

The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Public Hearing and Regular Monthly Meeting on the 13th day of October 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 meeting to order and asked everyone to please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Kiernan called the Public Hearing to order and explained that the Town Board would like to hear comments from the public on the possibility of the 2022 Town Budget exceeding the 2021 Town Budget by more than the 2% cap set by NYS.

There were no comments from the public and the Public Hearing was then closed.

Supervisor Kiernan called the Regular Monthly Meeting to order.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Zwissler, to accept the minutes of September 8th as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor

MOTION by Councilperson Franck, seconded by Councilperson Olson, to accept the minutes of September 21st as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor Kiernan, and Councilpersons Olson and Franck voted yes. Councilpersons Hohensee and Zwissler abstained.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor

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

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor Kiernan, and Councilpersons Hohensee and Olson voted yes. Councilpersons Franck and Zwissler abstained.

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

Supervisor Kiernan opened the floor for comments.

Walter Dusenbery was upset that mature pine trees were cut down at the Highway Garage site on Cemetery Rd. The trees were there to block the view of the unsightly highway equipment and stone piles. He estimated that it would be cheaper to purchase a 5 acre piece of land on County Highway 26 for the stone and sand piles and salt shed then putting in a road for the few residents on Willow Ave. It would cut down on traffic on Cemetery Road and the Highway Garage could act as a Depot. Dusenbery strongly opposed of a new road being created for Willow Ave. residents.

A resident of Willow Ave., Sheila Ross, didn't think the Town Board would find any land available on County Highway 26 and thought they should look at, possibly Allison Road. She does not like driving through the Town Highway site where there is a lot of salt, dust and pot holes and was much in favor of the Town putting in a separate road for Willow Ave. residents.

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:	\$359,863.17
Highway Savings:	\$ 7,865.57	Hwy Checking:	\$608,102.61
Building Reserve Fund:	\$169,158.40		

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 Olson, to pay the bills and make the necessary transfers.

GENERAL:	#111-#120	\$ 1,044.65
HWY:	#604-#623	\$ 97,375.11

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Dog Control Officer Tom Steele reported receiving 1 dog running at large complaint and 1 dog fatally attacked.

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

Zoning Permits: 8	Septic Permits: 1ZBA: 2	Septic: 1
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Superintendent of Highway Bill Hribar introduced Five Star Equipment Salesman Chris Olds who presented a quote for a 2022 John Deere 624 P Wheel Loader. He explained that this loader is on the NYS Bid. The Loader cost was:

\$212,197.40
40.00 filing fee
<u>- 47,500.00 trade 2011 town CAT loader</u>
\$164,737.40 final cost

Olds explained that one option for the town would be to take advantage of John Deere's Lease Payment Plan at 2.5%. His Quote Proposal is good through October 27th.

Hribar reported that he and his crew are getting ready for winter. New driveways are showing up all over with no permits. Supervisor Kiernan will meet with Hribar to finalize CHIP's reimbursement.

Councilperson Franck submitted a Planning Service Agreement with OCCA. After the Town Board briefly reviewed the Agreement it was decided to have Town Attorney Ryan Miosek review the document.

Supervisor Kiernan reported that there will be one more Watershed meeting in November and then they will adjourn until spring.

Supervisor Kiernan asked if there was any discussion pertaining to the 2% Cap on the Town Budget mandated by the State of York.

MOTION by Councilperson Franck, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to adopt Local Law #1 allowing the Town Board to exceed the 2% cap mandated by NYS.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan submitted the Tentative 2022 Budget which was reviewed once again by the Town Board.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Zwissler, to schedule a Public Hearing for the Tentative 2022 Budget for November 10th at 7:00PM at the Town Building.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan proposed that \$10,000.00 each (or a total of \$30,000.00) from the ARPA Funding Opportunity Money, be given to Senior Center and the Cooperstown and Schuyler Lake Food Pantry's.

MOTION by Supervisor Kiernan, seconded by Councilperson Franck to donate \$10,000.00 each from the ARPA Funding to the following organizations:

Senior Center, Cooperstown Food Pantry and Schuyler Lake Food Pantry.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:24PM.

Next meeting will be November 10th at 7.00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk