The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on the 11th day of June 2025 starting at

7:00 PM at the Town Building in Fly Creek, NY.

Town Board Members Present:

Ted Feury Supervisor

Chris Kjolhede Councilperson

Deb Dalton Councilperson

Tom Craig Councilperson

Pat Kennedy Councilperson

Also Present:

Bill Hribar Hwy Superintendent

Pamela Deane Town Clerk

Will Green Town Attorney

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

MOTION by Councilperson Kjolhede, seconded by Councilperson Kennedy, to approve the minutes of May 14th as amended and May 19th, June 2nd and June 9th as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Feury stated that the only correspondence he received since last month’s meeting were four letters complaining that the Court Clerk never answers her phone.

Supervisor Feury opened the floor for public comments.

Fly Creek resident John Phillips announced that the Fly Creek Historical Society will be holding an Antique Appraisal & Museum Day on June 22nd from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Other Museums in the area will be bringing displays. Rick’s Hotdogs Food Truck will also be there.

With no other comments Supervisor Feury closed the floor.

MOTION by Councilperson Kennedy, seconded by Councilperson Dalton, to appoint Carey D’Avino to fill Councilperson Kennedy’s seat on the WSC effective July 1st. (3 yr. term)

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

The Town Board reviewed all the monthly bills.

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

###### General: #51-#61 $ 2,783.15

Hwy: #58-#82 $ 97,967.04

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Councilperson Dalton requested that the budget line codes be included in the Highway Warrant cover sheet, as is done on the General Warrant cover sheet.

Councilperson Kennedy requested that truck maintenance bills show what truck the bills are for.

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

General Checking: $ 21,476.50 HWY Checking: $ 94,199.25

General NYClass Inv: $ 342745.33 HWY NYClass Inv: $ 512,603.33

Hwy Equip. Reserve: $ 127,412.58 Building Reserve: $ 41,951.85

ARPA: -0- Special Lighting Dist.: $ 2243.71

MOTION by Councilperson Dalton, seconded by Councilperson Kjolhede, to accept the Financial Report as given.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Planning Board member Matt Glynn gave a report on applications currently being reviewed by the Planning Board.

Highway report was given by Highway Superintendent Bill Hribar:

* Hribar stated that he and his crew have been spending most of their time cleaning plugged culverts caused from all the rain.
* Hribar stated that he and his crew have been spending a lot of time destroying beaver dams.
* The Fuel System is close to completion. Still needs to be Programed and set up.

Highway Committee Members had a virtual meeting with Manocherian who owns a substantial amount of land in the Town of Otsego near Red Schoolhouse Hill and in the Town of Springfield. Manocherian and his team presented a Subdivision Proposal of 104 lots, of which half would be in the Town of Otsego and the other half in the Town of Springfield. The cost to the Town for additional roads was discussed along with the poor condition of State Highway 80 and the impact the additional traffic would have. Other topics discussed were:

* Projected Road repair costs and the possibility of seeking a bond for road preservation tied to a five-year plan.
* CHIP’s Reimbursement was applied for on time.
* Cemetery Mowing, due to the cost burden of providing insurance for contracting the work, the Superintendent chose to have the work done as needed on an overtime basis.
* Donavan Specs needs to be updated. Town Attorney Will Green will offer a proposal for new Donavan Specs at the July meeting.

County Representative Andrew Marietta stated that the County has developed and improved their Strategic Plan and are now using a software program called Clear Plan that will be useful during Budget Time and determining what impacts budgeting for a new Jail, Fire Training Center, and new Highways will have.

Councilperson Kennedy reported on the WSC activity. There is now a $150 fee for each septic system inspection along Otsego Lake that the Village of Cooperstown will be collecting. Enforcement remains problematic. Ashley Seyfried, the director of sustainability of the Southern Tier 8 Economic Development Group, has offered to help the WSC apply for Grants.

Supervisor Feury stated that NYS D.O.T. has dropped the number of proposed Lamp Posts from 33 to 15.

This reduces the cost to $68,000.00. After a short discussion the Town Board realized no money was budgeted

for the Lamp Posts. The Town Board will be telling the Village the Town is no longer interested in helping to finance this project.

MOTION by Councilperson Kennedy, seconded by Councilperson Craig, to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (8:30 pm)

MOTION by Councilperson Dalton, seconded by Councilperson Kennedy to come out of Executive Session.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (8:56 pm)

MOTION by Councilperson Craig to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:57 PM.

Next scheduled meeting will be July 9th, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Deane/Town Clerk