

The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Work Session Monthly Meeting on the 25th day of February, 2026 starting at 5:15 PM at the Town Office Building in Fly Creek, NY.

Town Board Members Present:

Ted Feury	Supervisor
Pat Kennedy	Deputy Supervisor
Tom Craig	Councilperson
Deb Dalton	Councilperson
Jay Bosley	Councilperson

Also Present:

Bill Hribar	Hwy Superintendent
Molly Hernandez	Town Clerk
Stephen Cembrinski	CPA

Stephen Cembrinski introduced himself. He mentioned his past experience with government auditing. He spoke to the proposal that he has presented the Town Council regarding reviewing and auditing accounting procedures.

Deputy Supervisor Kennedy spoke about wanting processes to continue more seamlessly between transfers of people in elected positions.

MOTION by Councilperson Dalton, seconded by Councilperson Bosley, to hire Stephen Cembrinski on a trial basis of his proposal option #1 for one month starting as soon as possible.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Councilperson Craig departed the meeting at 5:57pm.

The Town Board reviewed all the monthly bills.

Highway Superintendent Hribar requested that the Town of Otsego create an online account for Don’s Ford so that they could charge a credit card on file for things for the diesel truck.

MOTION by Deputy Supervisor Kennedy, seconded by Councilperson Bosley, to pay the bills as corrected and make the necessary transfers:

General: Vouchers #32-35	\$2,175.78
Hwy: Vouchers #44-54	\$22,348.19

There was a question from Deputy Supervisor Kennedy about the payment for the dental insurance as that hasn’t been on the list before. That has been something historically paid by the Supervisor and not reported, but will be reported moving forward.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Highway Superintendent Hribar remarked that we should possibly increase our salt order for next year. He got a quote for an excavator, which is the same size that they used last year, and the cost has gone up. DEC has some questions about the underground tank, and Supervisor Feury will be looking into the scan to try to fix it to be the correct size as the original document. Prevailing wage has been discussed for this year by the Highway Department, and is something that needs to be determined annually in February.

Deputy Supervisor Kennedy reported that the Highway Committee has received two quotes for trucks, one a stick shift and one an automatic. We need to commit to buying the trucks by the next meeting to lock in the price.

Councilperson Bosley is having a discussion with BOCES about having some students learn about what happens in the Town of Otsego Highway Department.

Deputy Supervisor Kennedy reported that Councilperson Bosley has offered to lease for \$1 a year some land on Route 28 for the Town to use for spoils. Deputy Supervisor Kennedy has reached out to Office of the State Comptroller and asked about whether there is an ethical issue there, and it was determined that there is not. DEC needs to be contacted to discuss the fact that there are wetlands on the property and make sure that is okay. Councilperson Bosley will recuse himself from the vote.

Councilperson Dalton sent out a resolution that Town of Middlefield and the Village of Cooperstown has adopted regarding the Federal Government's Seizure, Detention, and Deportation Policies. This will be discussed at the March 11th meeting.

Deputy Supervisor Kennedy reminded the Council that we need to be reviewing our Town policies, starting with the procurement and ethics policy at the March 11th meeting.

Chris Slonaker from NBT Insurance gave us a proposal for general insurance for the year. The Council will need to review our insurance prior to April when it's time to renew the insurances.

Councilperson Dalton adjourned the meeting at 6:47pm.

Next scheduled meeting will be March 11, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Molly Hernandez
Town Clerk