

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 16th day of February 2016.

Present: Ron Wasmund .. Town Supervisor
Trisha Priest .. Town Clerk
James Wojdan .. Councilman
Paul Stang .. Councilman
Francis Feth .. Councilman
Robert Barber Jr. .. Highway Superintendent
Jeff Holler ..Code Enforcement Officer entered the meeting at 7:30pm

Absent: Brenda Mallaber .. Councilwoman

Others Present:

Dick Clancer-Legislator

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

RESOLUTION 2016-45

Approval of minutes

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

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

Resolved that the minutes of January 19, 2016 are approved as submitted.

Report of town officials

Highway Superintendent Robert Barber Jr reported that the painting job is completed, thanks to the Cattaraugus County work program. After speaking with the onsite supervisor he learned of other work projects they can do. Mr. Barber asked that the agreement to spend town highway funds form be signed this evening. He attended a county meeting last Thursday. They discussed the USDA grant. The grant awards go by the town's population census and poverty level. The purpose of the grant to help municipalities finance projects. What was discovered was that the finance charges are higher then what the town now receives from First Niagara bank. Mr. Barber would like to attend Advocacy day in Albany again this year March 8 & 9. This past month he has met with the engineers to get the contracts signed, the next step is having the town attorney review the contracts before we move forward with the projects. He addressed a few complaints in town. A complaint of someone plowing a driveway and pushing snow across the road and another that the plow trucks are dropping too much sand. A recent report from Steve rice from Simmons consulting was that the cost submittals for three projects should be coming in the form of FEMA progress payments. Mr. Barber asked if the town had looked into the retirement incentive for the firefighters in Otto. He asked if the town would be interested in administering the program and that he would do some more research on how to sent the program up. The increasing difficultly of recruiting and retaining trained fire service volunteers was discussed and the hopes that this program will boost the volunteerism in the Town of Otto.

Councilman Stang invited those present to a training being held on Monday Feb. 29 at 6pm. High Voltage training is being offered to the public at the Otto Fire Hall. The presenter is a veteran National Grid employee. The next breakfast will be held March 6th from 8am-1pm.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Holler presented a report on his activities for the period of January 19-February 16 2016. He made five calls, 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. Mr. Wilder was found guilty and given a 1 year conditional dismissal. Mr. Holler will have to file quarterly progress reports to the court on the condition of the Wilder property. He attended 24 hours of code enforcement training and filed his annual report to the department of state.

Councilman Wojdan Brenda Mallaber and James Wojdan were invited to attend the Cattaraugus Historical Society meeting. There was no interest from the society to repair the Historical building in Otto. He asked if there was fire insurance on the building and was told that their policy does not cover the Otto historical building. He asked if the deed could be given back to the town. The Historical society said that they would look into what needed to be done to give the deed back and that they would have an answer in March. Mr. Wojdan met with Lauren and Kathy Bird, curators of the building to relay this information and they were impressed with the idea of getting the deed back and being able to move forward with making the repairs to the building on our own.

Town Clerk Trisha Priest presented the monthly review of the town clerk activities for the month of January 2016. \$5924.00 was collected during the month of January. The following Disbursements were made:

Town Supervisor	\$	5818.40
Department of ag & markets	\$	34.00
Catt Co. DPW	\$	37.60
DEC	\$	0.00

The county sheriff's office contacted the clerk's office to inquire if the town had an existing solicitor/ peddlers law. No local law exists at this time. Copies of laws from other towns were distributed among the councilman as reference to laws other towns have in place . There has been a wave of solicitation activity stretching from Olean to Ellicottville and into Little Valley. Some of which have resulted in unsavory actions, potential scamming and theft. Having a process put into place in the form of a solicitors/peddlers permit could provide useful information and protections to our community should solicitations become prevalent here. Supervisor Wasmund said he would reach out to the town attorney to see what her suggestions would be and asked the town clerk if she would put something together to review.

Tax Collector Trisha Priest reported on the state of the 2016 Town and County Tax Collection. To date the collection on the warrant amounts to \$ 946,338.80. The Town has been paid it's share in full. There are 468 parcels still outstanding. There have been some complaints voiced by tax payers as they have been in the office. Three of which were unsatisfied with the conditions of the roads and poor snow removal. All of these complainants reside on county maintained roads. It was asked of the highway superintendant if the town could work something out with the county to plow the roads. It is Mr. Barber's belief that such a contract would include all maintenance for the road at a significantly lower price from the county then what it would take to maintain them. It's not cost efficient to take over a county road. Mr Clancer mentioned that he would look into this further as he also has had experiences where the county roads where not being keep plowed and sanded.

RESOLUTION 2016-46

Audit of Claims

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

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

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #602 in the amount of \$ 34,288.17 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No.	7 through 10	\$	1,558.63
Highway Fund	No.	20 through 35	\$	32,699.24
Water District	No.	1	\$	30.00
Sewer District	No		\$	0.00

RESOLUTION 2016-47

Supervisor's Monthly Report-January

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

ADOPTED Ayes Ayes 3 Feth, Stang, Wojdan
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Supervisor's Monthly report for the month of January 2016 be accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 2016-48

Town Clerk's Report-January

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 2016-49

Advocacy Day

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

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

Resolved that the Highway Superintendent can attend Advocacy Day in Albany March 8-9 2016.

With no further discussion, on a motion of Councilman Wasmund and seconded by Councilman Wojdan, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm. Carried unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on March 15,2016 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trisha Priest, Town Clerk