

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 17th day of November 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 7:37pm

Absent: Francis Feth .. Councilman

Others Present:

Paula Stockman

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

RESOLUTION 2015-101

Approval of minutes

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

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

Resolved that the minutes of October 20, 2015 are approved with corrections to the amount of salt sand ordered from 6.6 tons to 2500 tons.

Report of town officials

Privilege of the Floor Mrs. Stockman reported that the County's tax rate for our town is down 1.56%. The town of Otto gets this benefit because we have stayed at 100% evaluation. It was asked what causes the equalization rate to drop. Mrs. Stockman replied that this happens when properties sell for a higher amount than their assessed value, changing the values of the neighboring or like properties. Mr. Wasmund commented that the cost of the reevaluation has paid for itself. Mrs. Stockman reported that there is some conversations about having countywide assessing. That would put every property on the same plain.

Highway Superintendent Robert Barber Jr presented to the board a machinery inventory and expense report for 2015. Mr. Wojdan asked if there was anything out of the ordinary. Mr. Barber responded that the fuel prices were down this year and warned that this could change by the end of the year. Mr. Barber reported that the highway department completed the parking area in the front of the town hall. He met with the interested engineers for the N. Otto Road Culvert project and took them to the site. The following engineers were mentioned E&M Engineers, Carl Calarco of MDA Engineers and Wendle Companies. It is anticipated they will all submit bids. Good neighbor Tree Service took down some leaning trees at the Buttermilk Falls location. The power company has been cutting away at some problem trees in town as well and this has been a savings to the town. Mr. Wojdan had concern for some trees in Mansfield and asked the best route to take to have that looked into. Mr. Stang responded that a phone call would not constitute due process and it would be better to put the concern in writing. Mr. Barber reported that the plow equipment is on the trucks and the salt sand has been delivered, the highway department is ready. Mr. Barber asked the board to entertain the thought of sending the Catt Excavator to auction with a \$75 reserve.

Councilman Stang Mr. Stang reported that there had been a theft on Gibson and Foster while the home owner was at home in the afternoon. The Otto Fire Co. will have its Ham and Turkey Party on Saturday Nov. 21, 2015 at 7pm.

Councilman Wojdan is in the process of working on the Tax Collector's Annual Audit.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Holler presented a report on his activities for the period of October 20-November 17 2015. He took 10 calls, conducted 7 inspections. No permits were issued. Mr. Holler provided an update on the progress of some of the violations submitted to property owners.

Town Clerk Trisha Priest presented the board with the monthly review of the town clerk activities for the month of October 2015.

\$4122.00 was collected during the month of October. The following Disbursements were made:

Town Supervisor	\$ 3843.15
Department of ag & markets	\$ 5.00
Catt Co. DPW	\$ 28.20
DEC	\$ 245.65

RESOLUTION 2015-102

Audit of Claims

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

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

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #511 in the amount of \$ 33,242.16 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 71 through 72	\$ 236.78
Highway Fund	No. 120 through 142	\$ 33,005.38
Water District	No.	\$ 0.00
Sewer District	No.	\$ 0.00

With correction to abstract #510 as follows.

Abstract #510 in the amount of \$ 209,366.44 have been reduced to \$ 118,692.44 by the removal of the Valley Fab & Equipment invoices totaling \$91,574.92 and the addition of the lease payment to Valley Fab & Equipment of \$900.00

General Fund	No. 67 through 69	\$ 9,210.85
Highway Fund	No. 120 through 142	\$109,419.59 Omitting #131
Water District	No. 19	\$ 62.00

RESOLUTION 2015-103

Supervisor's Monthly Report-October

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 2015-104

Town Clerk's Report-October

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

RESOLUTION 2015-105

Auction Catt Excavator

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

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

Resolved that the Highway Supervisor place the Catt excavator up for auction with Auctions International.

With no further discussion, on a motion of Councilman Wasmund and seconded by Councilman Wojdan, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm. Carried unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on December 15,2015 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trisha Priest, Town Clerk