

The Otsego Town Board held a regular monthly meeting on the 14th day of May 2014 at the Town Building, Fly Creek, NY at 7:00 PM.

Town Board Members Present:

Anne Geddes-Atwell	Supervisor
Julie Huntsman	Councilperson
Thomas Hohensee	Councilperson
Bennett Sandler	Councilperson
Carina Franck	Councilperson

Also Present:

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

Supervisor Geddes-Atwell called the regular meeting to order and asked all those present to please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION by Councilperson Huntsman, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to accept the minutes of April 9th and April 30th as presented

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Geddes –Atwell read correspondence received since last meeting.

Supervisor Geddes-Atwell opened the floor for public comment.

John Phillips publicly thanked Highway Superintendent John Schallert for his assistance with the Fly Creek Cider Run. The event proved to be very successful with 485 participating in the run.

County Representative Richmond Hulse invited the Town Board to attend the monthly County IGA meeting held in the Conference Room on the second floor of the County Building located at 197 Main Street.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Franck to close the floor for comments.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Geddes-Atwell gave a financial report. Balances are as follows in the various accounts:

General Savings: \$ 4,674.21	General Checking: \$ 598,401.32
Highway Savings: \$ 7,793.86	Hwy Checking: \$ 753,027.36
Building Reserve Fund: \$150,543.70	
Hwy Equipment Fund: \$ 127,881.81	

It was the consensus of the Board to table accepting the financial report until the June meeting.

MOTION by Councilperson Huntsman, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to pay the following invoices and make the necessary transfers.

GENERAL: #78-#94	\$ 43,069.28
HWY: #263-# 274	\$ 13,553.79

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor Geddes-Atwell, Councilpersons Hohensee, Franck and Huntsman voted yes. Councilperson Sandler abstained.

Zoning Enforcement Officer Tavis Austin reported the following permits were issued since last meeting:

Zoning Permits: 1

Town Attorney Michelle Kennedy reviewed the town revaluation status and options.

MOTION by Councilperson Huntsman, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to accept Option #2 offered by Michael Maxwell which includes one on site data verification of all properties in the town, updated photos attached to each file and all of the same items as described in the RFP, subject to approval of some reduction in cost per parcel as a result of the assessors involvement.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Councilperson Sandler informed the Board that there is too much wiring and air conditioning trunk lines running through the attic of the Town Building to add additional insulation. He suggested that it might be more energy cost effective if the entire roof of the Town Building were replaced, placing insulation down first before shingling the roof. He will compare the cost of replace the entire roof with estimated heating costs with and without added insulation, to see if the savings would be substantial.

Attorney Michelle Kennedy and the Town Board reviewed Part I and completed Part II of the EAF for the proposed Local Law #1

MOTION by Councilperson Huntsman, seconded by Councilperson Franck, declaring a negative declaration on the proposed action to adopt Local Law #1 to prohibit within the Town of Otsego the disposal of waste associated with natural gas and oil exploration or extraction or other hydro carbon exploration and extraction activities.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Attorney Kennedy will now forward the proposed law to the County Planning Board for their review.

Highway Superintendent John Schallert stated that the Town is eligible for \$177,000.00 from the state for CHIP's and \$21,000.00 for an Extreme Winter Appropriation for roads destroyed this past winter. Currently Schallert is refurbishing Cook Road and Keys Road, both dirt roads, to the CHIP's specifications. The amount of highway money he plans on use for paving will be small.

The Board discussed briefly different phone options to improve Schallert's access ability. For whatever reason, no one is able to leave a message at the highway garage land line phone.

Craig and Tracey Lippitt have approached Schallert about the Town removing a limb from a large maple tree that is in the Town right-of- way and hanging over their house. The cost of having the limb removed would be \$486.00. Schallert felt that the tree will continue to be problematic and was more inclined to remove it entirely. It was the consensus of the Board that they will take a look at the tree.

Fuel report is as follow:

FUEL	GALLONS	TOTAL COST/MONTH	YTD GALS	YTD EXP.
Gas	1,238.08	\$	1,648.423	\$
Diesel	2,232.63	\$	8,294.166	\$
Heating	969.660	\$	2,196.940	\$
Svc.		\$		\$

No Highway Report which includes Salary Expenses, Bridge Expenses, Utility Expenses, commodity Expenses and Miscellaneous Expenses, was submitted.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Huntsman, authorizing Supervisor Geddes-Atwell to sign the NYMIR Insurance Subscriber Agreement sent by Mang Insurance Agent Tim Parsons, after Town Attorney Kennedy has had a chance to review the agreement.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Councilperson Franck reported attending a meeting held by Dazzle Ekblad from Climate Action Associates, LLC along with representatives from Cooperstown, Richfield Springs and Hartwick. Ekblad is strongly encouraging municipalities to join Climate Smart Communities via the DEC (Department of Energy Conservation). Climate Action helps municipalities facilitate the audit, planning and implementation of potential Climate Smart goals and initiatives. They also help identify federal/state /local aid and grants that are available. They offer free consultations but there are fees associated with Climate Action Associates services. There is no cost to join CSC. Those that join have access to tools, webinars, technical support, etc., at no charge. There are 130 communities currently members. Councilperson Franck submitted a sample pledge she hoped the Board would adopt.

MOTION by Councilperson Franck, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to adopt and sign the proposed Climate Smart Communities Pledge.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. Councilperson Huntsman will notify DEC.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: Resolution Docket pg. 121

Supervisor Geddes-Atwell requested authorization to open a bank account at Bank of Cooperstown.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Franck, granting Supervisor Geddes-Atwell's request to open bank accounts with Bank of Cooperstown.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Attorney Kennedy stated that Judge Gary Kuch is questioning the cost of additional material and labor from contractor John Phillips. She asked John Phillips who was present, if he could explain why the work exceeded the worked spelled out in the RFP.

Phillips stated that the additional work Judge Kuch requested was beyond that outlined in the written RFP and

highly labor intensive and the materials required were expensive.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Huntsman authorizing payment to John Phillips for work done in accordance to the RFP and the remainder be paid after Phillips submits an itemized bill with material receipts for additional work requested and the bill is reviewed and agreed upon with Supervisor Geddes-Atwell and Judge Kuch.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Huntsman, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to go into Executive Session to discuss litigations. (9:35PM)

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Huntsman to give authorization to Town Council to enter into the settlement agreement that were presented to the Board in the tax certiorari matters.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00PM.

The next regular meeting will be at the Town Building in Fly Creek on the 11th day of June 2014 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Deane
Town Clerk