

The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on the 10th day of March, 2021 at 7:00PM at the Town Building in Fly Creek, NY.

Town Board Members Present:

Meg Kiernan	Supervisor
Suzanne Olson	Councilperson
Tom Hohensee	Councilperson
Carina Franck	Councilperson
Matthew Zwissler	Councilperson

Also Present:

William Hribar	Highway Superintendent
Pamela Deane	Town Clerk

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

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to adopt the minutes of February 10th as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor

Supervisor Kiernan read correspondence received since last month's meeting. Among the correspondence was:

- A letter from Ron Jennings making a complaint about the amount of medical waste from the Cooperstown Center Rehab and Nursing Facility, littered all over Phoenix Mills Road. Supervisor Kiernan stated that she had notified the Town's Health Officer to follow up on the complaint.
- A letter from Carl Wenner stating that Lyndon Johnson is among a long list of famous racists belonging to the Democrat Party. He also submitted an article from [Snopes.com](http://Snopes.com) about President Johnson supposedly making a crude, racist remark about his party's voter base. The article noted that they don't have a high degree of confidence that he actually said it.

Copies of the Town's Court Audit was reviewed and accepted by the Town Board.

Supervisor Kiernan opened the floor for comments.

Joseph Potrikus complimented Highway Superintendent Bill Hribar and his crew on their plowing of the town roads this winter specifically Day Road and Alison Road. He also complimented the job that ZBA and Planning Board Secretary Bill Deane has done. He felt that neither the ZBA or the Planning Board would run as efficiently or effectively without him and for that the Town owes him a great deal of gratitude.

Sheila Ross complained about all the mud and salt on Willow Ave. Discussion of moving Willow Ave. from the center of the Town property to the southern end of the Town property was tabled a few years back due to a lack of funds and she would like the discussion revisited.

Otsego County Representative Andrew Marietta stated that the County will be receiving as part of the Federal Relief package, \$11.6 million dollars. The County Board of Representatives has decided to put half of that amount into a Reserve Fund. The amount of Federal Relief allocated for the Town of Otsego is \$405,865.00 which is to be shared with the Village of Cooperstown.

Supervisor Kiernan closed the floor for further comments.

Councilperson Franck distributed a copy of NYSEERDA'S NYS Model Solar Energy Law that has been designed to assist communities in NYS adopt zoning provisions that promote solar energy systems while protecting community character and the environment. The Town Board Members will read the information and be prepared to discuss the model law and next steps for the town at their April meeting.

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

General Savings:	\$ 4,718.87	General Checking:	\$395,143.17
Highway Savings:	\$ 7,863.57	Hwy Checking:	\$676,223.77
Building Reserve Fund:	\$173,477.16	Hwy Equipment Fund:	\$268,501.27
Building Reserve CD:	\$-0-	Hwy Reserve CD:	\$ -0-

MOTION by Councilperson Franck, seconded by Councilperson Olsen, to accept the financial report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

GENERAL:	#24-#35	\$ 7,580.56
HWY:	#483-#497 / #499-505	\$ 27,802.04

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan read ZEO Jess Lanza's report. Permits issued since last meeting were as follow:

*Zoning Permits: 2      Site Plan Review: 2      Septic Permits: 1      Demolition: 1*

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

- The installer of the new Fuel Chip Reader for the fuel pumps ruined the new Fuel Chip Reader while trying to install it. He will be back next week to fix it.
- Hribar plans to soon start opening up Murdock Road. Reason for this is because a new house is going to be built there this spring.
- Hribar will be filling out and filing DEC permits for the three culverts that are scheduled to be replaced on Tripp Hill Rd.

Councilperson Franck informed the Town Board that an Engineer from Principle Design Engineering will be coming on March 25<sup>th</sup> to the highway garage to discuss the town's needs for a new salt shed as well as potential location sites.

Councilperson Franck reported attending a webinar sponsored by the NY Planning Federation, entitled *Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Preparing a Comprehensive Plan*. She submitted notes from the webinar for review. Councilperson Franck urged the Town Board to revisit the Town's Comprehensive Plan in the next few years. It has been a decade since the Plan has been studied to see if it still meets the residents vision, and is consistent with the Town's Land Use Law.

Councilperson Hohensee stated that there has not been any Safety Committee Meetings with the Town Highway Department because Otsego County Safety Administrator Bob Satriano has not been available to hold a Safety Committee Meeting.

The Town Board discussed the need to reduce the speed limit on Jones Rd.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Olsen to request that the Speed Limit on Jones Road be reduced to 35mph.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Planning Board member Walter Dusenbery reported on applications currently being reviewed by the Planning Board.

Dog Enforcement Officer Tom Steele reported that there was 1 barking dog complaint and no drop offs to the ASPA since last month's meeting.

Supervisor Kiernan submitted to the Town Board Members, copies of the NYS Sample of a Public Health Emergency Operations Plan. Supervisor Kiernan has given a copy of the sample plan to the Highway Employees CSEA Union Representative for his review and input. Further discussion was tabled until the Town Board Members and the CSEA Representative have had a chance to review the plan.

MOTION by Supervisor Kiernan, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to go into Executive Session to discuss a litigation matter.)

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (8:10PM)

MOTION by Councilperson Franck, seconded by Councilperson Olson, to come out of Executive Session.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (8:29PM)

MOTION by Councilperson Franck to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:30PM.

Next meeting will be April 14th at 7.00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk