

The Otsego Town Board held a regular monthly meeting on the 11th day June 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 May 14th 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 reported that the Fly Creek Cider Run raised \$10,000.00 for the Big Buddy Program of Otsego and Delaware Counties and a \$250.00 donation was given to the Fly Creek Fire Department.

Village Trustee Lou Allstadt wanted to clarify information mentioned in the Freemans Journal. The Village is not looking to put solar panels on top of any of their buildings but instead looking for potential sites to collect solar energy. A lot more information is needed before any decisions are made. It will have to make sense financially. The Village Trustees are not looking at solar energy as a way to bring more revenue to the Village but as a way to reduce electric cost.

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

General Savings: \$ 4,673.64	General Checking: \$ 598,513.55
Highway Savings: \$ 7,792.90	Hwy Checking: \$ 759,706.16
Building Reserve Fund: \$150,543.70	
Hwy Equipment Fund: \$ 127,881.81	

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

GENERAL:	#95-#115	\$ 25,149.30
HWY:	#274-286	\$ 12,895.82

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

Dog Control Office Tom Steele reported receiving since last meeting, 1 barking dog complaint and 1 dog attacking another dog complaint. No tickets were issued.

Councilperson Hohensee reported that Michael Maxwell has agreed to reduce the cost of a Town Wide Revaluation from \$ \$108,000.00 to \$98,000.00. Town Attorney Michelle Kennedy has reviewed and modified the contract. It was Councilperson Hohensee’s recommendation that the Town Board adopt the contract as amended.

MOTION by Councilperson Huntsman, seconded by Councilperson Sandler, to accept the Town Revaluation Contract with Michael Maxwell as amended.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

In Tavis Austin’s absence the Zoning Enforcement Officer report was submitted by Supervisor Geddes-Atwell. The following permits were issued since last meeting:

Zoning Permits: 1	Subdivision Application: 1
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Town Attorney Michelle Kennedy reported that the Hummels have been served to appear in court. The Hummels are requesting a 60 day extension to obtain a survey of their own. As a condition of the 60 day extension the Hummels are not allowed to complete any construction. Hummel’s attorney asked if there was anyway his clients could redeem themselves. Kennedy advised him to tell his clients that at this point it would be best that they continue their application with the ZBA.

Town Attorney Michelle Kennedy further reported that Addison Bissell was served a STOP WORK order for excavating within 500ft. of Otsego Lake. That type of activity under the Town’s Land Use Law, requires site plan review from the Town Planning Board. He was trying to divert water from flowing to the residences to flowing around the residences. To establish a precedent, she advised that Bissell be ticketed so the violation is not repeated.

There are also some issues that are being examined by the Watershed Supervisory Committee with respect to the capacity of this particular property to be used as an extension of the Cobblecote On The Lake B & B. Currently they have a non-

conforming use status and are not allowed to expand their use.

Councilperson Sandler reported that he has completed and submitted to the Town Attorney for review an RFP for the replacement of the Town Building roof.

Highway Superintendent John Schallert gave his monthly report. Since last meeting he has purchased a smart phone which he expects to be delivered and activated in a few days. He has completed the inventory for the insurance company. Schallert and the Board discussed CHIP's reimbursement, how it works, information needed to be submitted and reimbursement timeline. Schallert has not yet made a recommendation to the Board what roads he feels should be scheduled for the CHIP's Project. Currently much of the highway crew's time has been spent on rebuilding Cook Road and Keyes Road and changing out culverts that have collapsed. Both roads are near completion. At present all equipment is running as should be. All bridges with the exception of Fork Shop are in satisfactory condition.

No Highway Report which includes Salary Expenses, Bridge Expenses, Fuel Expenses, Utility Expenses, commodity Expenses and Miscellaneous Expenses, was submitted. Copies of past monthly highway reports were given to Schallert by Supervisor Geddes-Atwell to use a guideline as to what information the Board needs to track spending and establish next year's budget.

Councilperson Sandler reported that the Watershed Committee has gotten NYS D.O.T to agree to use an organic weed killer along the west side of Otsego Lake. Part of the agreement was that the Village would cover the cost of \$200.00 per application. The Village is hoping that the Towns of Springfield, Middlefield and Otsego will share in the cost. Three applications at the most are guessed to be applied for a total of \$150.00 per town.

MOTION by Councilperson Huntsman, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to agree to share the cost of applying organic weed killer along the west side of Otsego Lake capping the shared cost at \$150.00.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Town Attorney Michelle Kennedy and the Town Board reviewed and discussed John Phillip's invoice for renovating the Town Court Office with John Phillips. Phillips agreed to credit the Town \$210.00 for bars on the court office window that were later decided not to be installed.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee and pay John Phillips the new and remaining balance due of \$5,762.20.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Huntsman, seconded by Councilperson Franck, authorizing Highway Superintendent John Schallert to trim but NOT remove the maple tree in the Town right-of-way in front of Craig and Tracey Lippitt's home on the corner of County Highway 26 and School House Street.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Town Attorney Michelle Kennedy reported reviewing the Town Insurance Agreement with NYMIR and has found no problems.

MOTION by Councilperson Bennett, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to appoint Steve Bohler to represent the Town on the Village Library Board.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Councilperson Huntsman state that she and Supervisor Geddes-Atwell both have heard owner and founder of Extraterrestrial Materials, Inc. (EMT Solar Works) Dr. Gay Canough's presentation on solar energy and thought it would be worth having her speak to the entire Town Board. After a short discussion it was the consensus of the Board to hold the presentation on June 26th at 7:00PM with Dr. Canough and also to invite neighboring Town and County Board members.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

The next regular meeting will be at the Town Building in Fly Creek on the 9th day of July 2014 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Deane
Town Clerk

