

The Otsego Town Board held a Public Hearing and a Regular Monthly meeting on the 13th day of December 2017 at the Town Building, Fly Creek, NY at 7:00 PM.

Town Board Members Present:

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

Also Present:

William Hribar Jr.	Highway Superintendent Deputy
Michelle Kennedy	Town Attorney
Pamela Deane	Town Clerk

Supervisor Kiernan called the meeting to order and asked everyone to please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to accept the November 8th minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan read correspondence received since the last regular meeting.

Supervisor Kiernan opened the floor for comments.

Fly Creek resident John Phillips informed the Board that the Fly Creek Fire Department decided to try something different and held a children's Christmas Party, which was well attended. It was nice to see the whole community turn out with their children.

Fly Creek resident Carl Wenner was opposed to Board members being referred to as Councilpersons in the minutes. He strongly felt they should be referred as Councilman. That is how the position is worded on the election ballot. From there he jumped to the 2018 Budget which he can not see how the Board can avoid increasing the budget by 100% in the next four years. The Town's surplus amount is currently where the Board feels where it should be. This means there will be no more surplus to put toward the budget, leaving the full amount to be collected solely up to the taxpayers.

Donald Hoag owner of Kirns Body Shop, complained that patrons of the NYS Bar and Grill have been parking in front of the entrances to his Auto Body Shop and he can't get his wrecker out of the yard to respond to calls. People have been parking all along State Highway 28 making it difficult for people to pull out. He was told by the State that the lane along the side of State Highway 28 south is not a parking lane but an emergency lane. He could not understand why nobody seems to want to do anything about the excess parking through there.

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: \$ 4,697.33	General Checking: \$ 281,391.97
Highway Savings: \$ 7,832.66	Hwy Checking: \$ 342,197.87
Building Reserve Fund: \$176,248.85	Hwy Equipment Fund: \$ 298,330.20

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to pay the bills and make the necessary transfers.

GENERAL:	#171-# 184	\$ 3,031.89
HWY:	#189-#213	\$ 19,154.66

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Dog Control Officer Tom Steele reported answering 1 dog bite, 2 running at large calls. He also reported that there is a running-at-large ticket being currently being processed.

Councilperson Franck reported that she, along with Paul Lord, Cindy Faulk, John Phillips and Amanda Berman met to review the Cooperstown Graduates revisions to the Heirloom Barn Law. It was a long meeting but she felt there was very good discussion. The group is hoping to schedule another meeting after the first of the year to discuss the rewrite Cooperstown Graduates plan on doing based on feed back from the meeting.

Supervisor Kiernan reminded the Board that NYS D.O. T. asked them for their opinion on whether or not “No Parking” signs should be reinstated along State Highway 28 south near the NYS Bar and Grill. The Board came to the conclusion that based on complaints and testimony from residents the parking along the road has become a safety issue.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to recommend that NYS D.O.T. reinstate “No Parking” signs along State Highway 28 south of the Village of Cooperstown and to also request a sidewalk study and a recommendation for funding the cost of implementing sidewalks.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Councilperson Hohensee submitted a proposed Complete Street Resolution, which was reviewed and discussed by the Board. The resolution recognizes the importance of creating Complete Streets through the planning, design and new construction and major reconstruction of all streets undertaken by and in the Township; enabling safe travel by all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation riders and drivers, people of all ages and abilities including children, youth, families, older adults and individuals with disabilities.

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

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor Kiernan, Sandler, and Franck, voted yes. Councilperson Hohensee abstained. Councilperson Potrikus voted no stating he felt there should be a Public Hearing allowing the public to weigh in.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: (Resolution Docket pg. 135)

Planning Board Chairman Tom Huntsman reviewed six application currently being reviewed by the Planning Board. Huntsman requested that the Town Board take a look at Home Occupations. Right now the only type of business allowed under Home Occupation must be done by phone.

Huntsman informed the Board that the Planning Board elected to reappoint him as Chairman, Ryan Miosek as their attorney, and Bill Deane as their clerk

The Town Board reviewed the ZEO report that was submitted by Ed Hobbie. The following permits were issued since last meeting:

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

Councilperson Sandler stated the ability of the Town to complete four of the Actual Items for the Clean Energy Community Project is not realistic. Too many of the items are either too big and /or too complex or they happen at the jurisdiction level of the county. Towns can’t claim them if the County does. As far as the street lighting, NYSEG is about to launch in 2018, their own LED replacement program. It makes better sense to let NYSEG replace the bulbs AND then NYSEG IS responsible for them. One of the Action Items was summarizing and publishing an annual energy consumption of each of the Municipal Buildings of the Town. He would like to get that data collected and put on the Town Website for people to review.

Supervisor Kiernan publicly thanked John Schallert for his four years of service as the Town Highway Superintendent. At the same time she welcomed the incoming Highway Superintendent, William Hribar.

Highway Superintendent John Schallert gave the Highway Superintendent report. One thing he brought to the Town Board’s attention was Aungers Road has been identified on the States inventory as a private road and no longer listed as a Town road.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to reinstate Aungers Road which is .37 of a mile from NYS Highway 28 and then re-enters back onto NYS Highway 28, to the Town of Otsego Road Inventory.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: (Resolution Docket pg. 136)

Councilperson Potrikus reported that he has been trying to contact American Roofing & Sheet Metal from West Winfield to come and look at the old highway garage and give the Town Board a quote on painting the building and refurbishing the roof. One of the options the Town Board discussed was sealing the roof with a product called Cen-pe-co.

Councilperson Franck volunteered to contact David Bloodgood at NYMIR to get advice on how to properly video the Town's inventory for insurance purposes.

The Town Board discussed dates and times to schedule interviews for various Planning Board and Zoning Board vacancies. It was decided to hold interviews on the 27th of December starting at 5:00PM with the Year-End Meeting immediately following. December 28th was scheduled as a backup date if weather does not permit to hold the interviews and meeting on the 27th.

Supervisor Kiernan submitted a proposed Resolution from NYS Retirement asking what the Town Board considered a standard work day.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler, seconded by Councilperson Potrikus, that 8 hours constitutes a Standard Work Day.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Potrikus, seconded by Councilperson Sandler, to appoint DEC Lead Agency in reviewing SEQRA in regards on Michael Stocking permit application and the Kukenberger Sand and Gravel Mine. The Town of Otsego respectfully requests to be listed as an Interested Party.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan submit a sample mailer that listed Town Officials names and phone numbers, meeting times, up coming events, etc. The Town Board was in full agreement to add the mailer to the tax bill mailing.

MOTION by Supervisor Kiernan to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk