The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on the 12th day of March 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

Also Present:

Will Green Town Attorney

Bill Hribar Hwy Superintendent

Pamela Deane Town Clerk

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 Kjolhede, to approve the minutes of February 12th and February 20th, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Feury opened the floor for public comments.

Tony Kroker thanked the Highway Department for the work they did repairing Cook Road. He had made a complaint about the Highway Department a few months back and he felt he should give credit where credit is due.

Supervisor Feury asked for nominations for the following vacancies.

* Councilperson for the Town Board,
* Board of Assessment Review Member and
* Town Justice.

MOTION by Councilperson Kjolhede, seconded by Councilperson Dalton, to appoint Thomas Russo to the Town Justice vacancy left by Gary Kuch effective immediately.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Kjolhede, seconded by Councilperson Dalton, to appoint Thomas Craig, to the Councilperson vacancy on the Town Board effective immediately.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Dalton, seconded by Councilperson Kjolhede, to appoint Thomas Hohensee to the Board of Assessment Review vacancy effective immediately.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

The Town Board reviewed all current bills since last month’s meeting.

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

After a short discussion it was decided the next Solar Law Workshop will be held on March 20th at 4:00 PM at the Town Office Building.

Supervisor Feury stated that he is still working on getting the Town’s email changed from townofotsego.com to townofotsegony.gov It is not yet on the server.

Planning Board Member Sharon Kroker gave a report on applications currently being reviewed by the Planning Board.

The Town Board went over all the monthly bills.

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

###### General: #15-#21 $ 55,414.01

Hwy: #286-#5 $ 27,612.51

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Feury gave a Financial Report.

The Town Board discussed the balances provided by Supervisor Feury:

General Checking: $ 23,557.44 HWY Checking: $ 79,800.73

General NYClass Inv: $ 499,410.16 HWY NYClass Inv: $ 735,856.81

Hwy Equipment Fund: $ 125,963.85 Building Reserve: $ 41,531.22

ARPA: $ 195.02 Special Lighting Dist.: $ 2,571.33

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

A Highway report was given by Highway Superintendent Bill Hribar:

* Hribar requested a riding lawn tractor and trailer to mow the cemetery.
* Hribar reported that the two new plow trucks have an electrical problem. One truck has been fixed. The other one is in for repair.
* The new tractor and flail mower have been delivered.
* Yocum Fuel has ordered a new fuel system and will be installing it as soon as it arrives.
* Yocum Fuel and the Town’s Hwy Crew are taking care of the 14 violations issued from DEC.
* Spectrum has verified the Town Hwy’s address and will be hopefully upgrading the internet soon.
* Hribar reported that during this time between snow storms the Hwy Crew has been busy repairing roads and equipment.

Councilpersons Dalton gave the Hwy Committee Report.

* Councilperson Dalton reported that the Expenditure of Highway Money Agreement also known as the 284 Plan is currently being modified and
* Hribar would like the radio antenna moved from the County Cell Tower in Schenevus to the County Cell Tower on Roses Hill for better reception.

Supervisor Feury, in Councilperson Kennedy’s absences, reported on recent Watershed Committee activity. The Village of Cooperstown has decided to charge $150 for each septic system inspection for anyone in the Watershed. It is still undecided who will collect the $150 fee. One of the recent topics up for discussion is that the Planning Boards should be sending applicants with a septic system in Watershed, to the Watershed Committee for review.

Next topic for discussion was the Solar Law.

MOTION by Supervisor Feury, seconded by Councilperson Dalton, to reschedule the Public Hearing for the proposed Solar Law for April 9th at 7:00 PM at the Town Office Building.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Dalton, seconded by Councilperson Kjolhede, to extend the Moratorium on Solar Energy Development ending at midnight on July 9th, 2025

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Next Solar Law Workshop was scheduled for March 20th at 4:00 PM at the Town Office Building.

Supervisor Feury reported that the 2nd new dump truck, plow and sander has arrived. Supervisor has got financing rates from:

1. Mike Macy with 1st Son Financing 6.81 %
2. Bank of Cooperstown: 4.69% and
3. Key Bank 6.9%

Town Attorney Will Green suggested bonding the truck may be cheaper. Supervisor Feury will investigate that but for now given the tight timeline the truck should be financed.

MOTION by Supervisor Feury, seconded by Councilperson Dalton, to finance the truck at $283,782.00 for

5 years through the Bank of Cooperstown at 4.69%.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Supervisor Feury, seconded by Councilperson Kjolhede, to explore what costs would be involved in moving the Towns radio antenna from Schenevus to Roses Hill.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Feury reported that Mill Street Bridge now has a yellow flag. He has talked with Delaware Engineering. A temporary fix would be to caulk all cracks and openings on the sidewalk adjacent to the bridge allowing salt to go through and rusting the bridge. The bridge is also owned by the Town of Middlefield who will need to agree on how the bridge is to be repaired.

Supervisor Feury discussed the condition of the Fork Shop Bridge which left the Town Board undecided whether the bridge was worth replacing or not.

MOTION by Councilperson Dalton, seconded by Supervisor Feury, to hold an Informational Meeting on April 14th at the Fly Creek Office Building to hear from residents their opinion on whether to replace the Fork Shop Bridge.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Kjolhede to increase the Town of Otsego Court Clerk’s compensation by $2,000.00/yr., as has been previously approved in the Court Budget over the last two years.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Kjolhede to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:10 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Deane/Town Clerk