

The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Public Hearing and Regular Monthly Meeting on the 11th day of November, 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
Carina Franck	Councilperson
Matthew Zwissler	Councilperson

Also Present:

William Hribar	Highway Superintendent
Pamela Deane	Town Clerk

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

Supervisor Kiernan called the 2021 Budget Public Hearing to order and opened the floor for comments.

Sheila Ross submitted a chart supplied by the County, listing all the salaries of each town's elected officials and assessors. She suggested that the Town Board compare the Town of Otsego salaries with other Towns in the County, in particular the Town Assessors.

Supervisor Kiernan closed the floor for further comments.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to accept the minutes of October 14th as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to accept the minutes of October 19th as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

Supervisor Kiernan opened the floor for comments.

Given that there were no comments from the public, 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:	\$ 4,717.91	General Checking:	\$253,236.59
Highway Savings:	\$ 7,866.98	Hwy Checking:	\$594,114.70
Building Reserve Fund:	\$173,378.59	Hwy Equipment Fund:	\$ -0-
Building Reserve CD:	\$-0-	Hwy Reserve CD:	\$ -0-

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Franck, seconded by Councilperson Zwissler to pay the bills and make the necessary transfers.

GENERAL:	#124-#136	\$	5,313.87
HWY:	#406-#422	\$	44,822.31

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Dog Control Officer Tom Steele reported receiving 1 running at large complaint.

Highway Superintendent William Hribar reported on highway concerns and work done since last month's meeting. He plans on making an appointment with Senator Seward and the local paper to publicly thank him for his assistance in the town securing grant money for a new 10-wheeler dump truck. He also brought to the Town Board's attention that the lighting at the highway garage is inadequate and faulty, making it difficult to see while working on the trucks. NYSEG can replace the present lighting with high efficiency lights for around \$5,400.00. The Town Board authorized Hribar to have NYSEG install the high efficiency lights at the highway garage.

Councilperson Franck informed the Town Board that she has completed videoing the town's highway equipment and tools for insurance purposes.

Planning Board member Elizabeth Horvath reported on applications currently being reviewed by the Planning Board.

Councilperson Hohensee made mention of the upcoming 5 year anniversary of the death of former highway employee Adam Burgess and hoped that the highway employees are continually taking advantage of ongoing safety classes. He also hoped that the highway employees were continuing Tailgate Talks and documenting them as mandated by their correction violation.

Highway employee Mike Thayer assured the Town Board that all highway employees have been wearing their safety equipment at all times.

Supervisor Kiernan asked if there were any questions concerning the 2021 Town Budget.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Olson, to adopt the 2021 Preliminary Budget.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (7:51PM)

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (8:20PM)

MOTION by Councilperson Olson, to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:21PM.

Next Regular Meeting will be December 9th at 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk