The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on the 9th day of October 2024 starting at 7:00 pm at the Town Building in Fly Creek, NY.

Town Board Members Present:

Jay Bosley Supervisor

Tom Hohensee Councilperson

Chris Kjolhede Councilperson

Deb Dalton Councilperson

Pat Kennedy Councilperson

Also Present:

Will Green Town Attorney

William Hribar Highway Superintendent

Pamela Deane Town Clerk

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

MOTION by Councilperson Kennedy, seconded by Councilperson Kjolhede, to schedule a Public Hearing for the 2025 Preliminary Budget for November 13th at 7:00 PM.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Dalton, seconded by Councilperson Kjolhede, to accept the September 11th minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor

MOTION by Councilperson Kennedy, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to accept the September 12th

2025 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor Bosley, Councilpersons Kennedy, Hohensee, and Dalton voted yes. Councilperson Kjolhede abstained.

MOTION by Councilperson Kennedy, seconded by Councilperson Dalton, to accept the September 16th 2025 Budget Workshop as amended.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Kennedy, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to accept the September 19th

Solar Energy Workshop Meeting Minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: Councilpersons Kennedy, Kjolhede, and Hohensee, voted yes. Councilperson Dalton and Supervisor Bosley abstained.

MOTION by Councilperson Kennedy, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to accept the September 26th

2025 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes as amended.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Bosley reviewed correspondence received since last month’s meeting.

Supervisor Bosley opened the floor for public comments.

Hudi Podolsky was opposed to the idea of recognizing our local Veterans by hanging banners depicting local veterans, along St. Hwy 28 as discussed at last month’s meeting. She is grateful for members of the military and their invaluable service but is also grateful for other people. She is grateful for the police, fire fighters, EMT, teachers, health care workers and so on. Many have been invaluable for the wellbeing of our community. She did not think it right to single out one group of people to honor publicly. She was especially concerned that children would see it as there being only one way to serve our community that is most important and most honorable. Podolsky would like to see the Town Board come up with a way to honor all the people that serve our community and not single out one group.

James Howarth introduced himself as being the President of the Otsego Lake Association and a member of the Watershed Supervisory Committee. .He wanted the Town Board to know that Otsego Lake is up against a lot of problems. First the problems need to be identified. The State offers grants but there are a lot of steps that need to be taken to be eligible for the grant and that cost money. The Town has helped in the past and Howarth is hoping the Town Board will contribute again.

MOTION by Councilperson Kennedy, seconded by Councilperson Dalton, to close the floor for further comments.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

###### General: #119-#125 $ 7,235.00

Hwy: #190-#213 $ 168,280.07

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

A Special Meeting was scheduled for November 1st at 1:00 to approve any additional Highway Bills tagged for CHIP’s reimbursement.

Supervisor Bosley gave the Financial Report. He began by stating that acting as Town Supervisor has been quite an experience and a real struggle. He has decided to resign his position effective 10/31/2024 at midnight.

Councilperson Kennedy thanked Bosley for his service.

Councilperson Kjolhede told Bosley that he was very appreciative of his work.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Councilperson Dalton, to accept Jay Bosley’s resignation effective 10/31/2024 midnight.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee, seconded by Supervisor Bosley, to appoint Ted Feury to the Supervisor upcoming vacancy, effective 11/1/2024.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

The Town Board discussed the balances provided by Supervisor Bosley:

General Checking: $ 84,921 HWY Checking: $ 87,718

General NYClass Inv: $278,646 HWY NYClass Inv: $ 736,5415

Hwy Equipment Fund: $259,020 Building Reserve: $ 40,739

ARPA: $150,508 Special Lighting Dist.: $ 1,911

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

A Highway report was given by Highway Superintendent Bill Hribar.

* Hribar has been working on his CHIP Projects.
* Hribar Stated that the new 10-wheel dump truck and plow is scheduled to arrive on or about January 1st.
* Hribar reported that one of his employees has resigned. He received a job with the State.
* Hribar also reported that his crew has been busy moving the sand pile closer to the new salt shed.

Councilperson Kjolhede asked Hribar what Town in the County has the most roads. Hribar’s thought was the Town of Otsego which has 90 miles of road.

Councilpersons Kennedy and Dalton gave a Highway Committee report. Topics that were discussed were:

* Councilperson Kennedy explained that maintenance on a Town Road paid for by CHIP’s cannot receive CHIP’s money again on that section of road for 10 years. With traffic increasing, some sections of road show signs of needed repair before 10 years have passed. The rules may change to a 5 year wait. The State is considering allowing Towns to apply for a WAIVER.
* Supervisor Bosley is working on a “SPOIL Policy” The Policy would define where excess dirt from cleaning out ditches or other highway work is to be disposed of. The Policy is near completion.

Councilperson Kjolhede asked how much of the Towns Budget goes to highway. Councilperson Kennedy answered 75%.

The Watershed report was given by Councilperson Kennedy. She reiterated the contribution request from Jim Howarth asking the Town Board to consider contributing additional money. Specifically, the money would be used for a Scientific Advisor, testing and data collection. The Village of Cooperstown as well as the Towns of Springfield and Middlefield have agreed to help with the cost of a Scientific Advisor. Each Town, including Otsego, was initially asked to contribute $5000.00. They have now been asked to contribute an additional $15,000.00. Springfield and Middlefield are only willing to contribute $5,000.00 each. It is estimated that Springfield has 125-140 septic systems along Otsego Lake. Middlefield 50-60 and Otsego has between 140-160.

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MOTION by Councilperson Dalton, seconded by Councilperson Kjolhede, to accept the individual reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Bosley announced that the next Solar Workshop will be October 17th at 3:00 PM

Supervisor Bosley updated the Town Board concerning Delaware Engineering and Bibik Rd.

After reviewing the contract Supervisor Bosley felt Delaware Engineering has not fulfilled the contract. He has tried contacting them but has been unsuccessful. He has since turned the contract over to the attorney.

Supervisor Bosley reported that the Town of Middlefield has decided to tackle updating their Comprehensive Plan on their own without the grant. The Town Board agreed that maybe they should consider updating the Towns Comprehensive Plan on their own as well. It was their belief the Plan does not need a lot of updating.

Councilperson Hohensee is waiting for a cost estimate from Spectrum to upgrade the Town’s Wi-Fi.

Councilperson Kjolhede asked how the Town of Otsego’s tax rate compares to other Town’s tax rate.

Councilperson Kennedy stated that the Town of Otsego’s tax rate has been the lowest in the entire County.

MOTION by Councilperson Kennedy to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:20 PM.

Next scheduled meeting will be October 9th, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Deane/Town Clerk