

The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on the 9th day of October 2019 at the Town Building, Fly Creek, NY at 7:00PM.

Town Board Members Present:

Meg Kiernan	Supervisor
Carina Franck	Councilperson
Bennett Sandler	Councilperson
Joseph Potrikus	Councilperson
Tom Hohensee	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 Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to accept the minutes of September 11th as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Sandler, to accept the minutes of September 24<sup>th</sup> as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor Kiernan, Councilpersons Sandler, Franck and Hohensee voted yes. Councilperson Potrikus abstained.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to accept the minutes of October 1<sup>st</sup> as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor Kiernan, Councilpersons Potrikus, Franck and Hohensee voted yes. Councilperson Sandler abstained.

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

Supervisor Kiernan opened the floor for comments.

Carl Wenner felt that there should be two rules concerning complaints. First, complaints should be limited to those in view of the violation. Secondly, the complaint should not be anonymous. He felt the accused has the right to know their accuser.

Councilperson Franck stated that the Association of Towns recommended that the complainant remain anonymous. In most cases revealing the complainant only puts fuel on a fire.

Another suggestion Wenner had was that the Town Board create an Incentive Program rewarding the highway department for any cost savings made throughout the year.

Sheila Ross complained about the highway department dumping left over pavement material in a pile at the highway site on Willow Ave. She felt that instead of it being dumped in a pile or used to fill holes in front of the highway garage it should have been spread out onto Willow Ave.

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: \$ 4711.42	General Checking: \$354,273.60
Highway Savings: \$ 7,856.16	Hwy Checking: \$326,228.56
Building Reserve Fund: \$173,036.56	Hwy Equipment Fund: \$369,205.24

Councilperson Potrikus pointed out that if \$1.2 million dollars were in a Money Market Account at 1% that would yield \$12,000.00. He felt and the Town Board agreed that a portion of the Towns money should be in some sort of secure interest bearing account.

Supervisor Kiernan agreed to find out from the bank what investment options they offer and at what interest rate.

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Potrikus, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to pay the bills as amended and make the necessary transfers.

GENERAL: #144-#153 \$ 3,924.55  
HWY: #170-#176 \$ 93,931.52

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Dog Officer Tom Steele reported investigating 2 dogs running at large and 1 drop off.

Planning Board member Lynn Casale reported on Site Plan applications currently being reviewed by the Planning Board. Not on the agenda was the Fly Creek Fire Company who was seeking approval for a illuminated LED 18sq. ft. sign similar to the one the Cooperstown Fire Company has. The Planning Board felt that under Section 5.03 Free Standing Signs, the sign would be allowed and voted to have the Town's ZEO issue a permit.

Councilperson Sandler read in part Section 5.03 Illuminated Signs "Flashing, moving, rotating or intermittent lights or reflectors **shall not be permitted** as part of a sign or as separate components of a commercial display or advertisement". It was agreed that the ZEO should have denied the application and sent the Fire Company to the ZBA. The Town Board did not know from reading the law, if exterior illuminated signs were permitted.

This led to a discussion concerning the Corn Maze Sandwich Board signs located up and down County Highway 26. The Town Board was in full support of the Pernat's Corn Maze but their off premise signs are nonconforming. The Town Board thought that the Pernat's should be notified of the sign law giving them ample time to apply for Special Permits, modify the size of their signs, or apply for a variance for next years Corn Maze.

Councilman Potrikus brought up the SSPCA Site Plan application and the fact that there will be two parcels coming off the tax roll and the implications of that. He would like a question added to the Site Plan Review and ZBA Applications asking if the parcel being reviewed was coming off the tax roll. A short discussion followed. No action was taken.

Highway Superintendent Bill Hribar gave a highway report:

- He has finished sealing all the newly paved roads and is preparing to put crusher run on Johnston Rd. The hope is to have Johnston Rd. ready to pave next spring.
- Hribar submitted a State truck bid for the Town Boards consideration. He will find out if CHIP's money can be used toward part of the purchase of a truck.
- The Town Board instructed Hribar to dispose of the scrap metal pile on the highway site.
- Pierstown Grange was responsible for the cost of the culverts and the material to cover them.

Councilpersons Hohensee and Franck are still planning to video the highway equipment for insurance purposes.

The Sexual Harassment Training is scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00PM with Otsego County Homeland Security and Safety Administrator, Bob Satriano.

The next 2020 Budget Workshop was scheduled for Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM.

MOTION by Councilperson Franck, to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:55PM

Next Regular Meeting will be November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk