

The Town of Otsego Town Board held a 2023 Budget Workshop on the 28th day of September 2022 at 5:00PM at the Town Building in Fly Creek, NY.

Town Board Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Pamela Deane	Town Clerk
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Supervisor Bauer asked everyone to please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Walter Duesenbery Treasurer of the Fly Creek Cemetery Association gave a short historical overview of why and when the Fly Creek Cemetery Association was created. In 1875 it was noticed that the Church Cemeteries were running out of room and people were starting their own family cemeteries on their farms. People eventually moved away, and the family Cemeteries were often abandoned. The Town Fathers then decided to establish the Fly Creek Cemetery Association. The Cemetery has just under 10 acres. There are 3,329 burials that are known and 8,382 remaining plots. The southern field which can accommodate approximately 1000 people, has been designated by the Army Corp. of Engineers, as a diastral burial site. The Cemetery is managed by a 6-member Board all unpaid and a Sexton who once they have met with the family, staked out the plot and overseen the burial, receives \$50.00.

Duesenbery gave an extensive account of the income and expenditures of the Cemetery. With the rise in maintenance cost, he asked that the Board increase their annual assistance from \$6,000/\$8,000 and \$3,000 for tree removal from ARPA funds.

The Town Board thanked Duesenbery for coming and promised to consider his request.

For the remainder of the meeting The Town Board reviewed the 2023 Budget proposal submitted by Supervisor Bauer.

MOTION: by Supervisor Bauer to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 6:15PM.

