

The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting starting at 7:00 PM on the 11th day of March, 2026 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
Will Green	Town Attorney

Supervisor Feury called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Supervisor Feury asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION by Deputy Supervisor Kennedy, seconded by Councilperson Dalton, to approve the minutes/reports of February 11, 2026 and February 25, 2026 as written.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Feury opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Supervisor Feury closed the floor for further public comment.

Supervisor Feury presented correspondence received since last month's meeting. The Planning Federation's annual meeting is coming up and we would need to renew our membership with them. The Town's liability insurance (NYMIR) will need to be renewed in May. The email server being updated created many problems for those who were forwarding their emails. The HRA account is all set and going for the Highway employees. Ringsquared and Spectrum situation with our phone lines continues to go on. The Fly Creek Fire Department has requested a letter of support from the Town for support on our letterhead. The Cooperstown Graduate Program would like to put a historical marker at the cemetery on Route 26 and has requested a letter of support from the Town. The stop sign on the corner of Glimmerglen and Murdock is down. The DEC has money to buy some of the Mancherian's property so a meeting between the two is to be scheduled. There is also a conversation with the DEC regional coordinator, Sean Mahar, and Supervisor Feury regarding a rail trail bike path on the railroad tracks. Otsego County has created a shared services agreement that Superintendent Hribar will need to sign. The Supervisor of Middlefield, Ron Morgan, has been asking questions about the state of the Mill Street Bridge.

The Town Board reviewed all the monthly bills.

MOTION by Councilperson Dalton, seconded by Councilperson Craig, to pay the bills and make the necessary transfers:

General: Vouchers #36-42	\$6,518.01
Hwy: Vouchers #55-63	\$6,942.59

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Feury submitted a Financial Report which was reviewed by the Town Board.

General Checking:	\$26,961.05	HWY Checking:	\$85,680.05
General NYClass Inv:	\$465,088.09	HWY NYClass Inv:	\$1,495,577.05
Hwy Equip. Reserve:	\$131,313.61	Building Reserve:	\$43,226.11
ARPA: -0-		Special Lighting Dist.:	\$

Supervisor Feury announced that he has received a job offer that would have him leaving the area next year, so he does plan to finish his term, but does not plan to re-run for another term. Deputy Supervisor Kennedy brought up changing the term for Supervisor from two years to four years. Attorney Green did not think that was a good idea.

Planning Board Chairman Tom Huntsman gave a report on the Planning Board. They have had a quiet winter so far, other than one subdivision application. Chairman Huntsman asked Attorney Green a question about approving minutes. Alex Nirenberg has stepped up to hold a seat on the board from an alternate. There are no applications to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Supervisor Feury indicated that there was no ZEO's Report submitted. The ZBA will not be meeting next week because there are no applications currently.

Town Clerk Hernandez gave a report on the Town Clerk office. She submitted Local Law #1 (Regulating Solar Energy Law) via mail on February 12, 2026 and they are waiting for the confirmation letter from the Department of State that it has been filed. Property tax reminders were mailed out today to anyone whose taxes for 2026 have not been paid. The County Codes Enforcement came to do their fire inspection of the Town Hall. New this year, we need to have a carbon monoxide detector plugged in and send proof of that, in addition to paying the inspection fee, in order to receive the new certificate.

Dog Control Report was given by Clerk Hernandez. Nothing to report for this month.

Highway report was given by Highway Superintendent Bill Hribar:

- He needs a SPOILS form. Councilperson Dalton will email it to Clerk Hernandez who will print copies for Superintendent Hribar.
- Tim Plant from Henderson Equipment was on site to answer questions.
- Superintendent Hribar is requesting two sweepers so that the sweeping can be done in a week or two rather than taking a month.
- The paving prices get locked in for one month following.

The second sweeper would be ~\$100,000 rather than \$22,000 because it would be replacing a different type. The discussion for the second sweeper will be tabled until the next meeting.

MOTION by Deputy Supervisor Kennedy, seconded by Councilperson Bosley, to approve the purchase of one sweeper for \$22,000.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

The automatic transmission truck will be \$358,655, and the manual transmission will cost \$346,000. Tim Plant confirmed that these prices are locked in for 3 months. The trucks would come in first, then the chasseys, and then the equipment.

Deputy Supervisor Kennedy reported for the Highway Committee. The Highway Department needs a ".gov" email. There is still discussion between DEC and Superintendent Hribar about the underground storage tanks and the distance from the tanks to the buildings. External harddrive will be purchased for the Highway Department computer. Councilperson Bosley and Karl Steere are reaching out to BOCES about having students come learn about the Highway Department. The Kegelman lawsuit has continued, but Deputy Supervisor Kennedy would like to note that in

2024 the Supreme Court decision of the case of Brian J. and Joan C. Kegelman vs. The Town of Otsego it was ordered that the defendant (the Town) is entitled to a right of way of 49.5 feet on Murdock Road and Tripp Hill.

Deputy Supervisor Kennedy reported for the Land Use Committee. Tom Huntsman will not chair the committee.

Supervisor Feury read a report from Watershed Town Representative Paul Lord on WSC (Watershed Committee) activity. The Village has moved to a \$50 fee for anyone with septic systems on the Lake. There was discussion about the legality of this fee being charged to people. Attorney Green suggested that the Village prove the legality of this before the Council agrees to this.

Councilperson Dalton gave a report on the Comprehensive Plan. Many edits have been submitted to Sara Bouillon from Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, and the hope is that this was the final round of edits submitted, and that it will then be reviewed by the Council.

Councilperson Dalton gave a report on the Climate Smart Committee. We have 66 points towards our Bronze certification.

Councilperson Craig reported for the Building and Grounds Committee. Nothing to report.

Supervisor Feury reported on Old Business.

A Zoom meeting can be scheduled with Samuel Parker, from Spectrum, regarding the Spectrum Franchise Agreement since certain pieces of information that the Council requested of him are proprietary.

A Communications Media Committee resolution has been drafted, and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Attorney Green found through the Department of State that the Local Law #1 Regulating Solar Energy Law was filed on February 17, 2026.

There was no new business.

MOTION by Councilperson Dalton, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Kennedy, to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:25pm.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Dalton, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Kennedy, to come out of executive session at 8:38pm.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Deputy Supervisor Kennedy, seconded by Councilperson Craig, to accept a two month contract with Stephen Cembrinski at \$1,800 per month for accounting services.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Feury adjourned the meeting.

Next scheduled Town Council working meeting will be held on March 25, 2026 at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Molly Hernandez
Town Clerk