

The Otsego Town Board held a regular monthly meeting on the 14th day of October 2015 at the Town Building, Fly Creek, NY at 7:00 PM.

Town Board Members Present:

Anne Geddes-Atwell	Supervisor
Thomas Hohensee	Councilperson
Carina Franck	Councilperson
Bennett Sandler	Councilperson

Also Present:

Michael Thayer	Deputy Highway Superintendent
Michelle Kennedy	Town Attorney
Pamela Deane	Town Clerk

Supervisor Geddes-Atwell called the regular meeting to order and asked all those present to please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to accept the minutes of September 9th, September 21st and October 6th

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Geddes –Atwell summarized the content of correspondence received since the Town Board’s September meeting.

Supervisor Geddes-Atwell opened the floor for comments. People wishing to speak were given a five-minute limit.

John Phillips repeated from last meeting his dismay of the Town Board supporting Richfield Springs efforts in installing a boat wash at the NYS boat launch on Canadarago Lake and giving them \$1,200.00 more than they asked for. He hoped that the Town Board would request their contribution to be returned if the boat wash does not come to pass.

Supervisor Geddes-Atwell assured Phillips that the pledge the Town Board made will only be honored if the boat wash is implemented.

Later in meeting Councilperson Sandler responded to Phillips complaint. He explained that he felt it important to support Richfield Springs decision to implement a boat wash on Canadarago Lake because if evasive aquatic species enter the lake it is a very expensive problem correct. For that reason he did not see pledging \$4,200.00, \$1,200.00 more than Richfield Springs Supervisor Enjem asked for, an over expenditure.

Jason Stone expressed his gratitude to Highway Superintendent John Schallert and his highway employees for improvements made to the town roads.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to close the floor for comments.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Geddes-Atwell introduced Technical Advisor for Otsego 2000 Keith Shue. Shue explained that the Dominion “New Market Project” is currently proposing to increase the capacity of a 200-mile long natural gas pipeline through NYS. This would result in the installation of additional compressor stations and other infrastructure, including major expansion of the Brookman Corners compressor station in the Town of Minden, just to the north of Otsego County. The compressor proposed would be increased from a 7000 to a 18,000 hp unit moving gas from one pipeline to another, resulting in a much higher emissions, and threatening air quality to the surrounding region. He submitted a Resolution for the Town Boards consideration, supporting the Town of Minden’s opposition to the modification to the Dominion “New Market Project” pipe line.

MOTION by Councilperson Franck, seconded by Councilperson Sandler, to adopt the proposed Resolution as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: (Resolution Docket pg. 129)

Supervisor Geddes-Atwell gave a financial report. Balances are as follows in the various accounts:

General Savings: \$ 4,683.43	General Checking: \$ 394,271.73
Highway Savings: \$ 7,809.24	Hwy Checking: \$ 587,027.06
Building Reserve Fund: \$154,366.08	Hwy Equipment Fund: \$ 252,982.70

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee to accept the financial report as given.

After a short discussion it was the decision of the Town Board to schedule a 2016 Budget Workshop on October 21st at 5:00PM.

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

GENERAL: #153-#170	\$ 4,714.59
HWY: #143-#161	\$ 41,813.86

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Zoning Officer Tavis Austin reported receiving the following permits since last meeting:

Site Plan Review: 1	Zoning Permit: 3
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Austin also reported on newly issued permits and the status of ongoing litigations.

Planning Board alternate John Phillips reported on Planning Board activity. He submitted the Planning Boards request of \$2,000.00 for training expenses for 2016 budget.

Dog Control Officer Tom Steele reported responding to 3 calls since last months meeting.

Supervisor Geddes-Atwell told Town Board members that the deadline for the Solomon Energy Proposal needs to be extended.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to extend the Solomon Energy Proposal deadline to December 2nd of this year.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

In Highway Superintendent John Schallert's absence his Deputy Michael Thayer gave the highway report. All road projects under CHIP's have been completed. The loader repair process has begun.

Thayer stated that he and the Highway Superintendent have been receiving proposals for a new dump truck. It was unclear whether or not they could piggyback on other county bids. Town Attorney Michelle Kennedy agreed to research that.

Supervisor Geddes-Atwell requested an estimated repair cost of the Mill Street Bridge and a parking lot paving cost for next year's budget. The need for the placement of NO parking signs was also discussed. Thayer was asked that either he or Highway Superintendent John Schallert, be prepared to submit more specific information at the November meeting regarding the NO parking signs.

Supervisor Geddes-Atwell presented a replacement cost estimate for material taken from Joseph Potrikus's property located on Christian Hill, by highway employees. The proposal was submitted by contractor Scott Ubner.

MOTION by Supervisor Geddes-Atwell, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to honor Joseph Potrikus's request for compensation for material taken off his property located on Christian Hill in the amount of \$588.00 under the following conditions:

- Authorizing the Town Attorney to seek approval from the NYS Office of the Comptroller because there was not a formal claim filed against the town. and,
- Potrikus signs a full release contingent on the Town's payment.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Bissell litigation, Hummel litigation and Kegelma n's proposed litigation.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (7:55)

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor (8:28)

MOTION by Supervisor Geddes-Atwell, seconded by Councilperson Franck, authorizing Town Supervisor to issue checks made payable to the Otsego County Clerk in the amount of \$95.00 for the RJI and \$45.00 for the Summary Judgement Motion in the Hummel matter.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Supervisor Geddes-Atwell, seconded by Councilperson Franck, authorizing the Town Supervisor to issue checks made payable to the Otsego County Clerk in the amount of \$95.00 for the RJI for the Bissell matter.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Supervisor Geddes-Atwell, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to approve the settlement offer with respect to Boyd Bissell's property presented by Young and Sommers Law Firm on September 30th.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Supervisor Geddes-Atwell, seconded by Councilperson Sandler, to reject the settlement offer presented by Young and Sommers Law Firm on September 30th, in respect to Addison Bissell's property.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Supervisor Geddes-Atwell, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee to reject Brian Kegelma n's counter offer as revised.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:32PM.

The next regular meeting will be at the Town Building in Fly Creek, on November 11th at 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk