

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 20th day of October 2015.

Present: Ron Wasmund .. Town Supervisor
Trisha Priest .. Town Clerk
James Wojdan .. Councilman
Brenda Mallaber .. Councilwoman
Paul Stang .. Councilman
Robert Barber Jr. .. Highway Superintendent
Jeff Holler ..Code Enforcement Officer entered the meeting at 7:35pm
Absent: Francis Feth .. Councilman

Others Present:

Paula Stockman, Dick Klancer-Legislators, Amy Fantaske and Thomas Fantaske of North Otto Road.

Supervisor Wasmund called the regular town board meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

RESOLUTION 2015-95

Approval of minutes

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

APOPTED Ayes 4 Wasmund, Wojdan, Mallaber, Stang
 Nays 0

Resolved that the minutes of September 15, 2015 are approved as submitted.

Old Business In reference of Resolution 15-93 C-3 corridor snowmobile trail, the board was made aware that the Snow Bounders Snowmobile Club would not need to use the Jersey Hollow roadside for the C-3 snowmobile trail. A property owner has come forward to grant use of their property to reroute the trail. Tom Hill from the club extended his appreciation to the Town Board.

Report of town officials

Supervisor Mr. Wasmund reviewed the 2016 preliminary budget with the town board.

The Town of Otto properties will still be taxed at 100% assessment value. There was a significant change in the total assessment amount for the Town of Otto as a whole where it declined by 289,717.00 mostly due to the public utility properties being assessed based on the declining revenue generated on the property. Trisha priest shared with the board that a program audit will need to be done for the FEMA projects in 2016 and that the expense should be accounted for in the budget. The water district budget came under question. There was discussion of the need for maintenance and repairs within the water district. It was brought to the boards attention that the fire hydrants are not being flushed as frequently as the fire department personnel would like. There was some controversy as to whom should be performing that preventative maintenance. There is a faulty pressure regulator on South Hill. It would be an opportune time to get that fixed while the culvert on South Hill is being replaced. Mr. Wojdan will speak with the water department administrator and resolve any issues with the fire hydrants as this is a safety matter for the town.

Highway Superintendent Robert Barber Jr received an accident settlement check in the amount of \$1885.15. The highway crew is done skid paving for the year. Robert would like to pull the curbs in the town halls parking spaces and extend the parking lot. This will allow for more room to get the first bay truck in and out while the employees vehicles are parked. The ice sand is coming soon. 6.6 tons was ordered at the lowest bid from Little Valley Sand. There continues to be a lot going on with the FEMA projects. Steve Rice of Simmons Recovery put together a project status summary that was distributed to the board members. An RFP(request for proposal) is needed for the North Otto Culvert project. The

Highway department can do the physical work but an engineer will need to be hired to do the ground studies and design the project. The work is projected to start in June and the projects should close by September of 2016.

Councilman Stang asked of Supervisor Wasmund if grant monies had been given to the Otto Fire Department. The monies have not been distributed. It is the understanding that the planning board had gotten \$2500 in a grant that they wanted to give to the fire department to help with the purchase of a backup generator for the fire hall. Mr. Stang reported that the fire department, last month, purchased and had installed a generator that will run the fire hall in the event that there is a power outage. The fire department is working on plans to expand the fire hall. This money could be used to towards the matching portion of a grant. The Otto VFD will be hosting an all you can eat breakfast November 1st 8am-1pm.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Holler presented a report on his activities for the period of September 15-October 20 2015. He took 16 calls, conducted 8 inspections and issued 4 permits to the following addresses 9060 Aust Rd- pole barn, 8185 South Hill Road-addition, 6979 Whalan Rd- demo and repair, and 9439 Dake Hill Rd- shed. Four violation notices were sent one each to the following addresses 9083 and 9056 Otto E-Otto Road and 9198 and 9014 North Otto Road. \$132.00 was turned over to the clerk for the permits. Mr. Holler served appearance tickets on Mr. Wilder and will be submitting the paperwork to Judge Austin.

Town Clerk Trisha Priest presented the board with the 2015 year to date sewer user fee collection along with the town clerks transactions report for verification. Of the \$26,400.00 billed \$14,900.00 was collected. There are 19 properties carrying a delinquency totaling \$11,200.00 that will be turned over to the director of Real Property Tax Services for levy on the 2016 Town and County tax bills upon approval by the board.

The monthly review of the town clerk activities for the month of September was distributed to the board.

\$1958.00 was collected during the month of September. The following Disbursements were made:

Town Supervisor	\$	643.86
Department of ag & markets	\$	23.00
Catt Co. DPW	\$	0.00
DEC	\$	1291.14

RESOLUTION 2015-96

Audit of Claims

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Mallaber, Stang, Wasmund, Wojdan
 Nays 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #510 in the amount of \$ 209,366.44 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No.	67 through 69	\$ 9,210.85
Highway Fund	No.	120 through 142	\$200,093.59
Water District	No.	19	\$ 62.00

RESOLUTION 2015-97

Supervisor's Monthly Report-September

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Mallaber, Stang, Wojdan
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Supervisor's Monthly report for the month of September 2015 be accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 2015-98

Town Clerk's Report-September

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Mallaber, Stang, Wasmund, Wojdan

Nays 0

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

RESOLUTION 2015-99

RFP-North Otto Road Culvert #1

On a motion made by Councilman Wojdan and seconded by Councilwoman Mallaber

WHEREAS the North Otto culvert was severely damaged by flooding in May 2014 and has been approved for repair under a federally funded disaster recovery program.

WHEREAS a qualified professional engineering firm is required to design the repair.

THEREFORE be it resolved that Robert Barber Jr., Superintendent of Highways will issue a request for proposal to hire an engineering firm to design the culvert and roadway on North Otto Road over the tributary of Waterman Brook.

The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

RESOLUTION 2015-100

2015 delinquent sewer user fee relevy

On a motion made by Councilman Stang and seconded by Councilwoman Mallaber

WHEREAS the town board reviewed the status of payments made to the sewer district the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Mallaber, Stang, Wasmund, Wojdan
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the relevy of \$11,200.00 in delinquent sewer user fees for 2015 is approved for submission to the Cattaraugus County Real Property Tax service.

With no further discussion, on a motion of Councilman Wasmund and seconded by Councilman Wojdan, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm. Carried unanimously.

The Public Hearing on the 2016 proposed budget will be held on November 5, 2015 7pm at the Otto Town Hall. The next board meeting will be held on November 17, 2015 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trisha Priest, Town Clerk