

Regular Meeting, Town Of Otto

A regular meeting 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 15th day of September 2015.

Present: Ron Wasmund .. Town Supervisor
Trisha Priest .. Town Clerk
Francis Feth .. Councilman
James Wojdan .. Councilman
Brenda Mallaber .. Councilwoman
Paul Stang .. Councilman
Robert Barber Jr. .. Highway Superintendent
Jeff Holler ..Code Enforcement Officer entered the meeting at 7:45pm

Others Present:

Paula Stockman, Dick Klancer-Legislators, Tom and Kathy Hill

Supervisor Wasmund called the regular town board meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

RESOLUTION 2015-90

Approval of minutes

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

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

Nays 0

Resolved that the minutes of August 18, 2015 are approved as submitted.

Privilege of the Floor Tom Hill representing the Snow Bounders snowmobiling club discussed a situation with the main corridor snowmobile route. They can no longer have the trail go through the Shoemaker property because the property is changing hands and the current over seer of the property has revoked permission. Mr. Hill displayed a map of the current routes and explained that if they had to shut down this route there would be significant loss in revenue to the surrounding areas visited by the users of the trail. The snowmobile traffic is said to generate \$16 million in revenues with the 4% sales taxes. Mr. Hill is asking permission to reroute the trail down the shoulder of Jersey Road.

Report of town officials

Supervisor Mr. Wasmund asked for an update in regards to information gathered about the furnace at the town hall. Mr. Barber sent out several requests for quotes on the replacement of the furnace and received two. Quotes came in from Dana's heating and plumbing and Vacinek heating and roofing. Dana's offered a 95% efficient 125 BTU furnace installed and relocated for \$5000. Vacinek's offered a 95% efficient 110 BTU furnace installed for \$4500. Currently the town hall's furnace is an 82% efficient furnace roughly running at 70-75% efficiency. Both options would tie into the existing duct work. Quotes will be gathered for cleaning or replacing the duct system. The budget process will begin in a couple of weeks. This will be the third year at 100% assessment rate. Paula Stockman shared that the tax cap is set at .655. The Chips program money will roll over at \$90581.00 and will be budgeted for the same and hope there is an increase.

Highway Superintendent Robert Barber Jr reported that the highway department has continued with roadside mowing, ditch, and shoulder work. There is more skid paving to do and the two culverts on Colvin Road and Cemetery Hill are completed. The FEMA construction has been halted for the season. They wanted to start the Buttermilk falls project in November but that has been put off until Spring. Mr. Barber attended a class on the topic of managing the highway department in Salamanca. He is working on his budget numbers. He would like consideration in establishing a Capital Projects (H) Account. He would like a fund for future equipment purchases. He hopes that four years down the road there will be enough money set aside to purchase something without having to finance it.

Councilman Wojdan Mr. Wojdan has heard nothing from the Cattaraugus Historical Society and the deadline for the grant has passed.

Councilman Stang There will be a chili cook off at the Catt-LV school Friday Oct. 2 starting at 5pm. The Otto VFD will be hosting an all you can eat breakfast October 4th. Mr. Stang gave a brief over view of the activities of the Fire Department. Otto hosted the first BEFO training where 8 members successfully completed the training. The Chief's held a picnic for department members in recognition of the dedication and effort put in by the members who had completed trainings throughout the year. Bi-laws were also updated to allow Jr. Firefighters access to trainings prior to becoming full fire department members. There are many positive things happening in the fire department.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Holler presented a report on his activities for the period of August 18-September 15 2015. He took 11 calls, issued 1 permit, conducted 8 inspections. One hundred dollars was turned in for the permit. Mr. Holler updated the board on the progress of the court in the Wilder matter.

Town Clerk The monthly review of the town clerk activities for the month of August was distributed to the board.

\$1606.00 was collected during the month of August. The following Disbursements were made:

Town Supervisor	\$	957.89
Department of ag & markets	\$	19.00
Catt Co. DPW	\$	28.20
DEC	\$	619.91

A Copy of the Otto Fire District proposed budget was given to the board members. The Fire District Budget hearing will be held October 20, 2015 7:30pm at the Otto Fire Department.

RESOLUTION 2015-91

Audit of Claims

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

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

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #509 in the amount of \$ 53,149.67 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 56 through 66	\$	32439.39
Highway Fund	No. 112 through 119	\$	20418.09
Water District	No. 14 through 15	\$	385.00

RESOLUTION 2015-92

Town Clerk's Report-August

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

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

Resolved that the Clerk's monthly report for the month of August 2015 be accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 2015-93

C-3 corridor snowmobile trail

On a motion by Councilman F. Feth and seconded by Councilman P. Stang:

WHEREAS a portion of the snowmobile trail is no longer authorized to be on the Shoemaker property located in the Town of Otto.

WHEREAS the C-3 corridor snowmobile trail route from Erie County into Cattaraugus County is in need of an alternate route to remain open for use as a snowmobile trail.

WHEREAS the Snow Bounders are willing to purchase road signs designated to inform vehicle traffic of the joint road use with snowmobiles.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Otto grants permission for the Snow Bounders Snowmobile club to reroute the C-3 snowmobile trail to utilize the Jersey Road roadside from Moss Road to the steel deck bridge.

The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ronald Wasmund	yes
James Wojdan	yes
Paul Stang	yes
Fran Feth	yes
Brenda Mallaber	yes

RESOLUTION 2015-94

Town Hall Furnace replacement

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Feth, Mallaber, Stang, Wasmund, Wojdan

Nays 0

RESOLVED to accept the quote submitted by Dana Heating and Plumbing of 8311 Swamp Road Cattaraugus, NY 14719 for the purchase and installation of a new furnace.

With no further discussion, on a motion of Councilwoman Mallaber and seconded by Councilman Wojdan, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm. Carried unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on October 20,2015 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trisha Priest, Town Clerk