

The Otsego Town Board held an emergency meeting on the 25th day of April 2012 at the Town Building, Fly Creek, NY at 6:00 PM. Notice of the meeting was posted and The Daily Star was given prior notice of the meeting.

Town Board Members Present:

Anne Geddes-Atwell	Supervisor
Bennett Sandler	Councilman
Langhorn Keith	Councilman
Carl Wenner	Councilman
Julie Huntsman	Councilwoman

Also Present:

Michelle Kennedy	Town Attorney
Pamela Deane	Town Clerk

Supervisor Geddes-Atwell called the meeting to order.

Town Attorney Michele Kennedy submitted a draft Escrow Agreement between the Town of Otsego and the Farmer's Museum LLC for the sidewalk grant. The agreement specifies that the Farmer's Museum agrees to escrow the entire anticipated cost of the project. They further agree to place all Federal replacement dollars in a second escrow account which will only be released to them upon completion of the project. The Town recognizes that the funds are not secure until all aspects of the project have been approved and signed off.

Attorney Kennedy went on to state that the agreement has already been reviewed and approved by Counsel representing the Farmer's Museum.

MOTION by Councilman Keith, seconded by Councilman Sandler, that the Town Board designates itself as Lead Agency, finds the project to be a Type I under SEQR and recognizes the Town Planning Board and Village of Cooperstown Planning Board as interested agencies.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor Geddes-Atwell, Councilmen Sandler and Keith, and Councilwoman Huntsman voted yes. Councilman Wenner voted no.

MOTION by Councilman Keith, seconded by Councilman Sandler, that the Town Board finds the proposed Escrow Agreement satisfactory and wish to proceed with presenting the proposed Escrow Agreement to the Farmer's Museum Board for approval, and then returned back to the Town Board for final execution.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor Geddes-Atwell, Councilmen Sandler and Keith, and Councilwoman Huntsman voted yes. Councilman Wenner voted no.

Attorney Kennedy felt it entirely appropriate that the Town Board consider adopting the same zoning immunization resolution on the sidewalk project as adopted on the Linden Avenue Project (Cooperstown Intermodal Transit Center Project). Further discussion was tabled until the May meeting.

MOTION by Councilman Keith, seconded by Councilman Sandler, to go into Executive Session to discuss possible pending legal action on the Hickory Grove project.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilman Huntsman, seconded by Councilman Wenner, to come out of Executive Session.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilman Sandler to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 7:50PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Deane
Town Clerk