

The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on the 11th day of March 2020 at the Town Building, Fly Creek, NY at 7:00PM.

Town Board Members Present:

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

Also Present:

William Hribar Sr.	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 accept the minutes of February 12th as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

Supervisor Kiernan opened the floor for comments.

Springfield Highway Superintendent Tim Fish told the Town Board that he may be interested in buying the towns extra stainless steel truck dump box. After a short discussion it was decided that Town Supervisor Kiernan would research the age of the dump box and what it is worth.

Comments from the public were closed.

Supervisor Kiernan closed the floor for comments.

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

General Savings: \$ 4,713.20	General Checking: \$333,576.08
Highway Savings: \$ 7,859.13	Hwy Checking: \$697,044.79
Building Reserve Fund: \$148,158.38	Hwy Equipment Fund: \$ 294,431.97
Building Reserve CD: \$25,000.00	Hwy Reserve CD: \$ 25,000.00

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Franck, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to pay the bills as amended and make the necessary transfers.

GENERAL: #15-#30	\$ 1,643.30
HWY: #238-#267	\$ 32,651.27

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Dog Officer Tom Steele reported responding to 1 dog complaint since last month's meeting. Other than that things have been quiet.

Planning Board member Chip Jennings reported on Site Plan applications currently being reviewed by the Planning Board. They have had very few applications to review. Councilperson Franck and Jennings will work on language for fences to present to the Town Board for consideration.

Highway Superintendent Bill Hribar gave a highway report:

- Plan to put 2 pick-ups and 1 dump truck out to bid. It was suggested that the minimum bid be set by using Kelly Blue Book as a guide.
- The 1-ton pick-up truck needs a new box. The current one is ready to fall off. A new box would cost \$5,000.00 and would extend the life use of the truck by 1 or 2 years.
- An electrician needs to be hired to fix the lights in the workshop area...
- The pick-up truck that just had a windshield replaced 1 month ago needs a new windshield again. Hribar complained to Safelight Glass and they will not warrantee their work. It was suggested that he try another vendor such as TRI County Glass when replacing the windshield this time.

- Frost is raising havoc with all the dirt roads. Hribar is receiving several complaints from residents. Hribar has been having the highway crew fill in the soft spots with stone.
- Mill Street Bridge is still scheduled for repair this spring.
- County Highway Superintendent Richard Brimmer is going to try to negotiate a lower cost for salt by presenting the total amount of salt used by all the Towns in the County.
- Money received this year for CHIP's, will be used to pave the Johnston Road.

Supervisor Kiernan stated that she was informed that someone last fall hit a pothole on Goose Street causing damage to their motorcycle. She asked Hribar if he new about the potholes prior to the accident. Hribar claimed that he along with two highway employees inspected the road the day of the complaint and found no potholes.

Hribar brought to the Town Boards attention that Williams Road where a landowner dug up the road to run cable under the road and Morley Road that was ripped up by a logger neither party has fixed their part of the road they destroyed. Supervisor Kiernan will follow up with ZEO Ed Hobbie, as to when these expensive repairs will be taking place.

Councilperson Franck stated t hat the Village of Cooperstown is getting a 42'x90' salt shed through a 50/50 grant. She found that as far as securing a grant it is all about the language you use in writing the grant. Franck plans on asking Village Trustees Cindy Falk, which grant she applied for and specifically what language she used in her grant. Hribar stated that he is using between four to five hundred tons of salt each winter.

Councilpersons Hohensee and Franck have tentatively scheduled the next Safety Committee Meeting for April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00AM.

Councilperson Franck reflected back to when the Heirloom Barn Law was repealed in 2018. One reason why it was repealed was it was felt the law as written was being abused and not being used as intended. After a short discussion it was decided to leave things as they are for now and refer those wanting to revive an historic building for a use that is not allowed in their District to the ZBA for a Use Variance.

Supervisor Kiernan announced that all department audits are done.

MOTION by Supervisor Kiernan, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to accept all town audits which include the Court Audit, Town Clerk Audit, Tax Collector Audit and Supervisor Audit as given.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED : (Resolution Docket pg. 150)

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Zwissler, to appoint Corrine Armstrong as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Supervisor Kiernan, seconded by Councilperson Franck to go in Executive Session to discuss a litigation.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (8:28PM)

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (8:45PM)

MOTION by Councilperson Franck to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:52PM.

Next Regular Meeting will be April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk