

The Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 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
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 Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to accept the January 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

John Phillips suggested that the Board consider purchasing some land where people can take their dogs to run. He just came back from Vermont where he and his wife took advantage of their parks to let their dog run.

Carl Wenner felt he was misunderstood at last months meeting. The point he was trying to convey was that he objected to the Town Board holding a Public Hearing on sidewalks being considered when a new town road is constructed, the Public voiced their opinion, and then the Board voted completely the opposite way.

Councilperson Franck stated that even though she normally does not respond to comments made during the public comment period, she is listening. She is grateful for the public's comments and they help inform her decision regarding Town Board issues. She guessed the subject he was referring to was the Complete Streets Proposal which was passed as a Resolution not a Town Law to be considered if or when new roads are developed.

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: \$ 467,479.98
Highway Savings: \$ 7,835.62	Hwy Checking: \$ 646,884.71
Building Reserve Fund: \$176,293.34	Hwy Equipment Fund: \$ 298,406.20

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

The Supervisor asked for discussion. Questions were asked about the several accounts and whether or not they were interest bearing.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

GENERAL: #18-#31	\$ 4,511.27
HWY: #12-#35, #37	\$ 29,153.67

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Dog Control Officer Tom Steele gave his report. Since last meeting he has had no drop offs and 1 dog escaped from the babysitter.

Supervisor Kiernan explained to Steele that for NYS Retirement purposes he will now need to keep track of his time. She gave Steele a notebook to keep a log of dates and times when he is called out to respond to a dog complaint.

Supervisor Kiernan submitted Complaint Forms that she drafted, to be used by the ZEO and the Dog Control Officer. The Board reviewed the forms and made modifications which she will present next month. It was made clear that complaints made will not remain anonymous.

Planning Board member Darryl Szarpa discussed six applications being currently reviewed by the Planning Board.

Councilperson Franck passed out a revision proposal to Section 3:15 referencing Heirloom Barns and Historic Buildings. It was decided to table further discussion until the March meeting to give the Board an opportunity to study the proposal.

Highway Superintendent William Hribar Sr. gave his report. He has met with County Health and Safety Officer Bob Satriano and has scheduled safety chain saw training classes for level 1 and 2. Hribar learned from Satriano that some towns use their scrap metal money to offset the cost for safety jackets and vests. The Town Board thought that was a great idea. Hribar gave the Town Board his wish list, which included:

- A boom mower: cost \$5,800/ month
- A sod loader: cost \$8,500/ month
- 2- 10 wheeler dump trucks, sander and plows: leased 4% -5 yrs \$45,000/yr.

Councilperson Potrikus requested that Hribar find out if the cost of the boom mower and sod loader had an hourly limit.

Hribar reported asking the County to add an additional repeater to the County Cell Tower to help better the reception on the radios in the Town trucks. His request was denied.

Town Attorney Michelle Kennedy updated the Board on the culvert replacement on Tripp Hill near the Kegelman homestead. She sent the Lamont and Otsego Soil and Water Engineering reports to the DEC representative and DEC Hydrologist at their Stamford office. The question that needs to be answered is the size of the culvert needed to alleviate the flooding problem which occurs during torrential rains. To date she has not heard back from DEC. The Town's next step is to file a formal application to replace the culvert given it is near one of DEC's regulated streams. DEC then will make a decision on the sizing of the culvert. Another question needing to be addressed is whether or not replacement of the culvert will cause the Town to go outside of the right-of-way. One of the primary contentions of the Kegelman's is the width of the right-of-way. As yet Attorney Kennedy has not been able to locate nor has she received from the Kegelman's a written agreement to substantiate the limited right-of-way distance the Kegelman's' claim.

Councilperson Potrikus gave a Building and Grounds Committee report. Monser & Son's gave him an estimate to refurbish the old highway garage located on County Highway 26. Monser's estimate was \$6,700.00 for one coat of roofing sealer. American Roofing's bid was for three coats of roofing sealer. The Board decided to consider new roof estimates as well.

Councilperson Hohensee reported that the safety committee met on Monday February 12<sup>th</sup>. Agenda items included review of purpose and history of the committee for new members, current and upcoming training requirements, tailgate talks and possible videotaping of town roads, bridges and highway building and equipment. Meeting minutes will be kept in the Highway Superintendents Office. Next meeting is scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Kiernan announced that the Town Supervisor and the Town Court audits have been completed and found to be satisfactory. The Town Clerk and Tax Collection audits still remain to be done.

Supervisor Kiernan presented that Fire and Ambulance Contracts with the Village of Cooperstown.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Franck, authorizing Supervisor Kiernan to sign the Fire and Ambulance Contracts with the Village of Cooperstown subject to Town Attorney approval.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Potrikus, seconded by Councilperson Franck, authorizing Supervisor Kiernan to sign the Snow and Ice Contract offered by Otsego County, including an addendum added by the Town of Otsego Town Board assuring that the County will fully reimburse the Town of Otsego for sand and salt, subject to Town Attorney approval.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan read a letter from NYS D.O.T. asking exactly where the Town Board would like the "NO PARKING" signs be placed on NYS Highway 28 South. It was decided they should be placed right by the Village of Cooperstown sign (green marker # 9403-3200) and just before Church and Scott (green marker # 9403-3198)

Supervisor Kiernan reported that she has received a letter from the Board of Geographic Names (BGN) who received a proposal from a Fly Creek resident wishing to apply names to unnamed streams that flow through the Town of Otsego. The proposal that was submitted was as follows:

- Muskrat Pond Outlet for the stream's source, Muskrat Pond
- Tripp Creek for Tripp Hill Road, along which a portion of the stream flows

- West Branch Fly Creek for Fly Creek, which the stream flows into from the west.
- Taylor Creek would commemorate the Taylor family who settled on a 500-acre-portion of the Town, especially Erastus Taylor (1771-1856), the first of the family to settle in the area.

BGN asked for the Town Boards opinion concerning this issue. Town Attorney Michelle Kennedy suggested that the Town Board refer to the Town Historical Society for name suggestions for the unnamed streams. The Town Board thought that was a great idea.

MOTION by Councilperson Potrikus to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 10:01PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk