

The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on the 12th day of June 2019 at the Town Building, Fly Creek, NY at 7:00PM.

Town Board Members Present:

Meg Kiernan	Supervisor
Carina Franck	Councilperson
Tom Hohensee	Councilperson
Bennett Sandler	Councilperson

Also Present:

William Hribar Sr.	Highway Superintendent
Pamela Deane	Town Clerk

Supervisor Kiernan asked everyone to please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Sandler to accept the May 8th minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. 1 absent

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to accept the March 13th minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. 1 absent

Supervisor Kiernan read correspondence received since last month's meeting.

Supervisor Kiernan opened the floor for comments.

Brian Kegelman stated that the Town's reply to the current lawsuit was that the Highway Superintendents DOT inventory sheet showed that it had been attested every year that Tripp Hill Rd. had been maintained a total of 20ft of roadside and shoulder. Bill would have submitted that to the DOT as part of the CHIP's Program certifying that this is the amount of road the town has historically maintained. Kegelman claimed to have FOILED a copy of that certification a week ago and was told by the Town Clerk that she had not received anything from the Highway Superintendent.

Town Supervisor Kiernan stated that proof of payment for the roads maintained under CHIP's are sent into the State for reimbursement. That is all that is done. That is all there is.

Kegelman asked if there had been any certification for Tripp Hill, even though improvements have been in the budget for the last three years, Supervisor Kiernan answered "No". The lawsuit will be heard by the Supreme Court July 5th.

Supervisor Kiernan closed the floor for further comments.

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

General Savings:	\$ 4,707.88	General Checking:	\$382,903.44
Highway Savings:	\$ 7,850.26	Hwy Checking:	\$387,951.52
Building Reserve Fund:	\$176,645.25	Hwy Equipment Fund:	\$369,066.55

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to accept the financial report as presented and make the necessary transfers.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. 1 absent

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

GENERAL:	#85-#102	\$	3,443.77
HWY:	#95-#115	\$	22,829.05

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. 1 absent

Dog Officer Tom Steele reported receiving 1 dog abuse complaint, 1 barking dog complaint and 1 communication call with police.

Planning Board Member Walter Dusenbury reported on applications the Planning Board is currently reviewing. A total of 5 applications were reviewed at the June meeting.

Zoning Enforcement Officer Ed Hobbie reported issuing the following permits since last meeting.

Zoning Permits: 8 Site Plan Review: 2

Hobbie stated that the Planning Board had a question about whether or not complaints were required to be read aloud at the Planning Board meeting. It was decided that written complaints should be sent to all Planning Board Members prior to the meeting and if there were any aspects of the complaint any Planning Board Member would like to discuss with the other members that would be the time.

Hobbie also told the Town Board that regulations for solar panels may be needed. There have been complaints of solar panels spoiling the neighbors view. Councilperson Sandler suggested adding language in the Land Use Law addressing size, height, number of panels, screening, regulating solar farms and possible zone where they allowed or not allowed in the Town. Hobbie asked that the Town Board set a separate fee for larger scale commercial projects. Councilperson Franck volunteered to work with Town ZEO Ed Hobbie, on a proposal for the Town Boards consideration.

Councilperson Franck reported that the new fourth edition SEQRA Handbook is now available for download on the NY DEC's website.

Highway Superintendent Bill Hribar gave the highway report. Some issues discussed were:

- Not some, but all of the town roads are in very bad condition.
- Equipment and culverts are old and need to be replaced.
- Hribar discussed options for walling up the ends of the larger culverts specifically the one just installed near the Pierstown Grange.
- A bill will go out to the Pierstown Grange for reimbursement of the crusher run and culvert pipe used to install the ditch to divert water away from the Grange Building.
- Morley Road was completely destroyed by a logging company. Hribar submitted pictures for the Town Board to see and evaluate. The logging company has agreed to have the road repaired.
- The Town Board requested quotes from Hribar for a new dump truck and plow to be presented at the July meeting.

Supervisor Kiernan asked the Board members to take notice of the hosta plants she planted in the New Town Building flowerbed. Ellen Pope donated the plants. All Board members were grateful and impressed.

Supervisor Kiernan submitted a resolution proposal reducing the Town Justices from 2 to 1, which was reviewed by the Town Board.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to adopt the proposed Resolution reducing the Town Justices from 2 to 1.

MOTION CARRIED. Supervisor Kiernan voted aye. Councilperson Franck voted aye. Councilperson Sandler voted aye. Councilperson Hohensee voted aye. Councilperson Potrikus was absent.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: (Resolution Docket # 145) Resolution is subject to a Permissive Referendum.

Councilperson Sandler reported for the Watershed Committee. There has been 1 application of spray applied to broad leaf wood species along Otsego Lake.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to adopt the Otsego County Snow and Ice Contract so long as the contract and addendum is the same as last year.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. 1 absent

Supervisor Kiernan submitted an application for a \$1,000 grant. The Town Board gave the Town Supervisor authorization to apply for the grant to be used towards ditching Thayer Road.

Supervisor Kiernan submitted the Snow and Ice Agreement offered by the County.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, second by Councilperson Hohensee, to accept the Snow and Ice Agreement offered by the County through 2020 as agreed upon in the 2018 Agreement for 3years.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. 1 absent

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: (Resolution Docket pg.147)

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Franck to go into Executive Session to discuss a litigation matter.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. 1 absent (8:40PM)

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. 1 absent (8:54PM)

MOTION by Councilperson Franck, to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. 1 absent

Meeting ended at 8:56PM

Next Regular Meeting will be July 10th at 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk