

The Otsego Town Board held a regular monthly meeting on the 10th day of February 2016 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:

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

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

MOTION by Councilperson Potrikus, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to accept the minutes of January 13th as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor

MOTION Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to accept the minutes of January 27th as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Potrikus, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to accept the minutes of February 3rd as amended.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor Kiernan, and Councilpersons Franck, Sandler, and Potrikus voted yes. Councilperson Hohensee abstained.

Supervisor Kiernan summarized the content of correspondence received since the Town Board's January meeting. Among the correspondence was a speed reduction request from Robert Knoll whom would like the present 35mph sign on State Highway 28 moved an additional .2 of a mile south toward Oneonta.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to forward Bob Knoll's request to NYS D.O.T. and ask for a traffic study.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan opened the floor for comments.

Attorney Robert Birch asked to address a subdivision request for his client Alexander Zoeller.

Supervisor Kiernan informed Attorney Birch that the Board was no longer acting as the Town Zoning Officer and referred him to the towns newly appointed Zoning Officer Barbara Monroe.

Supervisor Kiernan closed the floor for comments.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan gave a financial report. Balances are as follows in the various accounts:

General Savings: \$ 4,685.20	General Checking: \$ 500,838.31
Highway Savings: \$ 7,815.14	Hwy Checking: \$ 755,310.17
Building Reserve Fund: \$154,443.75	Hwy Equipment Fund: \$ 253,108.26

MOTION by Councilperson Potrikus seconded by Councilperson Sandler, to pay the following invoices as corrected and make the necessary transfers.

GENERAL: #16-#42	\$ 19,421.62
HWY: #-227-#241	\$ 16,110.05

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan submitted the Susquehanna Shelter Contract for review.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to authorize Supervisor Kiernan to sign the contract as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Dog Control Officer Tom Steele reported receiving 2 calls since last months meeting.

Supervisor Kiernan introduced Bill Miller who was there on behalf of Jeffrey Wait. Wait owns a camp on Otsego Lake and wants to replace the original camp with a garage. Councilperson Sandler read from Planning Board minutes of February, 2006 which stated that Planning Board Attorney Margaret McGown pointed out that by leaving the existing bungalow and building a new one would put Wait in violation of the Land Use Law Section 3.04. By retaining the bungalow and building a new residence he would have two principal dwellings on the same lot, with only 103 feet of road frontage. A Certificate of Residency for the new house could not be issued until the bungalow was removed. Planning Board Chairman Jonathan Bass said that, since the bungalow had no foundation and its removal would require no substantial excavation no Site Plan should be required for that part of the project. After a short discussion it was decided that Wait will meet with Town Attorney Michelle Kennedy and newly appointed ZEO Barbara Monroe to sort things out.

Councilperson Franck reported attending the last Planning Board meeting. Planning Board liaison Rosemary Craig stated that Planning Board member Edward Hobbie felt it would be beneficial if 6 different types of zoning maps were framed and hung in the meeting room. He volunteered to make the frames if the Town Board would agree to pay for the materials. Councilperson Sandler suggested that instead of frames, the maps be placed on foam board. Another option for referencing the maps would be by power point. Craig agreed to find out from Hobbie the cost of the materials needed for frames and would look into foam board as a possibility. Supervisor Kiernan volunteered to review the proposed maps for accuracy.

Highway Superintendent John Schallert reported meeting with a representative from Spectra Engineering to discuss repairs to the Mill Street Bridge. A repair plan has been designed and scheduled to be executed in the spring.

Neither the amount of CHIP's money the town is to receive nor has the cost of road material been determined.

Schallert reported receiving an estimate of \$3,364.00 from Suite-Kote to chip/stone and oil the Town Building parking lot. It was the consensus of the Board to authorize Schallert to schedule the work to be done.

Schallert reported that the grader is in need of repair. Nortrax in Albany, has taken the grader apart and has estimated a full repair cost of \$37,000.00. Town Attorney Kennedy informed Schallert that given the size of the repair estimate, the repairs for the grader will need to be bid out.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Potrikus, to authorize Highway Superintendent John Schallert to bid out the needed repair work for the grader.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Schallert reported receiving two quotes for a new chipper. They were as follow:

BANDIT	\$36,762.00 after trade of \$1,500.00 for old chipper
MORBARK	\$35,569.00 after trade of \$1,500.00 for old chipper

MOTION by Councilperson Franck, seconded by Councilperson Potrikus, to authorize Highway Superintendent John Schallert to purchase a Morbark Chipper for \$35,569.00.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Schallert told the Board that he will be purchasing a new York Rake. Cost will be \$4,000.00

Schallert requested permission to purchase a new pickup truck.

There was no decision from the Board.

Schallert submitted bid results for a new and unused dump truck cab and chassis. Results were as follow:

1. Mohawk Valley Freight	Freightliner	\$118,971.00
2. Utica Mack	Mack	\$120,333.00
3. Ben Funk	International	\$121,771.40
4. Tracey Road Equipment	Western Star	\$121,967.00
5. Kenworth Equipment	Kenworth – Standard Cab	\$125,923.00
6. Kenworth Equipment	Kenworth – Extended Cab	\$128,795.00

Councilperson Franck reported holding a Safety Committee on February 1st. The purpose of Safety Committee is to identify, establish and implement safety protocols for Town of Otsego employees as well as elected and appointed board members. This would include, but not be limited to, employee safety courses as well as building & record/log inspection. The Safety Committee will meet quarterly and work with NYMIR and the Otsego Emergency Service Dept. to review safety courses & record keeping practices. The Safety Committee includes Town Board Members: Carina Franck and Tom Hohensee, Highway Personnel: John Schallert and Mike Thayer, Otsego Emergency Services Bob Satriano and Mike Ritton and NYMIR Risk Control Specialist David Bloodwood.

She submitted a Resolution for the Boards consideration to establish a Safety Committee.

MOTION by Councilperson Potrikus, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee to adopt the proposed Resolution as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

RESOLUTION ADOPT: Resolution Docket pg. 176

Councilperson Potrikus reported that he intends to schedule a water test with Don Campbell. Cost of the water test will be approximately \$32.00. Once a water test is completed Don Campbell will make a recommendation on how to treat the water at the highway garage. Schallert intends to have the highway employees dig up and insulate the incoming waterline at the highway garage this spring to prevent any more freezing that occurs in the winter.

Councilperson Potrikus suggested that the Town Board, Planning Board and ZBA work collectively reviewing the Land Use Laws in the immediate future so to avoid amending the Land Use Laws every time a particular issue comes up that someone feels needs to be addressed. Potrikus did not feel that residential development was a sustainable model for our property tax base. For this reason he felt business development should be encouraged throughout the town and that the Planning Board and the ZBA could address issues such as building appearance and landscaping throughout the review process. Currently residents with large tracts of land have very limited options. They can subdivide or put the land into a land trust, which increases the burden on the remaining taxpayers to meet the needs of the town. It also reduces the availability of land for future uses.

Councilperson Franck was in favor of Ted Fink from Green Plan, making a presentation/proposal to the Town Board that would address the scope and cost to review the Town's Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Law.

Councilperson Sandler would like to see the Town's Comprehensive Plan revised. It was his opinion that a majority of residents are not in favor of a lot of commercial development.

Supervisor Kiernan and Councilperson Franck are hoping to gain some more information about zoning and Smart Growth at the NY Associate of Town's Convention.

MOTION by Councilperson Franck, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to go into Executive Session. (attorney client privilege)

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (9:40PM)

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (10:15PM)

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Potrikus, to reject the dump truck cab and chassis bid offered by Mohawk Valley Freight because the truck that was bid did not have a double frame or double reduction rear end as specified in the bid.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Potrikus, seconded by Councilperson Sandler, to accept the next lowest bidder offered by Utica Mack for a new and unused dump truck cab and chassis for \$120,333.00, subject to Town Attorney review.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Sandler to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 10:17PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk