

The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on the 14th day of July 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

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 Franck, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to accept the minutes of June 9th 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.

There were no comments from the public and the floor was closed.

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

General Savings:	\$ 4,718.87	General Checking:	\$397,011.12
Highway Savings:	\$ 7,863.57	Hwy Checking:	\$603,967.67
Building Reserve Fund:	\$169,116.24	Hwy Equipment Fund:	\$259,193.83

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

GENERAL:	#90-100	\$ 1,779.95
HWY:	#578-#592	\$12,083.93

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Planning Board member Sharon Kroker reported on applications the Planning Board is currently reviewing.

Dog Control Officer Tom Steele reported apprehending three dogs running at large and seizing one dog for biting the mailman.

Supervisor Kiernan reopened the floor for comment for people joining the meeting late.

Al and Mary Schaer who reside at 272 Goose St., said they have been told that there is a discrepancy with the Town Zoning Map. Another map has turned up and at the moment it is unclear which map is the official one. In the meantime their neighbor has put up a fence to corral two horses not far from their back door. One map allows it, showing all parcels from the Cider Mill to Bailey Road being located in the RA1 District and the other one shows the first 250 ft. of those same properties being in the Hamlet Residential District. With the horses so close to their house they are concerned with the manure smell, the manure possibly at some point, contaminating their well and having to deal with horse flies. They have no objection with the horse fence being placed 250 feet from the road but are upset that the fence was allowed to be placed in close proximity to their home. They put a considerable amount of money in their new home and now they don't feel they can even sit outside. Their neighbors have 26 acres of land. Moving the fence should not be a hardship.

Former ZEO Edward Hobbie informed the Town Board that the Official Zoning Map is the certified one on the wall dated 8/9/1995. That was the one he used the entire time he was ZEO for the Town. He

requested that it be noted that he brought it to the Town Supervisors attention three years ago that the Zoning Map on the Town's Website was different than the Certified Map at the Town Hall.

The Town Board examined both maps. Supervisor Kiernan stated that she believed both maps were the same except for Goose Street. One map showed Goose St. in the Hamlet Residential District 250 ft. from the road on both sides from the Cider Mill to Bailey Rd. and the other map shows only one side in the Hamlet Residential District 250 ft. from the road and the other side in the RA-1 District.

Supervisor Kiernan suggested that there be a meeting with everyone involved to see if an agreement could be made that would satisfy everyone.

Supervisor Kiernan closed the floor for further comments.

Interim Director of Otsego Land Trust, David Diaz, explained that OLT is applying for a grant for a park project at Brookwood Point and would like the Town Board's support.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Franck, that the Town Board support OLT's grant for the park project at Brookwood Point.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: (Resolution Docket pg. 159)

Supervisor Kiernan reported that the Otsego County Planning Board approved the Town's Proposed 6 month Moratorium on Solar Panels. After a short discussion it was decided to wait on voting on the 6 month Moratorium on Solar Panels.

Supervisor Kiernan stated that ZBA Member Mary Anne Whalen has asked that she be moved to a ZBA Alternate and ZBA Alternate Corinne Armstrong be moved to ZBA Member.

MOTION by Supervisor Kiernan, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to move Mary Anne Whalen from ZBA Member to ZBA Alternate and Corinne Armstrong from ZBA Alternate to ZBA Member.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan reported that the following permits were issued by the ZEO since last month's meeting:

Zoning Permits: 5 Permits Renewed: 2 Site Plan Review: 1 ZBA: 2

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

- Two culverts on Stone House Rd. have been installed.
- Hribar is getting several requests from residents to have trees in the Town's Right-of-Way cut down.
- Hribar is still working with residents on Bibik Rd. on how to solve their flooding problem.
- A Sod Loader has been rented for a month and everything is going well.
- He will be submitting the first round of CHIP's reimbursement. Cut off is 8/3.
- Hribar requested a one-ton truck. Will cost between \$50 to \$60 thousand dollars. Supervisor Kiernan informed the Town Board that it can be purchased with CHIP's money.

Supervisor Kiernan asked if Willow Ave. could be moved away from the Highway Garage, crowned and paved. After a short discussion there was concern that there might not be enough room to move the road over. Supervisor Kiernan and Deputy Hohensee will inspect the site with Highway Superintendent Hribar to see if moving Willow Ave. is feasible.

Highway Superintendent Hribar shared with the Town Board a frightening incident that happened. Highway Employee Michael Ryde Jr. got sucked into the heavy current created by a beaver dam that he and another Highway Employee, Bill Hribar Jr., had just opened. The current was so strong the Highway Crew had extreme difficulty getting him out of the stream. They were able to get him free and up onto the bank once he was able to free his feet from his boots. A story with a happy ending.

Supervisor Kiernan informed the Town Board that for \$400.00 NYSEG will change out the Street Lights to LED lights.

MOTION by Councilperson Franck, seconded by Councilperson Olson, to pay \$400.00 to NYSEG to change the street lights to LED soft yellow lights.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan stated that Village of Cooperstown Mayor Ellen Tillapaugh feels the Village of Cooperstown should be paid more than \$250.00 per year for acting as the Town of Otsego's Registrar. After going back and forth and still no agreement Supervisor Kiernan decided that this needs to be a decision involving all the Village Trustees and the Town Board. After a short discussion with the Town Board Members it was decided that Supervisor Kiernan offer the idea of the Village receiving a percentage of the money taken in for Copies of Death Certificate. Supervisor Kiernan wanted it noted that 50% of the Town of Otsego's Court Clerk's work time is spent processing parking tickets for the Village of Cooperstown averaging a total of \$125,000.00 of which the Town of Otsego gets nothing.

Supervisor Kiernan shared a letter from OCCA Executive Director Amy Wyant, looking for an in-kind commitment from the Town of Otsego regarding the application of the Otsego County Conservation Association Inc. (OCCA) for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's Climate Smart Communities Grant Program.

After a short discussion the Town Board decided to offer an in-kind commitment of \$7,000.00.

Supervisor Kiernan submitted a Retirement Work Day Resolution for the Town Board to review.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to pass the Work Day Resolution as presented by Supervisor Kiernan.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: (Resolution Docket pg.160 )

Councilperson Franck reported the Solar Committee met on July 1st and decided that it would review a proposal by OCCA in August to assist with legislation.

MOTION by Councilperson Olson to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:57.

Next meeting will be August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk