

A Regular meeting of the Otsego Town Board was held on the 9th day of September, 2010 at the Town Building, Fly Creek, NY at 7:00 PM.

Town Board Members Present:

Meg Kiernan	Supervisor
Carl Wenner	Councilperson
John Schallert	Councilperson
Bill Michaels	Councilperson
Anne Geddes-Atwell	Councilperson

Also Present:

Paul Elkan:	Town Attorney
Shawn Mulligan	Highway Superintendent
Pamela Deane	Town Clerk

Supervisor Kiernan called the meeting to order and asked all those in attendance to please rise and pledge the American Flag.

MOTION by Councilman Michaels, seconded by Councilwomen Geddes-Atwell, to accept the minutes of August 11th as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan read correspondence received since last meeting: Some of the correspondence read was as follow:

- A letter from the Fly Creek Valley Cemetery Association President Bruce Andrews. A copy of recent legislation by the NYS allowing active Cemetery Associations to apply for money and services from the Town Board accompanied Andrews's letter asking for \$5,000 for 2011. The Board promised to consider his request while drafting the 2011 budget.
- A check from Selective Insurance Claims Department in the amount of \$4,693.33 to cover repairs to the Town's sweeper caused by the machine failing to stop and finally coming to a rest in ditch off a Town Road.

Supervisor Kiernan opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments from the public.

The financial report was read by Councilman Kiernan. Balances are as follow in the various accounts:

General Savings: \$ 4,658.37	General Checking: \$704,125.57
Highway Savings: \$ 7,767.43	Highway Checking: \$440,308.53
Highway Equipment: \$154,448.13	

MOTION by Councilman Michaels, seconded by Councilwomen Geddes-Atwell, to accept the financial report as given.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilwomen Geddes-Atwell, seconded by Councilman Michaels, to make the necessary transfers and pay all bills presented except for voucher #343 reimbursing Town Assessor Marie Walters \$852.20 for an Assessor Seminar, until she has presented proof of payment.

General: # 339-#352	\$23,307.02
Hwy: # 375-#391	\$40,717.72

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Highway Superintendent report was given by Highway Superintendent Shawn Mulligan. Fuel expenses for this month are as follow:

FUEL	GALLONS	TOTAL COST/MONTH	YTD GALS	YTD EXP.
Gas	-0-	\$ -0-	1,478.1	\$ 3,430.64
Diesel	557.0	\$ 1,331.79	11,266.9	\$ 28,849.94
Heating	-0-	\$ -0-	-0-	\$ -0-
Svc.		\$ -0-		\$ 12.04

Mulligan reported that the new loader has been ordered. During the up-coming weeks he plans to top

Keys Road with gravel, re-ditch, re-grade and widen Vibbard Road and put in the septic system for the new highway garage.

Supervisor Kiernan informed Mulligan that she received a request for a dead end sign on Bibik Road. Mulligan agreed to the placement of the sign.

Councilman Michaels was concerned with the placement of an REA pole which he believes is in the Town right-of-way on Tanner Hill. Mulligan stated that he believes the pole is three feet in the Town's right-of-way but the lines have already been placed. The road was much improved before the new poles went in and he has no plans at this time in making Tanner Hill a year-round road. At present the placement of the pole is not interfering with the road.

Dog Control Officer Tom Steele reported that it has been a busy month. Supervisor Kiernan asked Steele to let the Board know when he plans to take a vacation. Possibly Hartwick and Otsego can work together as a backup when either Dog Control Officer is away.

Engineer Jonathan McManus submitted for the Board's for review the Office/Break Room renovation for the new highway garage. McManus explained that all work that is done must be documented and paid at the prevailing wage rate.

MOTION by Councilman Michaels, seconded by Councilman Schallert that with the recommendation of the contracted engineer and the Town Attorney the Building Committee recommends that the Town Board award the labor-only bid for the Town Garage Office on Cemetery Road to Delta Construction, the lowest bidder at \$32,300.00. In addition to project oversight by the contracted engineer the Building Committee reserves the right to review the work in progress of the approved bidder. If a deviation from plans or deficiency in work quality arises the contracting engineer will be notified to make the necessary corrections.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor Kiernan, Councilmen Michaels and Schallert, and Councilwomen Geddes-Atwell voted yes. Councilman Wenner voted no.

MOTION by Councilman Michaels, seconded by Councilwomen Geddes-Atwell, authorizing the Town Supervisor to establish a separate account at Bruce Hall's not to exceed \$8,000 for the contractor to purchase necessary supplies for this project only. Purchases in excess of \$100.00 require authority of the contracted engineer or a member of the Building Committee.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor Kiernan, Councilmen Schallert and Michaels, and Councilwomen Geddes-Atwell voted yes. Councilman Wenner voted no.

Watershed report was given by Councilwomen Geddes-Atwell. Through August 54 inspections were completed, of which 10 failed. Of the 10 systems that failed, 3 were total system failures and 5 of the 10 have been corrected. The status of the 190 failed systems from the first cycle of inspections remains unchanged from July.

Councilwoman Geddes-Atwell reported that the first Gas Committee meeting was held. Members of the committee are Councilwoman Geddes-Atwell, Sarah MacArthur, Councilman Wenner, Planning Board members Rosemary Craig and John Phillips, Doug Greene and Lou Allstadt. Lou Allstadt gave a short but thorough explanation of the hydrofracking process. Individual assignments were given to each member. Next meeting is scheduled for October 6th at 7:00PM.

Supervisor Kiernan reported that Town Planning Board has approved the site plan for the Linden Ave. project.

Supervisor Kiernan stated that the Planning Board has requested that the perk test requirement in the Subdivision Law be removed from the law. The members feel the perk test is a needless added expense. The Board agreed that the required perk tests for a subdivision should be removed from the law and will ask the Planning Board to submit a suggested language change to the subdivision law. They will also ask that the Planning Board take a look at the proposed changes submitted by Councilman Michaels last year, addressing steep slopes.

After a short discussion the Board set a 2011 Budget Workshop for October 4th, at 7:00PM.

MOTION by Supervisor Kiernan, seconded by Councilman Wenner, to go in Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan announced that while in Executive Session no decisions were made.

MOTION by Councilman Schallert, seconded by Councilman Wenner to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED. All were in favor

Meeting ended at 8:10 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held at the Town Building in Fly Creek on the 13th day of October, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Deane
Town Clerk