

The Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly meeting on the 11th day of April 2018 at the Town Building, Fly Creek, NY at 7:00 PM.

Town Board Members Present:

Meg Kiernan	Supervisor
Thomas Hohensee	Councilperson
Bennett Sandler	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 Sandler, to accept the March 14th minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan read correspondence received since the last regular meeting. Some of the correspondence read were:

- A letter from NYS D.O.T. stating that they will be placing “No Parking” signs on both sides of State Highway 28, north and south of “NYS Bar and Grill” formally known as the” Pepper Mill”.
- A letter from Jean Finch asking the highway crew to please push the snow to the right of the Toddsville Walk Way Bridge so not to block the hand shoveled path across the bridge.

Supervisor Kiernan apologized for not reading Carl Wengers’ letter at last month’s meeting where he listed several questions and concerns about the Boards newly adopted Complete Street Resolution. Councilperson Hohensee agreed to follow up with Mr. Wenner to answer his questions and concerns.

Supervisor Kiernan opened the floor for comments.

John Phillips reminded everyone that both the Fly Creek Cider Mill 5K Run and the pancake breakfast at the Fly Creek Fire Department will be held on Saturday April 21st.

Supervisor Kiernan closed the floor for comments.

Supervisor Kiernan introduced Cooperstown School Superintendent Dr. William Crankshaw who highlighted the 2018-2019 School Budget. Total Proposed Budget is \$19,700,938. Total Levy proposed is \$11,928,238. Cooperstown is the second largest school in Otsego County averaging 60 students per grade or a total of 850 students. Dr. Crankshaw heard residents’ concerns and answered all their questions.

Supervisor Kiernan thanked Dr. Crankshaw for coming.

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

General Savings: \$ 4,700.84	General Checking: \$ 429,643.87
Highway Savings: \$ 7,838.52	Hwy Checking: \$ 546,916.47
Building Reserve Fund: \$176,336.07	Hwy Equipment Fund: \$ 333,478.55

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

The Supervisor asked for discussion. Questions were asked about the several accounts

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

GENERAL: #49-#63	\$ 2,804.89
HWY: #60-#89	\$ 34,350.99

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Dog Control Officer Tom Steele gave his report. Since last meeting he has answered 2 dogs running at large. There were no drop offs to the Susquehanna Animal Shelter.

Planning Board Member Scottie Baker discussed applications now currently being reviewed by the Planning Board.

Supervisor Kiernan submitted correspondence from Councilperson Potrikus. A summary of his concerns and reports are as follow:

- He found the letter from D.O.T. a blessing and a curse. Installing “NO PARKING” signs on both sides of St. Hwy. 28 on the southern end of Cooperstown near the “NYS Bar and Grill” will help with safety but

he felt it unfortunate that a business has to suffer the consequences of limited parking.

- He commented that he witnessed the highway crew using the Boom Mower to cut brush along the road and was pleased with the results.
- He had received a quote from roofer Ed Leslie, for replacing the Old Highway Building Roof of \$33,000.00. That is twice the cost of repainting it.
- He also suggested that the Town Board look at converting the Old Highway Garage on Co. Hwy. 26 into a salt shed as a way to save money. The Town Board members did briefly discuss the idea. Problems found with the idea were the building is currently being used to store equipment, thought the height of the building was not tall enough and more importantly the water supply is there and they did not want to take a chance on contaminating it.

Highway Superintendent William Hribar Sr. gave his report. He stated that a resident on Williams Road ripped up Williams Road to bury a power line. Everything was done with permits issued and inspected by the County. Problem is the road was not put back to its original condition and some areas are impassable. Town Attorney Michelle Kennedy agreed to draft a letter to the individual responsible for compromising the road putting him on notice that he will be responsible for the cost of putting the road back to its original condition.

Hribar stated that he is working towards finding and replacing lighting fixtures for the highway garage that are more energy efficient. He is also working on getting Ben Funk to replace a defective motor in one of the dump trucks before the warranty runs out.

Hribar stated that Schuyler Lake has donated to the Town of Otsego Highway Department an old water truck. To keep the dust down he plans on using the truck to wet the road before the sweeper goes through. Right now the highway crew is busy following the Boom Mower that has been rented for the month of April, throwing the cut debris into the chipper.

Supervisor Kiernan stated that RFP's are ready to be sent out to local engineers requesting a cost to conduct a study of the Cemetery Road Highway Site. What is still unclear is who owns the right-of-way that goes through the southern end of the property.

Councilperson Hohensee announced that there will be three Annual Training Courses offered to all town employees on May 22nd 6-8pm at the town hall. Supervisor Kiernan will email notification inviting all employees.

Supervisor Kiernan reported for the Highway Committee. The reception on the Town Highway Truck Radios has been terrible. Cooperstown School could not get in contact with any of the Highway Employees to find out the road conditions. Tri-County is looking into the cause.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to go into Executive Session for Attorney Client Privilege.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (8:40)

Attorney Michelle Kennedy advised the Town Board to submit the appropriate permitting application to DEC and the Army Corps. of Engineers for the replacement of the upper Tripp Hill Culvert but only with a culvert that is the exact same dimensions and within the exact same easement that currently exists. Therefore the Boards MOTION that Lamont Engineering lead the applications on the Boards behalf, with those limitations, will stand.

The three Town Board members present understood the advice given by Town Attorney Kennedy and unanimously were in agreement.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:45PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk