

The Town of Otsego Town Council held a Regular Monthly Meeting on the 13th day of May, 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
Karl Steere	Councilperson
Deb Dalton	Councilperson
Jay Bosley	Councilperson

Also Present:

Bill Hribar	Hwy Superintendent
Molly Hernandez	Town Clerk
Will Green	absent

Supervisor Feury called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Supervisor Feury asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOTION** by Councilperson Dalton, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Kennedy, to approve the meeting minutes of April 8 and April 22, 2026 as amended.

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

Supervisor Feury opened the floor for comments.

Patricia Kennedy, Chestnut Street, wanted to thank Ed Hobbie for helping dig a hole on very short notice which made a community event possible.

Tabatha Rathbone, Wileytown Road, made mention about taxes rising significantly. She noted the two Highway Department lines that had increased dramatically. She wants to be sure the tax increases are justified.

Kallie Moore, Tripp Hill Road, spoke on declining school enrollment in addition to short term rental use dominating the housing market. She does not want to see short term rentals be eliminated. She encourages the Town to consider adding a fee onto short term rentals that is allocated specifically toward local schools, which would bring more sustainability to the local school to keep taxes manageable for the rest of the tax base. She indicated that the Town of Middlefield is also considering this request.

Supervisor Feury closed the floor for further public comment.

Supervisor Feury presented correspondence received since last month's meeting. He received a rental tax communication from Kallie Moore. There have been many emails from RingSquared. Emails about the Fly Creek Valley Cemetery Board. New York State Department of Transportation will be working on State Route 28 soon. The Mill Street Bridge report was mailed to us, and continues to be a "yellow flag" with additional points, which is joint owned between our town and the Town of Middlefield. The Fly Creek Historical Association has also reached out about their website, as it was managed by the same person who manages our website. Supervisor Feury received a phone call from the new owner of the trailer park on the road referred to as Angues Road requesting work to be done on the road. It is not a Town road.

The Town Board reviewed all the monthly bills. Deputy Supervisor Kennedy noted that we were being charged an administrative fee each month by Lifetime Benefits Solution. Supervisor Feury clarified that the ~\$800 paid for health insurance for each highway employee which is paid by the Town, and partially paid for from the employee's paychecks. Deputy Supervisor Kennedy also asked about the process of the parking ticket fines being paid to the Village of Cooperstown. Supervisor Feury outlined that the Court Clerk pays the money to the Supervisor, the Supervisor sends the money to the State Comptroller, the Comptroller then tells the Supervisor how much is owed to the Village of Cooperstown and they are paid. It is Deputy Supervisor Kennedy's request to have the budget lines and how much is in them provided before approving the bills and transfers. Supervisor Feury had a differing opinion that the approval of paying should come

from the Council, but that he believes it is the Financial Officer's (Supervisor) responsibility to figure out how to pay them.

**MOTION** by Deputy Supervisor Kennedy, seconded by Councilperson Dalton, to pay the bills and make the necessary transfers:

General: Vouchers #56-73	\$15,703.87
Hwy: Vouchers #89, 91-111	\$46,037.71

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

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

General Checking:	\$21,518.63	HWY Checking:	\$25,631.63
General NYClass Inv:	\$412,919.25	HWY NYClass Inv:	\$1,532,299.03
Hwy Equip. Reserve:	\$132,056.02	Building Reserve:	\$43,470.50
ARPA: -0-		Special Lighting Dist.:	\$2,130.91

Supervisor Feury gave a Supervisor report. The Mill Street Bridge is a large concern with 20 possible points of red flags.

Planning Board member May Leinhart gave a report on the Planning Board. The Planning Board has been quiet the last couple of months. Other than routine approvals, a major subdivision request has been proposed on Hoke Road. It has changed to a minor subdivision as of the last meeting. The Planning Board is also going to be looking at the Land Use Law. They need more alternates for the Planning Board. Deputy Supervisor Kennedy noted that there should be a meeting between the Town Council and the Planning Board to discuss what the process is if a solar permit is requested.

Supervisor Feury reported there was no Zoning Enforcement Officer Report. Deputy Supervisor Kennedy said she thought we ought to receive a report from Otsego County Codes Enforcement on what building permits have been issued in our Town so that we are aware.

Dog Control Report was given by Clerk Hernandez. Nothing to report for this month from the Dog Control Officer.

**MOTION** by Deputy Supervisor Kennedy, seconded by Councilperson Steere, to pay the SPCA what they are owed for our retainer fee for them being available to take dogs that are found in our Town.

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

Highway report was given by Highway Superintendent Bill Hribar:

- Councilperson Dalton has not yet researched how other towns pay for mowing, and whether they bid it out, etc.
- A driveway was put over a culvert without the Highway Department's knowledge, and it will now need a new culvert and the road will need to be repaired. Superintendent Hribar wants to know what the process is here. Deputy Supervisor Kennedy said the property file should show whether they were approved to do that or not.
- The trailer park road needs to be repaired, but it's not a Town road.
- Williams Road is getting work done now.
- They have put a truck up for auction, and now he wants to have approval to sell it at the price it was auctioned for.

**MOTION** by Councilperson Steere, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Kennedy, to accept the bid for the truck.

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

Deputy Supervisor Kennedy reported for the Highway Advisory Committee. The Highway Roadshow will be Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 5:00pm at the Town Hall. Mike Thayer did register for the training in Ithaca that was approved at the last meeting. The Mill Street Bridge is a

problem, and they need to be ready to act when it is deemed a “red flag” and is closed. Councilperson Dalton will look into who the engineer that she found last year was.

Deputy Supervisor Kennedy reported for the Land Use Committee. Kennedy has invited members to join this committee and to attend the May 27 working meeting.

Supervisor Feury reported for the Watershed Supervisory Committee. The WSC signed the septic inspection fee letter. The 9E plan continues to be worked through. They are reviewing the New York State language for the proposed no wake board boat law.

Councilperson Dalton gave a report on the Comprehensive Plan. The report has been sent to County Planning for their review, and their answer should be sent tomorrow, May 14. The public hearing is scheduled for June 10th, 2026 at 6:45pm at the Town Hall.

Councilperson Dalton gave a report on the Climate Smart Committee. The committee meets every two months. Deputy Supervisor Kennedy asked if it would make sense to ask the public if anyone wants to join this committee.

Clerk Hernandez reported for Buildings and Grounds Committee. She is working on scheduling the installation of compliant equipment for our alarm and fire system. The Central Security Systems representative did confirm that they would guarantee the work of the fire system changes that they make to the system. A RFP has been posted for our new computers, and proposals are due by Friday at 4pm. We have received 6 responses to date. Printing from laptops has been solved for some, but not for all, by our contracted printer support company.

Deputy Supervisor Kennedy has been working with Dan Hernandez on the website transition. Dan has been in conversation with Kip Shaw, the previous website manager, about migrating to the .gov compliant website. The migration process will be completed by the end of this month.

There was discussion about the Spectrum Franchise Agreement.

There was discussion about authorizing bids for fuel oil. Superintendent Hribar indicated they could get a better deal joining a group with Otsego County. Supervisor Feury said it may be a good idea to take that bid and then ask our current suppliers if they could match that.

There was discussion of procurement policy as applied to highway purchases from Harbor Freight. Councilperson Steere reported that Harbor Freight wants us to set up a commercial account with them which requires a lot of information.

**MOTION** by Deputy Supervisor Kennedy, seconded by Councilperson Steere, for Deputy Supervisor Kennedy to draft an RFP for audio equipment for the meeting room so that we are meeting ADA requirements for those attending meetings.

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

Deputy Supervisor Kennedy would like an Assessor’s Report and Town Clerk Report added to this agenda.

**MOTION** by Councilperson Bosley, seconded by Councilperson Dalton, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.

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

Next scheduled Town Council working meeting will be held on May 27, 2026 at 5:15pm, and the next regular board meeting will be June 10th.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Molly Hernandez  
Town Clerk