The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on the 9th day of July 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 Dalton, seconded by Councilperson Craig, to approve the minutes of June 11th and 16th as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Councilperson Kjolhede thanked all those that faithfully came to the Solar Energy Meetings for all their input and contributions, which was significant and much appreciated.

Supervisor Feury read correspondence received since last month’s monthly meeting.

Supervisor Feury opened the floor for public comments.

With no comments Supervisor Feury closed the floor.

Supervisor Feury reported that William Day has expressed an interest in serving on the ZBA.

MOTION by Supervisor Feury, seconded by Councilperson Kjolhede, to appoint William Day to the ZBA

1st Alternate position left by Corllisa Card ( term ending 12/31/27).

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Feury introduced Lisa Gerdin from the Cherry Valley Health Center.

Gerdin explained that the Cherry Valley Health Center is owned and operated by the Town of Cherry Valley and has been in existence since 1979. For 31 years the Health Center has been totally funded by the Cherry Valley Taxpayers. It is no longer feasible for the Cherry Valley Taxpayers to absorb the entire cost. They have just sent out 930 donation requests letters to non-Cherry Valley residents that use the Health Center. (220 are from Cooperstown and 21 are from Fly Creek). Last year the total number of appointments for the year was 4,253. The total number of patients was 1,400. Geredin is asking Towns that have residents using their clinic to make a donation to help offset the cost. Donations can be made to Cherry Vally Health Center 2 Main St., Cherry Valley. Geredin closed by saying Cherry Valley Health Center is unique in that every person is remembered and recognized by name. The Center has even been known to make house calls.

The Town Board reviewed all the monthly bills.

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

###### General: #62-#73 $ 54,202.48

Hwy: #82-#94 $ 11,083.71

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

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

General Checking: $ 58,895.80 HWY Checking: $ 80,778.33

General NYClass Inv: $ 279,061.98 HWY NYClass Inv: $ 468,717.55

Hwy Equip. Reserve: $ 127,412.58 Building Reserve: $ 42,110.87

ARPA: -0- Special Lighting Dist.: $ 2,114.42

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

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Planning Board member Ann Cannon gave a report on applications currently being reviewed by the Planning Board.

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

Highway report was given by Highway Superintendent Bill Hribar:

* NYSEG Electric Meters has all been switched out to a Smart Meter.
* Hribar is looking into purchasing the County’s stump grinder.
* Hribar reported hearing from Region 9 D.O.T. Traffic Co-Ordinator Engineer who informed him that the sidewalk in front of the Up State Bar and Grill will have approximately a 13in.- 17in. drop off and the town will be responsible for installing a handrail. Hribar plans on asking if he can use dirt to fill in the drop off.
* Hwy employee Michael Thayer has been mowing the cemeteries on Town Over-Time.
* Hribar stated that NYS Law will not allow the F.C.F.C .to purchase gas from the Town at this time.

Councilperson Kennedy reported on the HWY Dept. Advisory Committee.

* They’ll need to be revisions to the 284 (Expenditure of Money Agreement).
* Road Maintenance has been slow due to rain
* Items discussed were CHIP’s, Road Design, Insurance Status, and Budget
* The HWY employees will be receiving training in tree cutting.

Supervisor Feury reported for Watershed Town Representative C. D’Avino on WSC (Watershed Committee) activity.

* They are forming a Nine Element Plan with NYS.
* The” Adopt a Shoreline Plan” will be launched in July to enlist volunteers who will report on suspected HABS incidents. A local newspaper column will be initiated to provide the public with updated info about HABS.
* The WSC Septic Inspector announced his resignation effective July 2025.
* The WSC discussed the potential inclusion of funding for the new Susquehanna dam.

Councilperson Dalton announced that a Comprehensive Plan Meeting will be held on July 23rd at 1:00 pm. Mohawk Valley Development District. has offered to assist in creating a vision for the Comprehensive Plan. Once that is established, Mohawk Valley Development District will help marry the vision with the Land Use Law. A survey will be mailed out to all Town residents.

Councilperson Dalton is working with the CSC (Climate Smart Communities Program) to secure money through a point system for the Town of Otsego. The program offers grants, rebates for electric vehicles and free technical assistance. CSC helps local governments reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate.

Mohawk Valley Development District. has offered guidance to the committee.

Supervisor Feury said the Village of Cooperstown did vote to pay the full $86,000.00 for all the 20-lamp post that will be put on the south end of State Hwy 28. Village of Cooperstown Attorney Martin Tillapaugh is drafting an

Inter Municipal Agreement between the Village and the Town. This is needed because the Village will be placing some of

the lamp posts out of the Village and in the Town of Otsego.

After a short discussion a Solar Energy meeting was set for July 21st at 5:00 pm.

Supervisor Feury reported that the Highway Road Standards composed by Jay Bosley and Highway Employee Michael Thayer, were reviewed by the Highway Committee and sent to Cornell for further review. Further discussion was tabled until they heard back from Cornell.

Supervisor Feury reported receiving three quotes for Life Insurance which were discussed by the Town Board.

MOTION by Councilperson Kjolhede, seconded by Councilperson Craig, authorizing the Town Supervisor to meet with the CSEA Representative and see if CSEA would consider amending the Hwy CSEA Contract

changing Life Insurance Coverage from Guardian to Hartford and coverage amounts from $20,000.00 to $25,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Feury reported that the Town is going to need new computers by September. After September we will no longer be able to use Windows 11.

William Day came forward and was sworn in by the Town Clerk.

MOTION by Councilperson Craig to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:45 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Deane/Town Clerk