

The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on the 11th day of December 2019 at the Town Building, Fly Creek, NY at 7:00PM.

Town Board Members Present:

Meg Kiernan	Supervisor
Joseph Potrikus	Councilperson
Tom Hohensee	Councilperson
Carina Franck	Councilperson

Also Present:

William Hribar Sr.	Highway Superintendent
Pamela Deane	Town Clerk

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

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Potrikus, to accept the minutes of November 13th as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor Kiernan Councilmen Potrikus and Hohensee voted yes. Councilperson Franck abstained.

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

Supervisor Kiernan opened the floor for comments.

Carl Wenner thanked Councilman Joseph Potrikus for his years of service representing the public and closed with wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilperson Kiernan thanked Councilperson Potrikus for his time on the Town Board. She felt he had been a great asset and resource and will be missed.

Councilperson Franck told Councilperson Potrikus that even though they did not always agree she recognized that he always had the Town's best interest at heart.

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:	\$ 4,711.42	General Checking:	\$133,128.45
Highway Savings:	\$ 7,856.16	Hwy Checking:	\$345,247.95
Building Reserve Fund:	\$173,101.43	Hwy Equipment Fund:	\$369,343.57

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

GENERAL:	#169-#181	\$	2,893.47
HWY:	#192-#211	\$	19,195.98

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Dog Officer Tom Steele had left word that he responded to 1 dog running at large since last month's meeting.

Planning Board member Sharon Kroker reported on Site Plan applications currently being reviewed by the Planning Board. The Planning Board reappointed Ryan Miosek as their attorney and Bill Deane as Planning Board Clerk.

Councilperson Franck stated that there has been no word yet regarding the Town's Salt Shed Grant Application.

Highway Superintendent Bill Hribar gave a highway report:

- Received an inspection report from D.O.T. regarding the Fork Shop Bridge which only listed a few minor repairs needed.
- Permits from DEC for the Mill Street Bridge Repairs have been applied for.
- Kukenberger Sand and Gravel will be closing sometime in the near future

Hribar asked the Town Board's permission to sell two old pickup trucks, one v-plow and an aluminum dump box. Neither truck is road worthy.

The Town Board agreed to authorize Highway Superintendent Hribar to sell surplus equipment, as he requested.

Councilperson Potrikus submitted a Draft which gave the Legislative Purpose, Definition, Authority, Elements, Compliance with State Environmental Quality Review Act, and Methods of Procedures for Planned Unit Developments. He challenged the Town Board to find ways to generate revenue to offset raising taxes. He feels Businesses refrain from coming here because of our current laws. When Bill Michaels distillery on Goose Street was denied, was that a missed opportunity? Are the Town Laws causing other missed opportunities to generate more tax revenue from business, thus relieving the tax burden from residents?

Councilperson Franck felt the distillery might have been approved if the location was in a less restrictive zone. Possibly patrons could even be shuttled to the location from the Cider Mill.

Councilperson Hohensee reported that the Highway Inventory still needs to be videoed for insurance purposes.

Supervisor Kiernan stated that she opted the Town of Otsego "IN" on piggy backing the Towns website and e-mail with the Otsego Counties Server. The Town Board Members all agreed that was a great idea. No idea when this will happen.

The Town Board scheduled the Year-End Meeting for December 30th at 12:30PM at the Town Building.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:10PM

Next Regular Meeting will be January 8th at 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk