

The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on the 12th day of January, 2022 at 7:00PM at the Town Building in Fly Creek, NY.

Town Board Members Present:

Benjamin Bauer	Supervisor
Suzanne Olson	Councilperson
Tom Hohensee	Councilperson
Chris Hjolhede	Councilperson
Matthew Zwissler	Councilperson

Also Present:

William Hribar	Highway Superintendent
Pamela Deane	Town Clerk

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

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Olson, to adopt the minutes of December 22ⁿ, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: Councilpersons Hohensee, Zwissler and Olson voted yes. Supervisor Bauer and Councilperson Kjolhede abstained.

MOTION by Supervisor Bauer, seconded by Councilperson Zwissler, to adopt the minutes of January 3rd as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor Bauer, and Councilpersons Kjolhede, Zwissler and Olson voted yes. Councilperson Hohensee abstained.

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

Supervisor Bauer opened the floor for comments.

Former Town Supervisor Kiernan thanked newly elected Supervisor Ben Bauer and Councilperson Chris Kjolhede for stepping up to the challenge and serving on the Town Board.

Supervisor Bauer closed the floor for further comments.

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

General Savings: \$ 4,705.65	General Checking: \$369,764.66
Highway Savings: \$ 7,866.54	Hwy Checking: \$546,202.41
Building Reserve Fund: \$169,200.59	Hwy Equipment Fund: \$259,323.10
Building Reserve CD: \$-0-	Hwy Reserve CD: \$ -0-

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Olson, to accept the financial report as presented and make the necessary transfers.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Town Board reviewed all bills presented.

MOTION by Supervisor Bauer, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee authorizing Supervisor Bauer to pay highway voucher # 684 Cook Brother Truck Repair bill of \$103.80 if it is found that it has not been previously been paid.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

GENERAL:	#1-#15	\$	4,942.08
HWY:	#673-#687	\$	12,199.20

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

Subdivision: 1

Highway Superintendent William Hribar reported on highway concerns and work done since last month's meeting.

- Hribar informed the Town Board that the 15 year old Road Sweeper is ready to be replaced.. He thought a new one would cost approximately \$70,000.00.
- Hribar would like the Town Board to consider allowing him to purchase a stump grinder. Presently he has been borrowing the County's Stump Grinder free of charge.
- Hribar stated that he needs a new computer. The one he has takes forever to boot-up.
- Hribar stated that because the Town sells fuel to the Fly Creek Fire District DEC requires the Town to have the fuel station inspected by an inspector having a PBS Certificate. These inspectors are hard to find and expensive. Hribar agreed to find out from DEC how often the fuel station needs to be inspected and if they have a list of inspectors he would be able to contact.
- Lastly Hribar explained an offer from Stephenson Equipment, Inc. (S.E.I.) to store the boom mower in the Town Hwy Garage for the winter and in return will only charge the Town a minimum of \$750 or \$75.00/ hour and \$200 for blades. Normally they charge \$5,800.00 for the month. The Town Board was agreeable to give it a try.

Councilperson Hohensee reported that the Town was awarded the 50/50 Salt Shed Grant. Principal Engineering will recommend placement of the shed along with sizing, specifications and bidding of the project. The size of the salt shed has been recommended to be 25'x45'.

Councilperson Hohensee urged the Town Board to consider making improvements to the old Highway Garage on County Highway 26. It has become such an eyesore.

Supervisor Bauer stated that he has looked through the Town's Website and feels it is an embarrassment and needs to be updated. Town Board was in agreement.

Councilperson Kjolhede reported talking to Cooperstown Mayor Ellen Tillapaugh asking that he be included in conversations of any interest or working groups concerning Cannabis.

Supervisor Bauer acknowledged the Town receiving \$14,000.00 grant to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Danny Lapin, who was assigned by OCCA to do the rewrite, no longer works for OCCA. He plans to reach out to OCCA and find out how we move forward.

Supervisor Bauer updated the Town Board on where the Town stands with money given to help local organizations affected by COVID-19. Currently the Town has \$70,000.00 in the bank with \$100,000.00 more coming. He asked the Town Board to be thinking of ideas for potential recipients. He also mentioned receiving notification that ARPA may be expanding their criteria.

The Town Board discussed the remainder of appointments that need to be made.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Zwissler, to appoint Tom Huntsman Planning Board Chairman and Greg Crowell Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Supervisor Bauer, seconded by Councilperson Kjolhede, to make the following appointments.

Tony Scalici	Zoning Board Member 5 yr. term (Replacing Dean Robinson)
Mary Anne Whelan	1st ZBA Alternate
John Tedesco	2 nd ZBA Alternate
Dean Robinson	3 rd ZBA Alternate

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Supervisor Bauer, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee authorizing them to be on the Community Bank Account and to remove former Town Supervisor Meg Kiernan from the account.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Bauer discussed Highway Health Insurance options. After a short discussion it was decided to renew the same plan chosen last year from EXCELLUS costing \$81,457.08 (an increase of \$6,638.64 over last year).

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:55PM.

Next meeting will be February 10th at 7.00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk