

A Regular meeting of the Otsego Town Board was held on the 29th day of December 2010 at the Town Building, Fly Creek, NY at 4:00 PM.

Town Board Members Present:

Meg Kiernan	Supervisor
John Schallert	Councilman
Bill Michaels	Councilman
Anne Geddes-Atwell	Councilwoman
Carl Wenner	Councilman

Also Present:

Paul Elkan:	Town Attorney
Shawn Mulligan	Highway Superintendent
Pamela Deane	Town Clerk

Supervisor Kiernan called the meeting to order.

MOTION by Councilman Michaels, seconded by Councilwoman Geddes-Atwell to pay the following bills and make the necessary transfers:

General:	#431-#448	\$15,626.82
Highway:	#456-#472	\$47,679.21

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilman Michaels, seconded by Councilman Wenner, to appoint Dr. Daniel Croft to the Planning Board alternate vacancy.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilman Michaels to leave the Planning Board Chairman position vacant at this time. There was no second.

MOTION DIES.

MOTION by Councilman Schallert, seconded by Councilman Wenner, to appoint Joseph Galatti Planning Board Chairman.

MOTION CARRIED: Councilman Wenner, Schallert and Michaels, voted yes. Supervisor Kiernan and Councilwoman Geddes-Atwell voted no.

MOTION by Supervisor Kiernan, seconded by Councilman Michaels to adopt the following appointments:

- Town Attorney – Paul Elkan
- Planning Board Attorney – James Ferrari
- Deputy Supervisor – Anne Geddes-Atwell
- Planning Board Vacancy – Rosemary Craig
- Zoning Board Vacancy – Greg Crowell ( term ending 12/31/15)
- Zoning Board Alternate – Christopher Voulo
- Zoning and Planning Board Clerk – Bill Deane
- Zoning Board Chairman – Greg Crowell
- Zoning Enforcement Officer – Henry Schecher
- Code Enforcement Officer – Otsego County Codes
- Dog Control Officer – Thomas Steele
- Vital Registrar – Village of Cooperstown
- Accountant – Gruever, Scott & Zweifel
- Town Historians – Thomas Heitz and Sherlee Rathbone
- Legal Paper – Oneonta Star
- Monthly Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month
- Mileage Reimbursement – 40 cents/mile
- Banks – Wilber National, Key Bank, MBIA, & NBT of Norwich

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Councilman Michaels made the complaint that he was unable to leave messages for the Town Supervisor or check his messages because the Town Clerk had her answering machine on, bypassing the answering device in the Town's phone system.

Councilman Michaels reported that filtration system to remove the sediment from the water at the new highway garage is installed but at this point it is uncertain if it is working. Councilman Schallert felt it is not. Councilman Michaels felt that the micron adjustment needed to be changed for the cartridges to be more effective. Either way, Councilman Michaels felt that because there is hot and cold water at the new garage and the punch list is

completed, the facility is now ready for the highway crew to move in.

Water freezing at the new highway garage has been a problem. Councilman Schallert is working on that.

Councilman Michaels reported that there still has been no list of credits from Bruce Hall. Highway Superintendent Mulligan stated that there is still a pile of building supplies that need to be returned before Bruce Halls can give the Town a credit. Engineer Jon McManus will reconcile with Bruce Halls the total amount of credit that is to be applied to the balance

Councilman Michaels stated that the phone and internet still need to be installed at the new highway garage.

Highway Superintendent Mulligan agreed to call Time Warner and the phone company for installation.

Supervisor Kiernan asked Mulligan to change his answering machine informing callers that they have reached the Town of Otsego Highway Barn. Right now it only states "Please Leave a Message". She also asked Mulligan if he has been having problems receiving messages. She hasn't been getting message returns from Mulligan until three days after the fact. People need to be able to get in touch with him she said. Mulligan didn't know why this was happening.

Councilman Michaels told Highway Superintendent Mulligan he disagreed with the new garage floor being scraped cleaned with the backhoe. He and Councilman Schallert were concerned with what might happen if the backhoe damaged the floor and therefore damage the heating system in the floor. Councilman Michaels felt the Building Committee did a good job in getting the new building built and it was up to the Highway Superintendent and Highway employees to maintain it.

Mulligan stated that the County routinely cleans their garage floor with the blade attached to their sweeper.

Councilman Michaels told Mulligan that it was important for security and safety reason, to start locking the highway garage and closing the sand pile gate.

Councilman Michaels pressured Mulligan for a date to close the old highway garage on County Highway 26. Mulligan agreed to have the building shut down and water lines blown out by January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Michaels suggested that any equipment left in the old garage be auctioned off.

Councilman Schallert felt that Mulligan should buy a new compressor and the old one be put out to bid.

Councilman Wenner had no objections of a new compressor being purchased but felt there was probably a need for two compressors, given the size of the garage, and suggested that the old one be kept.

Mulligan asked the Board if they had any objections if he bid out a new sweeper. Councilman Michaels felt the Highway Committee should review the bid specifications first before bidding it out. Councilman Schallert was against the purchase of a sweeper. It was his opinion that it would be better if a broom attachment was purchased for the Ford tractor. Mulligan agreed to get a quote on what a broom for the tractor would cost.

Councilman Wenner suggested that the Board think about setting a permanent tax rate and offering taxpayers a rebate if there is a surplus.

MOTION by Councilman Michaels, seconded by Councilwoman Geddes-Atwell, authorizing the Supervisor to pay the bills, make the necessary transfers and balance the year-end accounts.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilman Michaels to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor

Meeting ended at 5:30 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held at the Town Building in Fly Creek on January 12, 2011 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Deane  
Town Clerk

