

The Town of Otsego Town Board held two Public Hearings and a Regular Monthly Meeting on the 9th day of September 2020 at 7:00PM at the Town Building in Fly Creek, NY.

Town Board Members Present:

Meg Kiernan	Supervisor
Suzanne Olson	Councilperson
Tom Hohensee	Councilperson
Matthew Zwissler	Councilperson

Also Present:

William Hribar	Highway Superintendent
Pamela Deane	Town Clerk

Supervisor Kiernan called the Public Hearing to order. She explained that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear public comment on the proposed Local Law “Definitions and Changes to 4.04 the Lakeshore Protection District”. She went on to explain that the revisions were based on comments made at last month’s Public Hearing. Supervisor Kiernan then opened the floor for comments.

Robert Bohm felt residents should be allowed to cut down invasive species without needing approval from the Town.

Supervisor Kiernan pointed out that the proposed law allows the removal of vegetation.

With no further comments Supervisor Kiernan closed the Public Hearing.

Supervisor Kiernan called the Public Hearing to order for Public Comment on adopting a Local Law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C.

Robert Bohm and Sheila Ross asked that the Town Board stay within the restraints of the 2% cap. Because of the Covid-19 virus some residents have lost their jobs and are experiencing a hardship at this time. For that reason they would like to see the taxes stay the same or come in less than last year.

With no further comments Supervisor Kiernan closed the Public Hearing.

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

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Olson, to accept the minutes of August 12th as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan read correspondence received since last month’s meeting. Among the correspondence Fly Creek resident Carl Wenner had submitted a proposed Resolution whereby the Town Board freely admits to having shame from benefitting from having White Privilege and voluntarily surrender their homes, businesses, and any other property deemed necessary to be looted, pillaged and otherwise destroyed should any peaceful protesters find themselves decrying oppression in the Town of Otsego.

The Town Board Members had no comment.

Supervisor Kiernan opened the floor for comments.

Rob Bohm reiterated that he would *not* like to see the 2021 taxes raised from the 2020 taxes.

Sheila Ross felt the same way as Bohm.

Supervisor Kiernan closed the floor for comments.

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

General Savings: \$ 4,717.62	General Checking: \$292,185.31
Highway Savings: \$ 7,866.50	Hwy Checking: \$490,949.15
Building Reserve Fund: \$173,337.63	Hwy Equipment Fund: \$369,765.15
Building Reserve CD: \$-0-	Hwy Reserve CD: \$ -0-

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Olson to pay the bills and make the necessary transfers.

GENERAL:	#104-#133	\$ 2,013.56
HWY:	#362-#387	\$ 75,956.46

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Highway Superintendent William Hribar gave the Highway Superintendent report. The following items were discussed:

- The new 2020 International 10 wheeler trucks have arrived. They were on display in the parking lot, for anyone wanting to see them.
- Hribar let the Town Board know that they needed to pass a Resolution agreeing to plow and sand the entire length of County Highway 28 and County Highway 26-from State Hwy 28 to the Springfield line, for the County.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Olson, to adopt the Snow and Ice Agreement with Otsego County as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: (Resolution Docket pg. 154)

Hribar submitted to the Town Board a Shared Services Agreement from and with NYS. The Town Board tabled further discussion regarding the Agreement, until the October meeting.

Planning Board member Sharon Kroker reported on applications currently being reviewed by the Planning Board.

After a short discussion the Town Board declared the proposed changes to the Land Use Law a Type 2 action under SEQR and decided to send it to Otsego County Planning for review.

Councilperson Hohensee volunteered to oversee the Town's Buildings and Grounds.

Councilperson Hohensee reported that he and Councilperson Franck finally got a chance to video the Highway Departments Buildings and Inventory for insurance purposes.

Supervisor Kiernan asked for discussion concerning the proposed Local Law allowing the Town Board a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Olson, to adopt Local Law #1 allowing the Town Board to exceed the 2% cap if need be.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor Kiernan            yes  
                         Councilperson Olson            yes  
                         Councilperson Zwissler            yes  
                         Councilperson Hohensee            yes

After a short discussion a 2021 Budget Workshop was scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM at the Town Building.

Supervisor Kiernan informed the Town Board that Town Attorney Peter Hobaica has given his notice of resignation effective September 30<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that Supervisor Kiernan would ask Planning Board Attorney Ryan Miosek to also act as the Town Attorney until the end of the year.

MOTION by Supervisor Kiernan, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to go into Executive Session to discuss Highway Contract Negotiations.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (8:03PM)

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (8:36PM)

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:36PM.

Next Regular Meeting will be October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk