

The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on the 9th day of June 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
Matthew Zwissler	Councilperson
Suzanne Olson	Councilperson

Also Present:

William Hribar	Highway Superintendent
Pamela Deane	Town Clerk

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

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Zwissler, to accept the minutes of May 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.

Dennis Mowers of 208 Bibik Road acted as the spokesman for several town residents owning camps on Bibik Road, all having an issue with water running through their lawns, saturating the ground and compromising their wells and septic. After a short discussion it was decided that Town Supervisor Kiernan along with her Deputy Tom Hohensee would meet with Bibik Road residents, examine the problem, and try to come up with a remedy.

Carl Wenner said that he searched to find the death total for those contracting the flu this past year. He found the number had dropped from 199 last year to 1 this year. He disputed CDC count. Wenner claimed that deaths from Influenza or pneumonia were counted as COVID deaths.

Another topic Wenner wanted to address had to do with the BLM (Black Lives Matter) Resolution the Town Board passed a few months ago. He submitted an article from a NY psychiatrist revealing at a public lecture at Yale University that she fantasizes murdering random white people. Wenner's point was white people are discriminated against as much as blacks. People that are white can't help that they are white no more than people that are black can help being black. "The next time racial stuff happens around here let it go."

Joseph Potrikus thought the Town Board Minutes should be made available on the Town Website no later than 10 days after the Town Board Meeting. Currently they are not added to the Town Website until they have been approved.

Potrikus respectfully requested that there be a Motion to designate the \$2,000.00 John Stucin donated to the town to a specific fund. He insisted that by law there needs to be a Motion and he felt Stucin should be given credit for his contribution.

Potrikus argued that if a kilowatt is generated from one's solar panel, legally the local utility has to pay the owner for that kilowatt and the Moratorium does not allow for that.

Potrikus lastly wanted the Town Board to know that the Town of Otsego is known by many for its opposition to anything. His suggestion was that if the Town Board does decide to pass this proposed six month Moratorium on Solar Panels that they also present what the Town of Otsego's goal is for energy production.

Councilperson Franck thought the more energy options people have to choose from the better.

John Phillips would have liked it if the Town Board had advertised the Solar Panel Moratorium Public Hearing on the Fly Creek Fire Department Sign or at the Fly Creek General Store. He never saw the notice on the website or the paper.

Supervisor Kiernan has been gathering information on the subject of the selling of marijuana. Sheriff Devlin does not like the idea of legalizing or selling marijuana. Establishing a level of impairment on an individual is going to be extremely difficult.

Supervisor Kiernan introduced Medical Oncologist Jeff Allerton who, as a last resort, prescribes Medical Marijuana, mostly to cancer patients. Medical Marijuana is highly regulated. There is a big difference between Medical Marijuana and Recreational Marijuana. There are a lot of possible side effects you do not here about.

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:	\$ 4,718.87	General Checking:	\$411,848.96
Highway Savings:	\$ 7,863.57	Hwy Checking:	\$631,654.52
Building Reserve Fund:	\$169,101.88	Hwy Equipment Fund:	\$268,571.43

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

GENERAL:	#65-#75	\$ 2,122.69
HWY:	#539-#560	\$39,944.53

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Planning Board member Rosemary Brodersen reported on applications currently being reviewed by the Planning Board.

Dog Control Officer Tom Steele reported that things have been quiet since last month's meeting.

Supervisor Kiernan reported that the following permits were issued by the ZEO since last months meeting:

Zoning Permits: 7 Septic Permits: 2 Site Plan Review:3 ZBA: 3 Subdivision: 2

Highway Superintendent William Hribar reported on highway concerns and work done since last month's meeting.

- Hribar reported that he and his crew have been stabilizing the following roads getting them ready to be paved: Keating, Bristol, Panther Mt., and Cook.
- Hribar is waiting for the permits issued by DEC to change the culverts on Stone House Rd. and Tripp Hill.

Councilperson Franck submitted proposed Land Use Law changes to Section 7.03 Special Permits. The Town Board briefly discussed the proposal and tabled for the July meeting for further discussion.

Councilperson Hohensee will be re-applying for a matching Salt Shed Grant. Deadline for the grant is July 30th.

Supervisor Kiernan learned at the Watershed Supervisory Committee Meeting that inspections have begun. It was decided that inspections can be spaced out longer than the current 5 year Plan.

Supervisor Kiernan reported that the Village of Cooperstown will be opting out of allowing the sale of marijuana in the Village. They may opt in at a later date.

Supervisor Kiernan read a letter from Toddsville resident Steve Cenbrinski., who is requesting the speed limit in Toddsville be reduced to 35mph.

MOTION by Supervisor Kiernan seconded by Councilperson Franck, to request a speed limit study from NYS D.O.T. from St. Hwy. 28 to 467 Co. Hwy. 26 (Greener World).

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan submitted a proposed Resolution offered by the County authorizing cancellation of

interest, penalties and other charges due under real property tax law section 480A pursuant to real property tax law section 1182 to specific properties owners in the Towns of New Lisbon, Maryland, Burlington, Butternuts and Otsego.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, and Councilperson Franck, to adopt the proposed Resolution offered by the County.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: (Resolution Docket pg. 157)

Supervisor Kiernan submitted a proposed Resolution offered by the County adopting Otsego County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

MOTION by Supervisor Kiernan, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to adopt the Otsego County Hazard Mitigation Plan offered by the County.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: (Resolution Docket pg. 158)

MOTION by Councilperson Olson to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 9:16PM.

Next meeting will be July 14th at 7.00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk