

The Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly meeting on the 14th day of June 2017 at the Town Building, Fly Creek, NY at 7:00 PM.

Town Board Members Present:

Meg Kiernan	Supervisor
Thomas Hohensee	Councilperson
Carina Franck	Councilperson
Bennett Sandler	Councilperson
Joseph Potrikus	Councilperson

Also Present:

John Schallert	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 Potrikus, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to accept the May 10th minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: Councilpersons Franck, Sandler, Hohensee and Potrikus voted yes. Supervisor Kiernan abstained because she was absent that meetings

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Sandler, to approve the minutes of May 23rd as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor Kiernan, Councilpersons Sandler, Hohensee and Franck voted yes. Councilperson Potrikus abstained because he was absent that meeting.

Supervisor Kiernan read correspondence received since last meeting.

Supervisor Kiernan opened the floor for comments. There was a 5-minute limit per person.

Carl Wenner objected to the possibility of the Board lowering all speed limits on all Town roads. Wenner went on to say that he felt the surest route to destroy what one loves about an area is when government writes laws to control what residents can and cannot do. He felt things would be a lot better if everybody just minded their own business.

James Ainslie also objected to the possibility of the Board lowering all speed limits on all Town roads. He is a mailman with a tight schedule. If he does not get all the mail he collects to the dispatch truck in Cooperstown at a certain time the mail collected that day will have to wait until the next day to go out. He barely makes it now. Resident's bill payments will be received late prompting a late fee, people will need to allow more time to get to the school to drop off their children, more time to get to work, and more time to get home. Changing the speed limit everywhere is going to changes people's lives. He just wanted the Town Board to think about that.

Roseann Schelling wanted to publicly thank the highway crew for adding more culverts, cleaning ditches and redirecting the water near her home on Keating Road away from her property. She praised them for doing a wonderful job.

Sheila Ross agreed with Carl Wenner. There were 15 farms where she grew up on the corner of St. Hwy. 205 and 80. Now there is 1 farm. The farmers have nothing. There's nothing but brush and bears around here now. You have to let people do something around here.

Joyce Putnam asked if there were any new developments concerning the Bissell property. Town Attorney Michelle Kennedy suggested she talk with the Town ZEO who has visited the property. In terms of the actual Stipulation Order, the Order is pending with the court and the Board is waiting for the judge to act.

Robert Bohm stated that it is nice to see some diversity in the community. He has welcomed 18 Jamaicans that are currently staying at his hotel. It is nice to see the Otesaga expanding the community, bringing in the labor that we need. There are not enough workers in the area. Without them there is no one who will accept the pay offered for some of the jobs..

Councilperson Potrikus stated that he now has a gentleman from Nigeria working for him.

Supervisor Kiernan closed the floor for public comments.

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

General Savings: \$ 4,693.95	General Checking: \$ 336,860.02
Highway Savings: \$ 7,826.78	Hwy Checking: \$ 604,598.84
Building Reserve Fund: \$179,788.60	Hwy Equipment Fund: \$ 298,100.55

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

GENERAL: #86-#109	\$ 6,433.20
HWY: #96-#115	\$34,426.42

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Dog Control Officer Thomas Steele reported dropping off 2 dogs at the Susquehanna Animal Shelter.

Superintendent of Highway report was given by Highway Superintendent John Schallert. The mowing of the Landfill was discussed. Schallert didn't think the town was responsible for mowing it any longer and requested documentation showing differently. The Town Clerk will research it.

Schallert discussed the several highway violations and the \$500.00 fine the town received from DEC. Tom Lane from DEC recommended that the Fly Creek Fire Department get their own above ground skid tank and stop buying fuel from the town. With the Fly Creek Fire Department buying their fuel from the town it puts the town in a filling station category triggering more regulations. Lane has now deemed the town to be in compliance. Schallert further reported that the town's fuel tanks have a 25-year guarantee and he estimated that they were put in in 1997. He recommended the Board consider replacing them soon with a containment unit.

Schallert presented paving quotes from Suite Kote and Gorman to pave Keyes Rd., Jones Rd., Keating Rd. and Roses Hill:

Suit-Kote:	\$256,239.64
Gorman:	\$257,798.10

Supervisor Kiernan submitted to Schallert the inventory list from the insurance company. She pointed out that the old chipper the town no longer has is still on the inventory and the new one is not. She asked Schallert to review the list and see if there are any more corrections to be made and notify the insurance company of the corrections.

Schallert reported collecting 353 tires on tire day and a substantial amount of electronics.

Supervisor Kiernan announced that there will be a SEQRA training session with Danny Lapin from OCCA on July 25th at 7:00.

Councilperson Sandler reported that he is still working on the four Action Items to qualify for the NYSERTA grant. For the first Action Item Councilman Sandler asked that the Board pass a resolution committing to posting on line the energy consumption (heating, cooling and electricity) of all Buildings owned by the Town, every year. He submitted a draft resolution to Town Attorney Michelle Kennedy for review. For the Second Action Item he is looking into replacing street lighting with LED bulbs. Councilperson Sandler stated that NYSEG did indicate to him that they are in the process of getting approval from the Public Safety Service Commission to switch the street lighting bulbs to LED, if the town would like to wait. The third Action Item he was considering would air seal all the penetrations in the ceiling of the Town Building. His guessed that would be more than a 10% reduction of the leakage of airflow to the outside. For the fourth Action Item Plan he proposed that the Town Board install an Electric Charging Station for charging electric vehicles. Further discussion was tabled until next meeting.

Councilperson Franck proposed Land Use Law definition changes for the Boards consideration. Further discuss was tabled.

Councilperson Potrikus, at last months meeting, promised to have a drawing of what he proposed for the landscaping around the building using pavers so the Board members could have a better visual of what it would look like. He has decided to drop off a few pavers instead so the Board members could see for themselves. The topic will be continued for discussion at the July meeting.

Supervisor Kiernan presented a proposal from Michael McCoy Construction LLC. to refurbish the old Highway Garage. The estimates were as follow:

- Powers washes the entire building and prep all walls. Remove loose paint from metal and block prep for new paint to be sprayed then rolled right behind so all seams and gaps can be filled efficiently, even on all small units that adjoin main building. Paint to be used will be DTM (direct to metal). Replace broken panes of glass on west side of building. Clean and haul away any debris. \$18,500.00
- On roof, wash and prep entire roof and out- building roofs for new aluminum fiber roof coating, roll with heavy knap rollers to get maximum coat coverage and seal, \$5000.00
- Prices given include time and material. Any unforeseen damages will be an extra cost above and beyond price given.

Given the estimated cost it was determined the project will need to be bid out. Supervisor Kiernan will draft an RFP for the July meeting for the Board and Town Attorney to review.

Councilperson Hohensee reported that a Safety Meeting has been scheduled for August 7th.

Supervisor Kiernan submitted a draft revision of the Heirloom Barn Law from the Cooperstown Graduate Program. Further discussion was tabled until the July meeting. It was decided to just let the Heirloom Barn Moratorium expire in July.

Supervisor Kiernan discussed the appointment of members to the Ethics Committee. There were no suggestions.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee seconded by Councilperson Franck, to go into Executive Session.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (9:07PM)

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (9:50PM)

MOTION by Councilman Sandler to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 9:51PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk