The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on the 13th day of August 2025 starting at

7:00 PM at the Town Office 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 Dalton, seconded by Councilperson Craig, to approve the minutes of July 21st, 23rd, 30th and August 4th. as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Feury opened the floor for comments.

Tom Chase who resides on Red House Hill Rd., expressed his concern about the Manocherian subdivision proposal of 111 lots approximately half located in the Town of Otsego, the other half in the Town of Springfield. Currently there are only four full-time residential homes and one camp. Allowing the subdivision would increase the population by 150%. It would also mean 111 wells, 111 individual septic systems and at least 222 additional cars. This proposal will have more than a “minimum impact.” Chase went on to explain that they have deeded water rights. There is a .83 acres lot where there is an artesian wellhead which is the main source of their water and is owned by one of the neighbors. This lot is in the middle of all the other Manocherian properties. There is also another well head higher up the road which is a secondary water supply source located on Manocherian property. The Chases have depended on this water source for the past 41 years.

Middlefield resident Joe Homburger submitted a letter asking the Town Board to declare a Moratorium that would preclude review and authorization of any major subdivisions and projects affecting greater than 20 acres of land.

Ellen Pope, who resides in the Village of Cooperstown and is the Executive Director of Otsego 2000, pointed out that the Manocherian proposal is by far the largest Subdivision ever proposed in Otsego County and she strongly suggested that the Town arm the Planning Board with a strong legal team.

Sage Mehta, a resident of Glimmer Glen Rd., agreed with all that had been said concerning the Manocherian subdivision project.

Deborah Creedon, who resides in the Town of Otsego, expressed her concern with what might happen to St. Hwy 80 and Otsego Lake if the Manocherian proposal is approved as presented. Part of St. Hwy 80 has already collapsed into Otsego Lake before, and she was not confident it could handle all the additional traffic.

Alex Nirenberg of 379 Wedderspoon Hollow Rd. commented that the proposed subdivision is twice the size suggested in the Comprehensive Plan

Ed Hobbie of Fly Creek submitted proposals for different sound systems for the Town Board to review. It was suggested that the Town Board consider purchasing a sound system making it easier for those hard of hearing to participate.

Supervisor Feury closed the floor for further comments.

The Town Board reviewed all the monthly bills.

Councilperson Kennedy commented that she would like the NYSEG bills all combined to avoid confusion. She also questioned why the Town of Otsego was charged $300.00 for a 1 day stay at the SPCA and not the owner and why is ringsquared still billing the Town for phone services now that we have changed to Spectrum. She would also like Highway Superintendent Hribar to make 3 copies of bills that are eligible for CHIP’s reimbursement. (the three copies are to go to the Town Clerk, Hwy Superintendent and Councilperson Kennedy).

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

###### General: # 74-#78-#80- #84 $ 5,826.71

Hwy: #-96-#110 $ 15,108.67

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

General Checking: $ 77,488.43 HWY Checking: $ 344,250.22

General NYClass Inv: $ 243,489.64 HWY NYClass Inv: $ 445,802.74

Hwy Equip. Reserve: $ 128,334.79 Building Reserve: $ 42,25.50

ARPA: -0- Special Lighting Dist.: $ 2,013.66

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Planning Board member Michael Hodges gave a report on applications currently being reviewed by the Planning Board.

Supervisor Feury wanted to thank the Planning Board for all that they do. They are much appreciated.

Supervisor Feury submitted the ZEO report he received from Zoning Enforcement Officer Wylie Phillips and reviewed by the Town Board.

Zoning Permits: 4

Highway report was given by Highway Superintendent Bill Hribar:

* The Department has been busy taking down trees and taking out tree stumps.
* Roads being prepared to receive black top next year are Cook Rd., Williams Rd. and Nersesian Rd. There will be no paving this year just preparation for next year.
* Many Culverts have been replaced.

Sage Mehta asked if a mirror could be placed on St. Hwy. 80 to help with site distance coming off Glimmer Glen Rd.

Hribar told her that she would have to make that request to NYS D.O.T.

Councilperson Kennedy reported that the 1st CHIP’s reimbursement check has been received. Another reimbursement request for approximately $80,000.00 has just been sent. Kennedy also stated that Hribar is finding survey boundary markers in the road that he has had to remove. Town Attorney Will Green will investigate that. Cornell Road Director will be coming for a site visit and evaluation. Ditching is a major issue.

Land Use Committee Chairman Tom Huntsman reported that the committee has decided to meet every 4th Tuesday. He is pleased to have so many talented people on the committee.

Councilperson Kjolhede asked that the minutes reflect that the Land Use Committee has been meeting on and off since 2022 and the existence of the Committee has nothing to do with the Manicherian Subdivision Proposal.

Supervisor Feury submitted a report from Watershed Town Representative C. D’Avino on WSC (Watershed Committee) activity. Flyers will be posted announcing the first Public Meeting on the Otsego Lake Watershed Protection Plan at Glimmerglass State Park on August 27th from 6-8 pm.

Councilperson Dalton reported on the Comprehensive Plan Committee Activity. The Committee last met on the 23rd day of July. With the help of the Mohawk Valley Economic Development Department ( MVEDD), a survey has been created and will be available at certain locations and online. There will be an open house on the 28th of August from 5-8 PM. People will be encouraged to express their vision of what they would like in the Town and fill out the survey. The Comprehensive Plan was last revised in 2008. Her goal is to have it completed in 6 months.

Councilperson Dalton reported on the Climate Smart Committee of 3 last month. Not much activity is currently going on.

MOTION by Councilperson Kennedy, seconded by Councilperson Dalton, authorizing Supervisor Feury to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the CSEA changing the Life Insurance Policy for all Highway Employees from $20,000.00 coverage with Guardian to $25,000.000 with Hartford.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Kennedy, seconded by Dalton, to go into Executive Session to get a legal opinion from the Town Boards Attorney on a Land Use matter.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (8:10 PM)

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor. (8:50 PM)

MOTION by Councilperson Craig to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:52 PM.

Next scheduled meeting will be August 13th, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Deane/Town Clerk