

The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on the 14th day of December 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Town Building in Fly Creek, NY.

Town Board Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Will Green	Attorney
William Hribar	Highway Superintendent
Pamela Deane	Town Clerk

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

MOTION by Councilperson Kjolhede, seconded by Councilperson Zwissler, to accept the minutes of November 9th as written.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

Supervisor Bauer opened the floor for comments.

Jerry Miller and his wife Cindy reminded the Town Board that they want to subdivide their property in the General Business District and build a home. Residential homes are not allowed in the General Business District. Supervisor Bauer at a previous meeting stated that he would submit to the Town Board proposed changes to the General Business District that would allow residential housing. Millers wanted to know how much progress had been made in making the changes.

Supervisor Bauer stated that he would be presenting proposed changes to the Land Use Law later during the meeting.

There were no further questions, and the floor was closed for any further comments.

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

General Checking:	\$381,507.94	Hwy Checking:	\$334,235.99
Building Reserve Fund:	\$169,356.40	Hwy Equipment Fund:	\$239,561.93
ARPA:	\$180,717.28		

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

GENERAL:	#144-#153	\$	12,416.05
HWY:	#859-#877	\$	27,235.84

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

Zoning Permits: 1

Planning Board Chairman Tom Huntsman reported on site plan review applications being currently reviewed by the Planning Board. Huntsman requested that the Planning Board By-Laws be changed to reflect that the Planning Board will meet at 7:30 year round. Currently summer hours are 7:30 and winter hours are at 7:00. The Planning Board is requesting that the Town Board reappoint Bill Deane as clerk. Jill Poulson was reappointed by the Planning Board to be their attorney. Huntsman made the Town Board aware that they have 1 alternate vacancy and 1 full time vacancy that need to be filled and that maybe the Town Board should consider putting the Planning Board By-Laws on the Town website. Huntsman stated that the Planning Board has been battling with Section 4.04. "In keeping with the neighborhood" needs to be defined.

Town of Richfield Springs Supervisor Dan Sullivan would like to see a public sewer system put in around Canadarago Lake. This would eliminate most of the nutrients entering the lake causing invasive species such as algae bloom. If nothing is done Canadarago Lake will become a large swamp. Delaware Engineering will do a Feasible Study for \$35,000. Richfield Springs Septic System has plenty of room to handle the proposed system. He asked the Town Board if they would contribute \$7,480.00 toward the Feasible Study.

President Emeritus, Watershed Steward Program Director Ryan Fagan stated that once man is eliminated from the equation the water quality will greatly improve and home values will increase. There are approximately 687 homes around Canadarago Lake, 147 of which are in the Town of Otsego. The entire community will benefit.

MOTION by Councilperson Zwissler, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to contribute \$7,480.00 for the Feasibility Study for a sewer system around Canadarago Lake.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Highway Superintendent report on projects scheduled or completed and items of interest since last month's meeting:

- The fire truck from Bridgewater Fire Department has been purchased and delivered. Cost \$20,000.00.
- Training with Otsego County Employee Health and Safety Homeland Security Coordinator Bob Satriano has been set.
- Diesel Fuel may be hard to get in the upcoming months.

Supervisor Bauer asked that the "Seasonal Road Closed" signs starting dates read December 1st instead of November 1st.

Supervisor Bauer submitted proposed changes to the Land Use Law which the Town Board reviewed.

Supervisor Bauer stated that more people are needed for the Comprehensive Plan Committee. He is still waiting for OCCA to come up with a job description.

Planning Board member Antoinette Kuzminski has agreed to draft a Law addressing Solar Panels.

Supervisor Bauer submitted all Town Policies which were divided up among the members to look over and submit suggested changes at the January meeting.

Supervisor Bauer stated that he discussed different health insurance options with the CSEA Highway Union Representative. He predicted that the insurance would remain just as it is.

Supervisor Bauer submitted the ASPCA Contract for the Town Board to look over.

MOTION by Supervisor Bauer, seconded by Councilperson Kjolhede, to approve the proposed ASPCA Contract as written.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

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

MOTION by Supervisor Bauer, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to come out of Executive Session.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (8:41 PM)

After a short discussion it was agreed to hold the Year – End meeting at 10 AM on December 28th at the Town Building.

MOTION by Supervisor Bauer to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:58 PM

Next meeting will be December 14th at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk