

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 5th day of November 2015.

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

Absent :

Others Present:

John Vanderbosch, Kristine and Shawn Phinney

Supervisor Wasmund opened the public hearing at 7:00pm.

Copies of the proposed budget were distributed to all present.

The town clerk certifies that the publication for the public hearing was published in the Springville Journal and the Gowanda News on October 25, 2015 as well and being posted at the post office, Otto Auto and the town hall on October 24, 2015.

Privilege of the floor:

K. Phinney asked to have the tax cap explained. The tax cap and carry over from 2015 to 2016 were explained by Supervisor Wasmund. Sewer District expenditures came under question. One of the significant differences was changing the employment status of the sewer district operator. This was a contracted position that is now paid through payroll. K. Phinney asked if this was done through civil service. She requested the town supervisor to contact civil service to make sure the hiring process was done properly. Mr. Wasmund believes he holds this title with the Town of Little Valley but will reach out for guidance. S. Phinney asked several questions out of interest throughout the review of the budget. Many points of interest were discussed between the Town Board and those present. S. Phinney expressed his thanks to the Town Board for keeping under the budget cap with many towns around us being unable to do so.

With everyone present having the opportunity to speak on the matter and no further comments offered Supervisor Wasmund closed the public hearing at 7:25pm.

Councilman Wojdan reported back from discussions about the water district with the water administrator Dennis Huber. Mr. Huber asked that the fire department alternate opening of the fire hydrants when they are being flushed. Preferably a week apart. He routinely flushes the hydrate located near the old Waverly where he takes water samples for testing. On the topic of the as built maps requested by Highway Superintendant Robert Barber Jr., he stated he had already provided those maps and will make another copy as he doesn't want the maps left at the highway department.

Highway Superintendant Robert Barber Jr. discussed some alternatives for the use of the CHIPS funds, if some of the CHIPS money is used this year then it will be lower for next year if it's not carried over. He felt it was something to consider.

RESOLUTION 2015-101

Approval of the 2016 budget

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

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

Resolved that the 2016 budget be approved as submitted.

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 17, 2015 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trisha A. Priest, Town Clerk