

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

Town Board Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Bill Hribar	Highway Superintendent
Pamela Deane	Town Clerk

Supervisor Kiernan called the Public Hearing for the 2022 Town Budget to order and opened the floor for comments.

Carl Wenner suggested that Town Board establish a Disaster Contingency Fund for emergencies.

Supervisor Kiernan closed the floor for further comments.

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

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to accept the minutes of October 13th 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.

Carl Wenner told the Town Board that he realizes that he and the Town Board have very little in common. He has stopped coming to the meetings because the Town Board never seem to listen to anything he has to say. He felt that what he was about to say is very important and he hoped they will listen. Wenner stated that he has a sign on his property of Jesus as depicted in the message of Divine Mercy. Back in the '30's a Polish Nun got a visitation from Christ. The dialog between Christ and the Nun as stated in her diary, is that at the moment of your death Christ is going to call to the sinner 3 times, reaching out to them to trust him and accept his mercy. People aren't sent to hell, they choose to go to hell by the way they live their lives. He challenged the Town Board to think about what they are going to do in that moment. We are all sinners. He would rather see mercy now than justice later. We all may be meeting our maker sooner than we think.

Supervisor Kiernan closed the floor for further comments.

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

General Savings:	\$ 4,720.06	General Checking:	\$341,389.26
Highway Savings:	\$ 7,865.57	Hwy Checking:	\$314,451.53
Building Reserve Fund:	\$169,172.77	Hwy Equipment Fund	\$259,280.48

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

GENERAL:	#121-#138	\$ 47,293.39
HWY:	#623-#642	\$ 46,574.96

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Dog Control Officer Tom Steele reported receiving no complaints since last meeting.

Zoning Enforcement Officer Jess Lanza's monthly report was read by Supervisor Kiernan. Permits issued since last meeting were as follow:

Zoning Permits: 5	Subdivisions: 2	Site Plan: 1
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Planning Board Member Chip Jennings reported on applications currently being reviewed by the Planning Board.

Superintendent of Highway Bill Hribar reported:

- That the State has recommended that more Speed Limit signs be posted on Jones Rd. The current Speed Limit is 35MPH
- Beavers have been a big problem. Twelve have been caught so far.
- Three driveways have gone in on the upper end of Panther Mt. Owners are planning to build next year meaning the Town will be responsible in making that portion of Panther Mt. Rd. year round.
- Willow Ave. is done for now. More stone will be added in the spring.

Councilperson Hohensee told Town Board Members that he had walked the neighboring property with owner Walter Dusenbery. Dusenbery's complaint is that there is no proper drainage from the Town's property causing flooding onto his property and killing his pine trees. Hribar was not sure what could be done to correct the problem but will look at it again with Councilperson Hohensee.

Councilperson Hohensee asked Hribar what he thought about the Town buying additional land, preferably near Kukenbergers Gravel Bank, and moving the town's sand pile, stone pile and salt shed out of the residential district. Hribar felt it was more convenient to have everything on one site. For one thing it would not be feasible to keep bringing the loader back and forth from one site to the other.

Supervisor Kiernan submitted an energy efficiency report generated by Eastern Energy Solutions. To replace the lighting system at the Town Building and old Hwy Garage, with a more energy efficient system will cost \$4,244.47. Comprehensive Payback Period would be approximately 24 months.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to accept Eastern Energy Solutions proposal of \$4,244.47 to install a new lighting system at the Town Building and Old Highway Garage.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Franck, seconded by Councilperson Zwissler, to adopt the proposed 2022 Tentative Budget.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan submitted Cooperstown's Fire and Ambulance Contract for the Town Board to review.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Olson, to authorize Supervisor Kiernan to sign the Fire and Ambulance Contracts with the Village of Cooperstown for 2022.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan reminded the Town Board that there is currently \$80,000.00 left in the \$110,000.00 ARPA money sent to the Town to be given to organizations or businesses affected by COVID. President of the Historical Society Shirlee Rathbun, has asked for a donation. During COVID they were not able to have fundraisers which pays for heating fuel for the building along with other things.

MOTION by Councilperson Franck, seconded by Councilperson Zwissler, to donate \$5,000.00 to the Fly Creek Historical Society and \$5,000.00 to the Pierstown Grange from the ARPA account.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor

MOTION by Councilperson Franck to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:27PM.

Next meeting will be December 8th at 7.00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk