

The Town of Otsego Town Board held two Public Hearings and a Regular Monthly Meeting on the 14th day of November 2018 at the Town Building, Fly Creek, NY at 7:00PM.

Town Board Members Present:

Meg Kiernan	Supervisor
Thomas Hohensee	Councilperson
Joseph Potrikus	Councilperson
Carina Franck	Councilperson
Bennett Sandler	Councilperson

Also Present:

William Hribar Sr.	Highway Superintendent
Pamela Deane	Town Clerk

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

Supervisor Kiernan called the Public Hearing to order for the proposed 2019 Preliminary Budget.

Carl Wenner suggested that next year the Town Board have the 2020 Budget completed and voted on before the November election. He predicted that in 5 years the surplus will be gone and the Town Budget will double.

Supervisor Kiernan closed the Public Hearing.

Supervisor Kiernan called the Public Hearing to order for the Time Warner Cable Agreement

Supervisor Kiernan closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to accept the October 10th minutes as presented.

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

MOTION by Councilperson Potrikus, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to accept the October 23rd minutes as presented.

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

Supervisor Kiernan read correspondence received since the October 10th Regular Meeting.

Supervisor Kiernan opened the floor for comments.

Fly Creek Resident John Phillips informed the Town Board that the Fly Creek Fire Company will be hosting a Children's Christmas Party again this year on December 15th from 2-4pm. It was well received last year.

Supervisor Kiernan closed the floor for further public comments.

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

General Savings: \$ 4,704.37	General Checking: \$ 340,723.83
Highway Savings: \$ 7,844.40	Hwy Checking: \$ 309,930.66
Building Reserve Fund: \$176,491.12	Hwy Equipment Fund: \$ 333,771.26

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

GENERAL: #146-#161	\$ 4,160.04
HWY: #215-#236	\$ 40,502.85

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to adopt the proposed Preliminary 2019 Budget.

Supervisor Kiernan called for discussion.

Councilperson Franck had hoped the Finance Committee would have been prepared to recommend at the Budget Workshops the status of the Town's surplus and what line items needed to be modified from the current year. She asked if that was a reasonable expectation for the Finance Committee when discussing the 2020 Budget.

Councilperson Sandler felt that was a reasonable expectation. He has reached out the County Treasurer, Allen Ruffles, for help with some budget tools the County has to offer. The Town Board also needs to decide on a surplus amount they feel comfortable with. The County's goal is to have enough surpluses in their Budget to cover 3 months of expenses.

Councilperson Potrikus felt it would be helpful if an extra column was add to the Budget where a list of objectives could be

written down and used as a guideline from year to year.

Supervisor Kiernan asked that the Time Warner Agreement be tabled for the time being. She wanted to negotiate free internet to the Town Offices and Fly Creek Fire Department. The Town Board agreed.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. 2019 Budget approved, as presented.

Dog Control Officer Tom Steele gave his report. There were 3 dogs running at large, 1 barking complaint 1 court case and 1 stray dropped off at the Shelter.

Zoning Enforcement Officer Edward Hobbie discussed applications now currently being processed and reviewed by the various boards. The following permits were issued since last meeting:

Zoning Permits: 3 Subdivisions: 2 ZBA: 1 Site Plan Review: 1

The Town Board discussed the upcoming Planning Board and Zoning Board vacancies. Supervisor Kiernan will do a News Release encouraging residents to apply for the vacant positions.

Highway Superintendent William Hribar Sr. gave his highway report. Hribar stated the following:

- The work at the Pierstown Grange will not get done this year as hoped due to winter coming early.
- The CHIP's Reimbursement has been filed with the state.
- Hribar intends on renting the boom mower again next year.
- The sand pile has been replenished
- The salt shed has been repaired.
- He expressed the need for a new roller either to buy or rent.
- Thayer Road is scheduled to be widened and built up next year. This may be a problem due to all the new homes planned for that road.

Councilperson Franck reported that she is reviewing and rewriting the Heirloom Barn Law proposal and the suggestions submitted by OCCA and the Cooperstown Graduate Students. She hopes to have it completed for the December meeting.

Councilperson Potrikus stated that he plans on using drafting paper and the town's easel and let the Town Board do some brain storming at the December meeting. He hopes this will jump start a road map with parameters to get this law rolling in a positive direction.

Supervisor Kiernan submitted a sample Sexual Harassment Policy that was discussed by the Town Board.

MOTION by Councilperson Potrikus, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to adopt the proposed Sexual Harassment Policy submitted by Supervisor Kiernan.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Councilperson Potrikus wanted to publicly thank the Historical Society for the Legend and Lore signs recognizing Honey Joe Rd., Goose St., Cattown Rd., Panther Mountain Rd. and Bed Bug Hill. He found them most entertaining.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 9:07PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk