

The Town of Otsego Town Board held an Organizational Meeting at 11:00AM at the Town Building in Fly Creek, NY on January 2nd.

Town Board Members Present:

Benjamin Bauer Supervisor
 Tom Hohensee Councilperson
 Chris Kjolhede Councilperson
 Deb Dalton Councilperson
 Patricia Kennedy Councilperson

Also Present:

Pamela Deane Town Clerk

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

Supervisor Bauer submitted for the Town Board to review a list of suggested appointments and mileage refund were as follow:

Beginning of Year 2024

Accountant	Ray Holohan, CPA with ADP
Deputy Supervisor	Tom Hohensee
Bank Depositories	Bank of Cooperstown, Community Bank
Court Clerk	April Rackmyer
Dog Control Officer	Julie Poluluch
Health Officer	Chris Kjolhede
Historians	Tom Heitz, Sherlee Rathbone
Meeting Date	Second Wednesday of the month, 7pm
Mileage Reimbursement	\$0.67 per mile
Official Newspaper	The Daily Star
Registrar Vital Statistics	Cooperstown Village Clerk & Deputy Clerk
Town Board Attorney	Will Green
Codes Officer	Otsego County Codes Department
Zoning Enforcement Officer	Wylie Phillips
ZBA Clerk	Bill Deane
Planning Board Clerk	Bill Deane
Planning Board Attorney	Jill Poulson
7 Year Planning Board Term (previously May Leinhart)	May Leinhart
4 Year Planning Board Term (previously Antoinette Kuzminski)	Ann Cannon
1 st Alternate Planning Board (previously Ann Cannon)	OPEN
2 nd Alternate Planning Board	OPEN
Planning Board Chair	Tom Huntsman
5 Year Zoning Board Term	Sal Furnari
1 st Alternate Zoning Board	Mary Anne Whelan
2 nd Alternate Zoning Board	John Tedesco
3 rd Alternate Zoning Board	Antoinette Kuzminski
Zoning Board Chair	Greg Crowell
5 Year Historic Preservation Advisory	OPEN
3 year Board of Assessment Review	OPEN

Department Audits

Town Clerk	Councilperson Kennedy
Tax Collector	Councilperson Hohensee
Court Clerk	Councilperson Kjolhede
Town Supervisor	Councilperson Dalton

MOTION by Councilperson Dalton, seconded by Councilperson Kjolhede, to accept the proposed appointments and mileage reimbursement as presented by Supervisor Bauer.

MOTION CARRIED:

After a short discussion the following Audits will be done by the following Councilpersons:

- Town Clerk – Councilperson Kennedy
- Tax Collector – Councilperson Hohensee
- Town Supervisor – Councilperson Dalton
- Town Court – Councilperson Kjolhede

After further discussion the following people volunteered for the following Committees:

- Building and Grounds Committee: Councilpersons Hohensee and Kjolhede
- Land Use and Energy Committee: Councilperson Kjolhede and Supervisor Bauer
- Watershed Supervisory Committee: Councilperson Kennedy
- Cemetery Committee: Councilperson Dalton
- Finance Committee: Supervisor Bauer and Councilperson Hohensee
- Highway Committee: Councilpersons Dalton and Kennedy and Highway Superintendent Bill Hribar.

Before adjourning Councilperson Kjolhede passed out minutes written by himself and Councilperson Dalton summarizing a meeting with Technical Advisor and Electrical Engineer with NY Energy & Climate Advocates, Keith Schue. The meeting was held on December 27th in Sharon Springs.

It was the consensus of the Town Board to hold an informational meeting on Solar and Wind Energy on February 7th at the Town Building in Fly Creek at 7:00 with energy specialists Mr. Keith Schue and Mr. Steve Helmin if their schedules allow them to attend. Councilperson Kjolhede volunteered to contact Mr. Schue and Mr. Helming to see if they would be available that evening.

MOTION by Supervisor Bauer to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 10:15 PM

Next scheduled meeting will be January 10th at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk