

The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Public Hearing Regarding Local Law #1 and a Regular Monthly Meeting on the 12th day of October 2022 at 7:00PM at the Town Building in Fly Creek, NY.

Town Board Members Present:

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

Also Present:

William Hribar	Highway Superintendent
Pamela Deane	Town Clerk

Supervisor Bauer called the meeting to order and asked everyone to please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Bauer explained that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear public comment on adopting Local Law #1 which would allow the Town 2023 Budget to exceed a 2% increase from last years Budget. There were no comments from the public. Supervisor Bauer closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Zwissler, to accept the minutes of September 14th as written.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Zwissler, to accept the minutes of September 28th as written.

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

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Zwissler, to accept the minutes of October 10th as written.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Bauer read correspondence received since last month's meeting. Among the correspondence was a notification of a Liquor License application for 6208 St Hwy 28 Food Corp. The Town Board had no objections.

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

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

General Checking:	\$443,215.81	Hwy Checking:	\$574,720.53
Building Reserve Fund:	\$169,327.17	Hwy Equipment Fund:	\$259,517.14
ARPA:	\$180,717.28		

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

GENERAL:	#122-#133	\$	12,695.90
HWY:	#841-#858	\$	173,731.21

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Bauer read a Planning Board Report from ZEO Wylie Phillips on site plan review applications being currently reviewed by the Planning Board.

Supervisor Bauer read ZEO Wylie Phillips' report. Permits issued since last meeting were as follow:  
Zoning Permits: 1    Area Variance: 1    Site Plan: 2

Highway Superintendent report on projects scheduled or completed since last month's meeting:

- Hribar suggested the Town Board consider paving Cemetery Rd. next year.
- Hribar reported that there is a three year wait on receiving new trucks. A new dump truck now cost between \$250,000/\$300,000.
- Hribar would like to purchase a used Fire Truck for cleaning out culverts, washing the dump trucks, bridges and sanders.
- Hribar would like to purchase a new boom mower and tractor. Cost would be approximately \$126,000.00
- Hribar reported that paving is completed for the year. His crew is now drawing sand.
- There will be no more work done on Willow Avenue until spring.

MOTION by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson Zwissler, authorizing Hwy Superintendent Hribar to purchase a used fire truck, cost not to exceed \$20,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Councilperson Olson reported that the Watershed has been watching the algae bloom activity on Otsego Lake which seems to be an ongoing issue.

Supervisor Bauer called for discussion on the Annexation presentation given by Cooperstown Mayor Ellen Tillapaugh and Village Trustee Cindy Faulk. It was decided to hold off on any discussion until the November meeting when Councilperson Kjolhede is present.

Supervisor Bauer asked for discussion regarding Local Law #1 – Exceeding the 2% Budget Cap.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Olson, to adopt Local Law #1.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Zwissler, to schedule a 2023 Budget Public Hearing for November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Supervisor Bauer, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to go into Executive Session to discuss a Litigation matter and Employee Performance and Compensation.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (8:17PM)

MOTION by Supervisor Bauer to come out of Executive Session.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (9:06PM)

MOTION by Supervisor Bauer to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 9:06PM

Next meeting will be November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk