

The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on the 9th day of August 2023 at 7:00PM at the Town Building in Fly Creek, NY.

Town Board Members Present:

Benjamin Bauer	Supervisor
Tom Hohensee	Councilperson
Deb Dalton	Councilperson
Chris Kjolhede	Councilperson
Matthew Zwissler	Councilperson

Also Present:

William Hribar	Highway Superintendent
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 asked for a Motion to accept the July minutes as written.

Pat Kennedy asked that the sentence stating that ARC has applied for a \$250,000.00 50/50 grant be corrected to say that the Village of Cooperstown has applied for a \$250,000.00 50/50 grant through ARC.

MOTION by Councilperson Dalton, seconded by Councilperson Zwissler, to accept the minutes of July 12th as amended.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Bauer reviewed correspondence received since last month's meeting.

Supervisor Bauer opened the floor for comments. There were no comments, and the floor was then closed.

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

General Checking:	\$217,223.42	Hwy Checking:	\$490,950.73
Hwy Equipment Fund:	\$243,627.43	Gen & Hwy CD:	\$400,000.00

Supervisor Bauer commented that the Town Board had budgeted well for this year.

MOTION by Councilperson Dalton, seconded by Councilperson Zwissler, to accept the financial report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. All were in favor.

Planning Board Chairman Tom Huntsman reported on applications being currently reviewed by the Planning Board. He thanked the Town Board for the recent changes to the Land Use Law which the Planning Board are finding helpful. He suggested the Town Board consider amending the Land Use Law mandating applicants along the lake get DEC and Watershed Approval before they are allowed on the Planning Board Agenda.

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

GENERAL:	#86-#93	\$	5,780.60
HWY:	#130-#146	\$	103,678.02

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Bauer read ZEO Wylie Phillips' report. Permits issued since last meeting were as follow:

Zoning Permits: 2 ZBA: 2

Highway Superintendent Bill Hribar gave a report on the following highway projects.

- Hribar reported that on August 1st and 2nd Cobleskill Stone paved Allison Rd., Cemetery Rd., and Feed Store Rd.
- Hribar is currently putting a base down on Keys Rd. before having it paved.
- Williams Rd. is being prepared for next year's paving.
- The new Willow Avenue Rd. is in place. Suit Kote will soon be cold paving Willow Ave. then move on to Keys Rd.
- Trip Hill Rd. and Murdock Rd. are experiencing water issues that will need to be addressed.

After a short discussion Councilpersons Kjolhede and Dalton volunteered to spearhead a Waste Collection Day. Councilperson Dalton and Kjolhede will put a proposal together for the September meeting.

Supervisor Bauer reported that *Principal Engineering* is preparing the Bidding Documents for the new Salt Shed. They should be ready to put the Salt Shed out to bid in the near future.

Councilperson Hohensee reported that County Safety Officer Bob Satriano will be offering Safety Classes in October.

Supervisor Bauer stated that he is working with Planning Board Member May Leinhart in updating sections of the Land Use Law to reference the Memorandum of Agreement the Town has with the Watershed Committee. He is also working on improving the application form.

Watershed Committee representative Pat Kennedy gave A Watershed Committee report. She was in complete agreement with Planning Board Chairman Tom Huntsman wanting waterfront applicants to be required to have DEC and Watershed Approval before issuing a Site Plan Application. She referenced an applicant by the name of Peterson whose septic system has been in violation since 2005. They are now in front of the Town Planning Board seeking a replacement for their current structure. The Planning Board is withholding final approval until they have heard from the Watershed Committee confirming that the Petersons septic system now complies with the Watershed requirements. Kennedy also stated that the Watershed Advisory Committee plans on revising their policy making sure all procedures for the Watershed Advisory Committee are in writing.

Supervisor Bauer discussed the ARPA money. He expressed an interest in using the money to help fund the two new highway trucks that have been ordered. Councilperson Kjolhede asked if the Fly Creek Fire District could be asked to request a specific amount towards the cost of a Fire Truck. It was agreed that Councilperson Kjolhede would contact Fly Creek Fire Commissioner Sam Hoskins.

Supervisor Bauer informed the Town Board of receiving a Canadarago Lake Sewer System Petition. Residents on Canadarago Lake submitted to the Town Clerk a petition asking that the Sewer System Proposal be put on the November Election Balot as a referendum. Bauer stated that the petition was unfortunately incorrectly done and invalid. The Supervisor wanted the residents to know that he was in favor of the referendum, only it's important that it is done correctly and well communicated.

Supervisor Bauer stated that the engineering report that was partially funded by the Town of Otsego showed preliminarily cost and feasibility. Steps that need yet to be taken are:

- The SEQRA process. (He thought the Town of Richfield was going to tackle that) and

- Establishing a Sewer District Creation Process.

Supervisor Bauer informed the Town Board that he met with engineer Bill Brown from *Principal Engineering* who gave him a proposal of \$2,500.00 to assess the flooding issue on Bibik Rd.

MOTION by Councilperson Dalton, seconded by Councilperson Zwissler authorizing Supervisor Bauer to sign the proposal offered by *Principal Engineer* Bill Brown.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Bauer proposed a Resolution to conduct a Speed Study of Murdock Rd. which was reviewed by the Town Board.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Zwissler authorizing Supervisor Bauer to submit the request to the Otsego County Highway Superintendent.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: Resolution Docket No. #166

MOTION by Supervisor Bauer, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to go into Executive Session to discuss employee performance compensation and Town Litigation.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (8:23PM)

MOTION by Supervisor Bauer, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to come out of Executive Session

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:29PM

Next meeting will be September 13th at 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk