

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 March 2018.

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

Others Present: Candace Broughton - Town Historian

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

RESOLUTION 2018-53

Approval of minutes

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

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

Nays 0

Resolved that the minutes of February 20, 2018 are approved with correction.

Privilege of the Floor Candace Broughton discussed her involvement with the GAHWANY organization.

Report of town officials

Supervisor Wasmund Mr. Wasmund presented the Board with his monthly report. He received a letter from Ashley the Town's attorney. She will not be doing anything for the Town at the moment as she's on a leave of absence.

Councilman Stang Mr. Stang brought up a question from the assistant fire chief Joe Poccobella. Is it a possibility to put in another fire hydrant near South Hill and West Hill Roads. He questioned if a grant could cover that expense.

Congressman Reed will be visiting Otto on April 14, 2018 at the Otto Fire hall at 11:30am. Mr. Stang received a survey of the historical building from Jim Land. It has been laminated for preservation.

Highway Superintendent Mr. Barber reported that the Town's water tank is leaking. A patch needs to be purchased. The land slide on South Hill has broken the sluice pipe. The ditch water is flowing under the roadway. In order to get the water out from under the road work needs to be done where the spring box is. A solution may be to put tiles in.

The mower head came in for the excavator. There was a problem with the speed the mower was running. There was a charge that John Deere wouldn't cover to get the mower working properly with the equipment. The acquisition of a trailer was discussed.

The highway department had a lot of debris to clean up in the Buttermilk falls pipe. The new plow truck was delivered today. Money was received for the Dunkleman Hill project but it is not the final payment. Mr. Barber discussed the employee retirement agreement with his employees. They were okay with the agreement.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Holler reported on his activities for the month from 02/20/2018-03/20/2018. He placed 9 calls, conducted 4 inspections, issued 1 building permit and 1 violation for not having a permit to 9391 Dake Hill Road.

The building permit was for 9530 Dake Hill for a porch. He wrote out violations but will be holding them until the weather breaks. Thirty dollars was turned over to the Clerk for the building permit.

Town Clerk Trisha Priest presented the monthly review of the town clerk activities for the month of February 2018. \$1200.00 was collected during the month of February. The following Disbursements were made:

Town Supervisor	\$ 986.78
Department of ag & markets	\$ 44.00
Catt Co. DPW	\$ 164.50
DEC	\$ 4.72
NYS-DOH	\$ 0.00

RESOLUTION 2018-54

Notice of Intent to retire

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

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

WHEREAS the Town Board would like sufficient time for budgetary purposes to make accommodations for a position vacancy due to retirement.

THEREFORE be it resolved that any Town of Otto Highway employee must submit a written notice of their intent to retire no later than one year prior to retirement. This notice can be withdrawn by submitting a written notice ninety days prior to their intended date of retirement. Exceptions can be made for serious medical illness or disability at the discretion of the Town Board.

RESOLUTION 2018-55

Cold War Veteran exemption

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

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

Resolved that the Town of Otto amends Resolution made at the December 16 2008 Town Board Meeting adopting the Cold War Veteran's Exemption of 15%. to read the following.

Section 1 It is the intent of the Otto Town Board to create Local Law No. 1-2018 which grants an exemption of fifteen percent (15%) of the assessed value of qualified residential property, as defined in Real Property Tax Law Section 458-b(2)(a)(i) to the Cold War Veterans, as defined in Real Property Tax Law Section 458-b(1)(a).

Section2 Local Law No. 1-2018 is hereby adopted adding a new section 3 which eliminates the ten (10) year exemption for qualifying property owners, as follows.

Section 3 The Town of Otto eliminates the ten year period for the exemption and further provides that the qualifying residential owners of qualifying real property shall retain the exemption, provided for in Section2 above, for as long as they remain qualifying owners, without regard to such ten year limitations, as provided for in the Real Property Tax Law Section 458-b(2)(c)(iii).

Section4 If any provision of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such adjudication, shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the particular provision directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section5 This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State and shall be applicable to all assessment rolls prepared pursuant to the first taxable status date occurring on or after the effective date of this Local Law.

RESOLUTION 2018-56

Audit of Claims

On a motion made by Councilman Wojdan and seconded by Councilwoman Gregory , the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 5 Gregory, Mallaber, Stang , Wasmund, Wojdan
Nays 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #803 in the amount of \$ 5202.07 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No.	18 through 24	\$	555.57
Highway Fund	No.	34 through 45	\$	4616.50
Water District	No.	5	\$	30.00
Sewer District	No.		\$	0.00

RESOLUTION 2018-57

Supervisor's Monthly Report-February

On a motion made by Councilwoman Mallaber and seconded by Councilman Wojdan, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 4 Gregory, Mallaber, Stang , Wojdan
Nays 0

Resolved that the Supervisor's Monthly report for the month of February 2018 be accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 2018-58

Town Clerk's Report-February

On a motion made by Councilwoman Mallaber and seconded by Councilman Wojdan, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 5 Gregory, Mallaber, Stang , Wasmund, Wojdan
Nays 0

Resolved that the Clerk's monthly report for the month of February 2018 be accepted as submitted.

With no further discussion, on a motion of Councilwoman Mallaber and seconded by Councilman Wojdan, the Regular meeting was adjourned at 9pm. Carried unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on April 17,2018 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trisha Priest, Town Clerk