tripp Hill Road, specifically problems affecting Brian Kegelma's home.

There was discussion by the Board for a need to appoint a delegate to represent the Town at the Association of Towns Conference.

MOTION by Councilperson Huntsman, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to appoint Supervisor Geddes-Atwell delegate for the Town of Otsego at the Association of Towns Conference.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Supervisor Geddes-Atwell, seconded by Councilperson Huntsman, to make the following appointments:

ZBA Member: (Replacing Sam Hoskins)	John Tedesco	12/31/19
ZBA Alternate	Nick Weir	12/31/15

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor

MOTION by Supervisor Geddes-Atwell, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to reappoint Tavis Austin as Zoning Enforcement Officer. (12/31/15)

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor

After some discussion the following Board members will do the following audits:

Court	Councilperson Sandler
Town Clerk	Councilperson Hohensee
Tax Collector	Councilperson Huntsman
Supervisor	Councilperson Franck

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler to adjourn:

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:25PM.

The next regular meeting will be at the Town Building in Fly Creek on the 11th day of February, 2015 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk