

The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on the 14th day of January, 2026 starting at 7:00 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
Will Green	Town Attorney

Supervisor Feury called the meeting to order at 7:01pm and asked everyone to please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION by Councilperson Dalton, seconded by Councilperson Craig, to approve the minutes/reports of December 10th and January 9th, as amended. The December 16th minutes have further edits to be made.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Feury opened the floor for comments.

Steve Purcell, north end of the Fly Creek Valley asked if there was an update on the Manocherian proposals.

Chris Kjolhede from Cooperstown, NY wanted to thank the board for their support during his time on the Town Board, and the members of the community for their patience while he was on the Town Board. He requested that the Town Board work speedily to complete the Comprehensive Plan. He offered to commit his time to continue working on that.

Supervisor Feury closed the floor for further public comment.

Supervisor Feury presented correspondence received since last month's meeting. These communications were mostly phone calls regarding tax increases. Emails were also received to Councilperson Dalton and Deputy Supervisor Kennedy regarding taxes and people asking for an explanation of the increase. Supervisor Feury has prepared a spreadsheet of tax rates across the county. Supervisor Feury will post this spreadsheet that he created on the Town of Otsego website so it's available for others to see.

The Town Board reviewed all the monthly bills. There was one question about voucher 172 in the Highway bills, which is for a truck that will get delivered in a later month and is not due at this time.

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

General: Vouchers #1-18	\$22,230.03
Hwy: Vouchers #1-18	\$49,735.19

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

General Checking:	\$22,006.88	HWY Checking:	\$230,271.22
General NYClass Inv:	\$230,875.74	HWY NYClass Inv:	\$499,456.52
Hwy Equip. Reserve:	\$130,486.93	Building Reserve:	\$42,953.99
ARPA:	-0-	Special Lighting Dist.:	\$1,522.25

Supervisor Feury indicated there were many phone calls this month. There are conversations going on between State groups and local groups and it's been said that the Manocherian's will be coming back with a revised proposal.

Planning Board member Mike Hodgman gave a report on the Planning Board. Sharon Kroker was appointed the vice chair of the Planning Board, Jill Poulson was nominated and approved to continue as Planning Board Attorney, and Braden Lourido-Erickson was appointed as the Planning Board Clerk. Joe Homburger spoke during public comment and expressed his opinion that a town wide moratorium should be placed on major subdivisions over 20 acres. A sketch plan for a major subdivision in the RA2 district was presented for review last night. The Planning Board would like to recommend to the Town Board a moratorium on major subdivisions, although they defer to the Town Board on the timing of this.

Supervisor Feury submitted the ZEO's Report which was reviewed by the Town Board. He has one application for a new build currently.

Dog Control Report was given by Clerk Hernandez. Our Dog Control Officer responded to a dog at large on Glimmerglen Road at the beginning of January.

Highway report was given by Highway Superintendent Bill Hribar:

- Bulk storage application - given to Supervisor Feury to submit along with a check for \$500
- Fuel storage inspector coming on January 20th (critical deadline)
- Working on the 284 Agreement for planning out CHIPS money
- One of the plow truck's hydraulic line blew - that is expected to cost about \$12,000-\$13,000
- Water problems at 251 Tripp Hill - will need to be dealt with in the summer

Deputy Supervisor Kennedy approved the payment to fix the truck.

Deputy Supervisor Kennedy reported for the Highway Committee. They have set their meeting dates for the year. They will be the Wednesday following the Town Board meeting at 1PM at the Town Hall (third Wednesday of the month) for the remainder of the year.

Deputy Supervisor Kennedy reported for the Land Use Committee. They did not meet over the holidays. They plan to deal with the lake zones by creating maps, and review the subdivision regulation revisions that Tom Huntsman drafted for potential submission to the Board.

Supervisor Feury read a report from Watershed Town Representative Paul Lord on WSC (Watershed Committee) activity. They would like to know what the Town would like out of the 9E Plan. There was discussion amongst the council and a question posed to Town Attorney Green regarding the Village of Cooperstown's request for the Town of Otsego to send out a letter requesting the \$150 fee from "out of the Village" residents in the Otsego watershed. Town Attorney Green doesn't see how the Town could possibly go forward with that unless there was legal authority determined.

Councilperson Dalton gave a report on the Comprehensive Plan. Sara Bouillon from MVEDD has been working on the final draft and they hope to have it ready for a public hearing at the

March 11th Town Board meeting. Chris Kjolhede, Adrian Kuzminski, and Councilperson Dalton are doing the edits to give to Sara.

Councilperson Dalton gave a report on the Climate Smart Committee. They will get two more points once the Comprehensive Plan is completed. They also plan to implement having obvious recycling bins and posting how/what you should recycle to get additional points. After reaching 300 points we start to get dollars for points, and we are currently at 66 points.

Councilperson Craig reported for the Building and Grounds Committee. No formal report. A meeting with committee members will take place hopefully this month, where the committee members will be confirmed.

Supervisor Feury reported on Old Business. Spectrum sent us the franchise agreement, and they want us to hold a public hearing about it. Town Attorney Green advised that there is not much negotiating power that we have on this matter as they have a monopoly.

MOTION by Councilperson Craig and seconded by Councilperson Dalton to hold a public hearing on the Spectrum Franchise Agreement on February 11th at 6:45pm at the Town Hall.

MOTION CARRIED: Councilpersons Craig, Dalton, Bosley and Supervisor Feury voted aye. Deputy Supervisor Kennedy voted nay.

Deputy Supervisor Kennedy brought a sample resolution of the Highway Advisory Committee that she would like to see used for each committee that details who are the members and what the purpose of the committee is. Town Attorney Green agreed that this is a good idea and something to look back on, and as a resolution they can always be amended. All committees will submit their resolutions to be passed for the next regular board meeting.

Resolution 2 of the year 2026

Resolution for the Establishment of the Town of Otsego Highway Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, because the major expenses within the Town of Otsego's annual budget are designated for work on our highways and local roads, and the roads requiring repair and maintenance cover seventy-five miles within the town, and

WHEREAS, for the last two years a Highway Advisory Committee has been meeting as a highly successful experiment with the goals of increasing the knowledge of the Town Board members about what it takes to maintain our local roads and as well as to provide the Highway Superintendent and the Highway Crew with a forum that will assist them in accomplishing the work assigned to that department, and

WHEREAS, it appears that the ongoing and anticipated growth within our Town require attention be paid to road safety and weather-sensitive conditions of our town roads,

Now therefore be it Resolved, that the Town of Otsego formally establishes Town of Otsego Highway Advisory Committee, and further be it

RESOLVED that the purpose of the committee shall be to provide a structured and routine environment for the elected Highway Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent and selected members of the Highway crew an opportunity to work with and provide members of the Town Board with factual details and recommendations regarding both short term and long-term maintenance and improvement of the local roadways within the Town of Otsego, including funding, hiring, training, planning and prioritization, equipment priorities and identification of best practices.

And further be it RESOLVED that the Committee is encouraged and requested to provide the Highway Superintendent, the Highway Department and the Town Board with assistance in communicating with and education Town of Otsego property owners, residents, other governmental authorities and the general public regarding projects impacting local township roadways.

And further be it RESOLVED that the Committee is authorized to meet regularly, at least monthly with sufficient time before the monthly Town Board meeting to identify and provide the board with timely and essential information. These meetings are open to the public.

And further be it RESOLVED that the members of the Committee should include, but not be limited to: "The Highway Superintendent and Deputy as well as selected members of the highway crew, at least one member of the town board, up to three un-elected residents with interest in local roads to be appointed by the Town Board to serve terms of two years. Preference will be given to residents with experience or knowledge of road construction and/or road maintenance equipment engineering, lake or water management and/or public communication.

And further be it RESOLVED that a written report of the Highway Advisory Committee meeting should be submitted to the Town Clerk, the Highway Superintendent and the Town Supervisor for inclusion in the Town Board's monthly meeting.

MOTION by Deputy Supervisor Kennedy to adopt Resolution #2 establishing the Highway Advisory Committee as written. Seconded by Councilperson Bosley.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Bosley to name Karl Steere to the Highway Advisory Committee. Seconded by Deputy Supervisor Kennedy.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Feury adjourned the meeting.

Next scheduled meeting will be January 28, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Molly Hernandez
Town Clerk