

## 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 December 2015.

**Present:** Ron Wasmund .. Town Supervisor  
Trisha Priest .. Town Clerk  
James Wojdan .. Councilman  
Brenda Mallaber .. Councilwoman  
Paul Stang .. Councilman  
Francis Feth .. Councilman  
Robert Barber Jr. .. Highway Superintendent  
Jeff Holler ..Code Enforcement Officer entered the meeting at 7:27pm

### **Others Present:**

Paula Stockman

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

### RESOLUTION 2015-106

#### Approval of minutes

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

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

Nays 0

Resolved that the minutes of November 15, 2015 are approved with corrections.

### Report of town officials

**Highway Superintendent** Robert Barber Jr reported that the excavator is up for auction. The current bid is \$5400.00 with 6 days left. There have been many calls of interest. He learned that the Town no longer has to put a reserve on a piece of equipment when it is in auction. We now have the option of approving the highest bid or not approving if it's lower then we wanted. The cost to advertise was \$35. He went to Great Valley and inspected their excavator. He believes it's in acceptable condition even with a leak. The wheel bearing went bad and Great Valley is in the process of repairing it. They would like to get rid of it for \$45,000.

The highway department has been clearing brush and cleaning ditches and culvert pipes. Paul L. would like to learn the new truck so he has been getting familiar with it.

Wendle and Edbaurer were up to inspect Buttermilk Falls. The temporary repair is done.

For the North Otto culvert project the highway department is going to need a bulldozer. It could cost \$8000.00 to rent one during the project. Mr. Barber found one on the government surplus auction on a machinery trader website that could save some of that expense and provide some capital later by waiting the required time frame and declaring it surplus equipment and selling it or possibly renting it out to other municipalities as shared services. It is a 1971 D7 Catt. with 700 hours at a cost of \$3600.

It could cost an additional \$5000 to transport it. Mr. Barber discussed various processes that have to happen in order to acquire it.

**Councilman Wojdan** completed the Tax Collector's Audit. A copy of the findings were distributed to the board members, along with explanation or action of correction. Mr. Wojdan will next coordinate with Supervisor Wasmund to conduct the audit of the Supervisors books.

**Councilman Stang** let those present know that Santa will be visiting the Otto Town Fire Hall Saturday December 19th at 7pm.

**Code Enforcement Officer** Jeff Holler presented a report on his activities for the period of November 17-December 15 2015. He took 12 calls, conducted 6 inspections. He issued a permit for a pole barn at 9455 Forty Road and turned over \$30 for the permit. Mr. Holler also provided a year end summary. For the Town of Otto he took 113 phone calls, completed 62 inspections, issued 30 violation notices, 3 misc letters, and 17 permits. His total deposit with the Town Clerk was \$967.00. He attended 4 court dates, 10 Town Board meetings and 4 planning board meetings. He acquired 26 hours of code enforcement training. He updated the board on the progress of some of the violations submitted to property owners and the current standing of the court hearings with Mr. Wilder.

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

\$375.00 was collected during the month of November. The following Disbursements were made:

Town Supervisor	\$	71.36
Department of ag & markets	\$	6.00
Catt Co. DPW	\$	0.00
DEC	\$	297.63

A list of the 2016 Sewer District bills was presented to the board. Mrs. Priest asked for Board opinion to remove the user fee on the Malek property tax map number 36.009-1-22 which suffered extensive loss due to fire. It was also brought to the boards attention that there are some vacant homes that are being billed the user fee and some that are not. The town clerk is asking for consistency within the sewer district in regards to billing. There was some thought sharing but nothing was settled and should be revisited before the next budget is made.

#### RESOLUTION 2015-107

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

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

RESOLVED that the 2016 Sewer User Fees are approved to be issued in a total amount of \$26,400.00 and Whereas parcel 36.009-1-22, located at 9097 Otto-E. Otto Road in the Town of Otto, NY within the Town of Otto Sewer District, suffered extensive damage due to fire in 2015 and is now presently uninhabitable.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Otto grants exemption of the sewer user fee in the amount of \$600 for the year 2016 and thereafter until which time the property becomes habitable again.

#### RESOLUTION 2015-108

##### Audit of Claims

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

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

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #512 in the amount of \$ 53,894.69 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No.	74 through 82	\$	2,251.96
Highway Fund	No.	158 through 178	\$	51,461.30
Water District	No.	20 through 21	\$	150.00
Sewer District	No.	3	\$	31.43

#### RESOLUTION 2015-109

##### Supervisor's Monthly Report-November

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 November 2015 be accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 2015-110

Town Clerk's Report-November

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 November 2015 be accepted as submitted.

With no further discussion, on a motion of Councilman Wasmund and seconded by Councilman Wojdan, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm. Carried unanimously.

The Organizational meeting is scheduled for January 5th, 2016 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

The next board meeting will be held on January 19,2016 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Trisha Priest, Town Clerk