

The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on the 12th day of February 2020 at the Town Building, Fly Creek, NY at 7:00PM.

Town Board Members Present:

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

Also Present:

William Hribar Sr. Highway Superintendent
Pamela Deane Town Clerk

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

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to accept the minutes of January 8th as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

Supervisor Kiernan opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments from the public.

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: \$ 4,713.20	General Checking: \$333,576.08
Highway Savings: \$ 7,859.13	Hwy Checking: \$697,044.79
Building Reserve Fund: \$148,121.74	Hwy Equipment Fund: \$ 294,431.97
Building Reserve CD: \$25,000.00	Hwy Reserve CD: \$ 25,000.00

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

GENERAL: #15-#30	\$ 1,643.30
HWY: #238-#267	\$ 32,651.27

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Dog Officer Tom Steele reported responding to 1 dog complaint since last month's meeting. Other than that things have been quiet.

Planning Board member Darryl Szarpa reported on Site Plan applications currently being reviewed by the Planning Board.

Highway Superintendent Bill Hribar gave a highway report:

- Hribar informed the Town Board that longtime town highway employee Harry Lindroth had died. Town Board Members expressed their sympathy.
- Hribar has been preparing all necessary paper work for a culvert on Tripp Hill, scheduled to be replacement this year.
- Hribar informed the Town Board that there are two large culverts that need to be replaced on Bissell Road near the Day Farm. He is waiting to hear from Otsego County Soil and Water and DEC if the culverts are in a trout stream and what size they recommend them to be.
- Hribar plans on renting a sod loader for 1 month this spring. Cost is \$9,000.00.
- Hribar informed the Town Board that he is in need of a 1-ton pick-up truck. He will get prices.

Councilpersons Franck and Hohensee reported for the Safety Committee. They plan to meet with highway employees twice this year with the first meeting being in April.

Supervisor Kiernan stated that the County will be increasing the bed tax from 4% to 6%. She speculated that this would take effect January 2021. Town of Otsego County Representative Andrew Marietta had suggested that the Town Board write a letter to the County Board of Representatives requesting a portion of the increase. The Town Board members agreed.

Supervisor Kiernan submitted a Computer Support Agreement from Upstate Technology for the Town Board's consideration.

MOTION by Councilperson Franck, seconded by Councilperson Zwissler, to authorize Supervisor Kiernan to sign the agreement.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan submitted for the Town Board's review a Contract from OCCA for SEQRA Training costing \$500.00. This 2hr training would be used to help meet the members of the Planning Board and ZBA required training credits required by the state. Supervisor Kiernan suggested that surrounding towns be invited, charging \$20/person to attend. Town Board members liked the idea.

MOTION by Councilperson Franck, and Councilperson Hohensee, authorizing Supervisor Kiernan to sign the contract.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan informed the Town Board that the Highway Employee Contract Negotiations should be starting soon with their CSEA Union Representative. Councilperson Olson volunteered to work with Supervisor Kiernan on the negotiations.

Councilperson Hohensee introduced an Organizational Sign on Letter endorsing the Fracking Ban Act which was briefly discussed by the Town Board. Further discussion was tabled until the March meeting giving the Town Board Member's time to review letter.

After a short discussion the Town Board Members decided to approve the Rug Doctors quote of \$260.00 to clean the carpet in the Town Offices Room.

MOTION by Supervisor Kiernan, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to go into Executive Session to discuss an ongoing litigation.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (8:15PM)

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (8:30PM)

MOTION by Councilperson Franck to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:38PM

Next Regular Meeting will be March 11th at 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk