

Public Budget Hearing, Town Of Otto

A Budget Hearing of the town board of the Town of Otto, Cattaraugus County and the State of New York was held at the Otto Town Hall, 8842 Otto- East Otto Road, Cattaraugus, NY on the 6th day of November 2014.

Present: Ron Wasmund .. Town Supervisor
Paul Stang .. Councilman
Francis Feth .. Councilman
Trisha Priest .. Town Clerk
Robert Barber Jr. .. Highway Superintendent
James Wojdan .. Councilman
Brenda Mallaber .. Councilwoman

Absent :

Others Present:

Betty Huber wishing to be heard

Supervisor Wasmund called the public hearing to order at 7:00pm.

The town clerk certifies that the publication for the public hearing was published in the Springville Journal and the Gowanda News as well and being posted at the post office, Otto Auto and the town hall on Oct 29, 2014.

Privilege of the floor:

Betty Huber asked when the sewer billing will be reassessed. Supervisor Wasmund commented that there is still four payments on the loan for the sewer once that is paid off the user fees will be reviewed. Betty also asked why the town clerks salary was broken down for clerk and tax collector. That was inclusive before. It is not the intention of separating the responsibilities. The clerk will continue to be the tax collector.

James Wojdan spoke next. He believes the town clerk is doing a good job but that the increase in salary is too high. He stated he did some research and couldn't find evidence that a town clerk makes more than the supervisor. He wanted to compare apples to apples as the town clerks break down of what other town employees were making on estimate of hourly wasn't a fair comparison. After scrutinizing the comparison between the present and former town clerks availability and 30 years of experience, Wojdan would not support the budget for approval as it is presented.

Supervisor Wasmund asked what the clerks salary should be and Wojdan stated \$8,000. It was agreed that at that amount the budget would be passable.

Fran Feth spoke about when he was working it didn't matter how hard you worked or if your work load doubled, you didn't always get compensated for it.

Supervisor Wasmund stated to the board that this change could eliminate the tax rebates from the town and county tax portion for Otto residents.

No other budget lines were discussed.

RESOLUTION 2014-96

Approval of the 2015 budget

On a motion made by Councilwoman Mallaber and seconded by Councilman Wojdan, the following resolution was

APOPTED Ayes 5 Feth, Stang, Wasmund, Wojdan, Mallaber
 Nays 0

Resolved that the 2015 budget be approved as modified for line item Town Clerk's salary reduced to \$8000 and no other compensation for tax collector responsibility.

With no further discussion, on a motion of Councilwoman Mallaber and seconded by Councilman Wojdan, the meeting was adjourned at 7.31pm. Carried unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on November 18, 2014 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trisha A. Priest, Town Clerk