

The Town of Otsego Town Board held a Work Session Monthly Meeting on the 22th day of April, 2026 starting at 5:15 PM at the Town Office Building in Fly Creek, NY.

Town Board Members Present:

Ted Feury	Supervisor
Pat Kennedy	Deputy Supervisor
Karl Steere	Councilperson
Deb Dalton	Councilperson
Jay Bosley	Councilperson

Also Present:

Molly Hernandez	Town Clerk
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Supervisor Feury called the meeting to order at 5:21pm

Everyone rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Comprehensive Plan SEQR parts 2 and 3 have been completed and signed.

**MOTION** by Councilperson Dalton, seconded by Councilperson Steere, to have a Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan on June 10, 2026 at 6:45pm.

**MOTION CARRIED:** All were in favor.

Steve Cembrinski sent an update on his financial audit findings thus far (dated 4/8) that Deputy Supervisor Kennedy shared with the group.

**MOTION** by Councilperson Bosley, seconded by Councilperson Dalton, to authorize Steve Cembrinski to have access to our Wayne Bank accounts (15-6001084.)

**MOTION CARRIED:** All were in favor.

The cemetery budget line was discussed. Councilperson Dalton will research other townships public notices about requests from nonprofits for contributions from the Town for the budget for 2027.

Central Security Systems has contacted Clerk Hernandez about updating our alarm system to be in compliance. Clerk Hernandez shared an email from Central Security Systems with their recommendations of changes to our current system to bring the Town into compliance.

**MOTION** by Councilperson Bosley, seconded by Councilperson Steere, to approve the \$500 Cellular Communicator and \$40 a month for Central Security Systems to bring us into compliance with our alarm system and fire alarm system.

**MOTION CARRIED:** All were in favor.

**MOTION** by Deputy Supervisor Kennedy, seconded by Councilperson Dalton, to authorize the Watershed Supervisory Committee (WSC) representative to sign the \$50 fee letter that the WSC will be sending now that the Town Attorney has revised his opinion.

Supervisor Feury made note that it was his understanding that Town Attorney Will Green told us that this is a Village thing and that we do not need to get involved, and he doesn't understand why we would vote on this.

**MOTION CARRIED:** Deputy Supervisor Kennedy, Councilperson Dalton, Councilperson Bosley, and Councilperson Steere voted yes. Supervisor Feury voted no.

There was discussion about a resolution amending a local law on “no speeding in wake zone” to raise the fine from \$50 to \$250. Councilperson Dalton asked about enforcement of this law and fee.

**Resolution #5 of the year 2026**

**Amending a local law to increase the fine for violation of the ‘No Wake’ Law on Otsego Lake in the Town of Otsego**

**WHEREAS,** The town of Otsego has since 2001 regulated the speed of watercraft and vessels within 200 feet of the shoreline of that portion of Otsego Lake that is within the town of Otsego, and

**WHEREAS,** It has been reported that the existing fine of \$50 for violations of the 5 mile per hour speed limit appears insufficient to effect the desired goal of decreasing vessel speed near the shoreline, and

**WHEREAS,** members of the town board have been asked by members of organizations whose missions are to monitor and protect the health of the lake to increase the fines for violations of the 5 mile per hour speed limit of the “no wake” law,

**Now therefore be it**

**Resolved,** that, upon motion duly made and seconded at a meeting of the town board, the Board announces its intention to Amending a local law to increase the fine for violation of the ‘No Wake’ Law on Otsego Lake in the Town of Otsego in the following manner:

*No vessel shall be operated within 200 feet of the shore line of Otsego Lake, a dock, pier, raft or float or an anchored or moored vessel at a speed exceeding five miles per hour, unless such vessel is being operated near such shore line, dock, float, pier or anchored vessel for the purpose of enabling a person engaged in water skiing to take off or land. A violation of this section shall constitute an offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.*

**And be it further Resolved,** that the clerk is directed to forward a copy of this proposed law, along with the SEQR forms Pt 1, 2 and 3 with Narratives with the GML 239-m referral to the County Planning Department,

**And be it further Resolved,** that a public hearing on this matter is set for 6:45 pm on July 8, 2026, and the clerk is directed to provide appropriate and required publication of the information about this law and public hearing in a timely manner.

**MOTION** by Deputy Supervisor Kennedy, seconded by Councilperson Dalton, to submit an amendment of Local Law 1 of 2001, No Wake Law, to increase the fine from \$50 to \$250 to Otsego County Planning for their review with the environmental assessment form (SEQR part 1), and that a Public Hearing will be held July 8, 2026 at 6:45pm.

**MOTION CARRIED:** All were in favor.

There was discussion about a resolution to create a local law prohibiting wake board boats on Otsego Lake with SEQR part 1. Deputy Supervisor Kennedy asked if a municipality on Otsego

Lake will need to be the lead for the SEQR (Middlefield, Springfield, Village of Cooperstown or Otsego).

**Resolution #6 of the year 2026**

**A Local Law Regulating the Operation of Wakeboard Watercraft on Otsego Lake Within the Town of Otsego**

**WHEREAS**, The Town Board of the Town of Otsego desires to protect the shorelines of Otsego Lake within the Town from unnecessary erosion caused by excessive wakes and waves caused by boats specifically designed or altered to create large wakes, and

**Now therefore be it**

**Resolved**, that the town board, upon motion duly made, seconded and approved by a majority of the Board, proposes to adopt the following local law “regulating the operation of wakeboard watercraft on Otsego Lake within the town of Otsego.”

**Definition:**

**Wakeboard Boat:** A wakeboard boat is a motorized wake enhancement watercraft that can also be referred to as a bladder boat, ballast boat, surfboard boat or wake boat. It is a monohull motorboat that can be artificially filled with water for added weight in cavities or ballast tanks designated to hold water or weighted with material on or in the monohull and/or uses hydraulically controlled devices or any other attachment(s) intended for the sole purpose of increasing the size and/or output of a boat’s wakes, whether empty, full of water or weighted in some other manner. This definition does not include boats with wells intended solely to store fishing bait, or live wells for the purpose of holding live fish.

**Prohibition:** No person shall operate a wakeboard boat on Otsego Lake within the Town of Otsego, Otsego County, New York. The creation of any wave exceeding twelve (12) inches from trough to crest shall constitute prima facie evidence of excessive wakes, or one having damaging capability.

**Penalties:** A violation of this local law shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$100.00 for a first offense, \$250.00 for a second offense within two (2) years, and \$500.00 for a third offense within two (2) years.

**Enforcement:** The Town Board authorizes the Town of Otsego Code Enforcement Officer to issue an appearance ticket under this local law. Such authorization shall not prevent any law enforcement officer of the State of New York from enforcing compliance with this local law.

**Effect:** This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**And be it further Resolved**, that the clerk is directed to forward a copy of this proposed law, along with the SEQR forms Pt 1, 2 and 3 with Narratives, as well as the GML 239-m referral to the Otsego County Planning Department,

**And be it further Resolved**, that a public hearing on this matter is set for 6:45 pm on July 8, 2026, and the clerk is directed to provide appropriate and required publication of the information about this proposed local law and public hearing in a timely manner.

**MOTION** by Deputy Supervisor Kennedy, seconded by Councilperson Dalton, to create a local law prohibiting wake board boats on Otsego Lake and submit it Otsego County Planning for

their review with the environmental assessment form (SEQR part 1), and that a Public Hearing will be held on July 8, 2026 at 7:00pm.

**MOTION CARRIED:** All were in favor.

Deputy Supervisor Kennedy presented the following resolution.

**Resolution #7 of the year 2026**

Declaring Town of Otsego Highway Equipment Surplus

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent has determined that a certain piece of Town Highway equipment is in a condition that renders it surplus to the town's needs, and that the highway department budget would be better served if that piece of equipment were auctioned off to raise funds to be applied to other town highway expenses, and

**WHEREAS**, the town highway department has had previous successful experience in obtaining the best prices for town equipment from selected responsible auction services,

**Now therefore be it**

**Resolved**, That the Town of Otsego, upon recommendation from the Town Highway Superintendent, declares the following equipment surplus to its needs and authorizes this equipment to be sold through public auction, with funds from this sale returned to the town's coffers:

One Used 2009 Mack GU7 Dump Truck (#33)  
Title & ID number: 1M2AX02C29M001143  
COLOR:RED FUEL: DIE CYL: 6

**MOTION:** by Councilperson Bosley, and seconded by Councilperson Steere, to adopt Resolution 5 of 2026, declaring the Town of Otsego Highway equipment surplus.

**MOTION CARRIED:** All were in favor.

Discussion about authorizing bids for fuel oil has been tabled for the May 13, 2026 meeting.

Discussion of procurement policy as applied to highway purchases from Harbor Freight has been tabled for May 13, 2026.

There was discussion about applying to the Association of Towns for scholarship to send Mike Thayer to Cornell local roads June program. The fee is \$175 to attend, and then there would be costs for his mileage, and paying for a camp site for his camper.

**MOTION:** by Supervisor Feury, and seconded by Councilperson Bosley, to preapprove \$500 for Mike Thayer to attend the Cornell Local Roads June program, which would cover the \$175 program fee, mileage, food, and campsite for his camper.

**MOTION CARRIED:** All were in favor.

Deputy Supervisor Kennedy will be meeting with Dan Hernandez tomorrow to discuss a short contract for his computer and IT help.

**MOTION:** by Deputy Supervisor Kennedy, and seconded by Councilperson Bosley, to preapprove \$500 for a contract with Dan Hernandez.

**MOTION CARRIED:** All were in favor.

Deputy Supervisor Kennedy submitted the following resolution:

**Resolution #8 of 2026**

**Authorizing the Town Clerk to Investigate and Procure Office Equipment  
Recommendations**

**WHEREAS**, the town board has been aware for nearly a year that new office equipment, especially computers are needed because the current equipment is outmoded and no longer provides the power and service required, and

**WHEREAS**, the town clerk has accepted the task of identifying and obtaining, with the help of our technical consultant and consistent with the town's procurement policies, the best prices for upgrading and replacing town's computer equipment and other office needs,

**Now therefore be it**

**Resolved**, That the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk, to 1) consult with a computer specialist as she deems fit, to put out bids, if needed, and purchase 6 up-to-date computers and such software as may be necessary, that will, among other requirements, run the GIS, Assessment and Tax software essential for use by the Clerk, the ZEO, the Assessor, the Supervisor, the Highway Superintendent and one for use by the Town Board members when in Town Hall, following appropriate procurement policies, and 2) investigate the contract and issues with the current Kyocera printer to determine what is needed to make it, among other features, compatible for air printing from the laptops and/or phones of town board members, and if deemed appropriate, make recommendations for alternate sources for a printer.

**MOTION:** by Deputy Supervisor Kennedy, and seconded by Councilperson Bosley, to adopt Resolution 6 of 2026, Authorizing the Town Clerk to purchase new computers for the Town.

**MOTION CARRIED:** All were in favor.

Councilperson Bosley adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm.

Next scheduled meeting will be May 13, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Molly Hernandez  
Town Clerk