

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 19th day of February 2019.

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

Others Present: Dave and Wendy Henry

Absent: Marlene Gregory .. Councilperson

Supervisor Wasmund called the regular Town Board Meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Privilege of the floor

Wendy Henry rents work space in Cattaraugus because she requires high speed internet to do business. She inquired with Spectrum as to the availability of getting high speed internet in Otto. She was told Spectrum could not service the Town of Otto because there was no franchise agreement. She questioned if there was a reason why a franchise agreement wasn't signed. Supervisor Wasmund stated that the Town was not approached by Spectrum however Armstrong had come out to discuss the possibility of renting pole space from National Grid to bring service to the Township. Councilmember Stang has seen the Armstrong vehicles in town conducting pole inspections. He had been in conversation with Richard Zink from Southern Tier West in regards to internet service. He referred the Henry's to speak with Mr. Zink as he's knowledgeable about the subject.

RESOLUTION 2019-09

Approval of minutes

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

APOPTED Ayes 4 Mallaber, Stang, Wasmund, Wojdan

Nays 0

Resolved that the minutes of January 15, 2019 are approved as submitted.

Resolved that the organizational minutes of January 15, 2019 are approved with the addition resolution 2019-13.

Report of town officials

Supervisor Wasmund Mr. Wasmund presented the Board with his monthly report. He has been in touch with one of the Mason's trustees. A trustees meeting was held and the Mason's have said that they would like to be good neighbors and contribute to the repair or demolition costs. The Mason's have requested to view the bids. It is unclear what they will contribute no monetary amount was offered.

Councilman Wojdan Mr. Wojdan has spoken with Senator Young. He discussed the concerns with the Masonic Lodge Building. She requested pictures. Mr. Wojdan took several pictures and sent them to Cathy Young and Tom Reeds offices. Mr. Wojdan's impression of the building is that it can't be fixed with the 6 to 8 foot gaps in the back wall. He heard back from Cathy Young's office with information regarding the land bank which has no funds to assist the Town. However there are funds for buildings that can be declared historical and be refurbished for residential use. There are questions of the insurance coverage for the property and building to protect neighbors against damages. Jeff Holler mentioned that there are steps that need to be taken prior to the Town taking any action to repair or remove the building. He has placed a placard on the building declaring it unsafe. It is unknown what impact that will have on the

County's decision to place the property on the delinquent tax auction this spring. Mr. Holler is still researching the condemnation process and is also waiting to hear the offer from the NYC Masons.

Councilperson Stang Mr. Stang reported that the fire department will be having a pancake breakfast March 3rd. The new radio system for the fire department works pretty good in the Valley. It's a much needed improvement. Paul spoke with Dave Bartlett about the roof damage his building sustained from bricks falling from the Masonic Lodge. Mr. Bartlett has a half dozen or so holes in the metal roof on his building. There is concern about the safety of the neighboring properties and if there is insurance to cover damages.

Highway Superintendent Mr. Barber reported that the highway department had cleared brush along Christmiller and Colvin Roads. They have been hauling stone in preparation of the 2019 chip sealing jobs. The Town Clerk made him aware this past month that the roof over the court room was leaking. The roof has also been leaking in the shop. It was suggested by the board to get quotes to repair or redesign the roof to prevent further problem.

There is also an issue with the outdoor lighting at the town hall. Mr. Barber looked into different lighting as the current lights had been replaced twice since he has been in office. He suggested looking into getting a street light put in at the pole as well as purchasing LED light for the front and back of the building. pricing options were discussed and the board approved the purchase of outdoor lighting and research the cost to put a street lamp in at the pole. Quotes were received for the generator transfer switches. The request was for one switch at the plant, one at the pumping station and one at the Town Hall. Both bids were for purchase and installation to completion of the project. Becc Electric submitted a quote for \$8955.00 and LED Electric submitted a bid for \$8050.00.

Radio communication has been a long time problem for the highway department. He has been in communication with neighboring towns and the school who are testing out the service with Saia Communications. Reviews are remarkable. The highway department has been testing the service for two weeks and the truck to truck and truck to base communications are a 100% improvement. He would like to switch over the radio system. There is a monthly subscription cost along with the purchase and installation of the radios. He has a current quote of \$6472.00 for one base radio, 5 truck radios and 2 portable radios. He estimated the monthly fee to be around \$220 a month.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Holler reported on his activities for the month from 01/16/2019-thru 02/19/2019. He placed 10 phone calls and conducted 3 inspections. He attended 16 hours of code training classes. The inclement weather postponed one days training until April.

Town Clerk Trisha Priest presented the monthly review of the town clerk activities for the month of January 2019. \$6476.00 was collected during the month of January. The following disbursements were made:

Town Supervisor	\$ 6407.00
Department of ag & markets	\$ 22.00
Catt Co. DPW	\$ 47.00
DEC	\$ 0.00
NYS-DOH	\$ 0.00

RESOLUTION 2019-10

Purchase of outdoor lighting

On a motion made by Councilperson Mallaber and seconded by Supervisor Wasmund, the following resolution was

APOPTED Ayes 4 Mallaber, Stang, Wasmund, Wojdan

Nays 0

Whereas it is recognized that the lighting at the Otto Town Hall and Barns is in need of upgrades for the safety and security of persons and property at the Town Hall and Barns, and

Whereas the bids from Becc Electric and LED Electric have been reviewed .

Therefore be it resolved to contract with LED Electric for the purchase and installation of four outdoor lights at the bid price of \$8050.00. Authorization is granted to Mr. Barber to pursue costs to have a street light placed on the electric pole situated out from of the Town Highway Department.

RESOLUTION 2019-11

Highway truck and base radio replacement

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

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

Whereas the radio communications within the Town of Otto have been inadequate given the topography of the area , and

Whereas Saia Communication, Inc. proposed the purchase of radios and a subscription to the Saia Net communications system.

Whereas this system has been tested by the highway department and has found that the ability to communicate from truck to truck and the truck to highway barns to be superior to the system currently in place, and

Whereas the Town Board has reviewed the proposal and

Therefore approves the purchase of equipment to outfit the trucks and the Highway Barns and to authorize subscription to the communication service offered by Saia Communications, Inc.

RESOLUTION 2019-12

Water District Exemption removal

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

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

Whereas, the former nursing home at 9080 Otto-E. Otto Road S/B/L 046800 36.009-2-12 had been exempted from the water district fees, and

Whereas, it has been determined by the home owner that the property does not have its own water supply,

Therefore it be resolved that the residence located at 9080 Otto - E. Otto Road, Cattaraugus, NY 14719 be placed back on the assessment for collection of the water district fees.

RESOLUTION 2019-13

Addition to Organizational Minutes

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

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

Resolved that the following be added to the Organizational Minutes

Continuation of the petty cash funds for the Otto Town Court in the amount of \$50, The Otto Town Clerk in the amount of \$50 and the Otto Town Highway in the amount of \$50.

The Sewer User fees are as follows: \$600 annually for a single family residence, \$ 600 for the first unit of a multi family residence and \$300 for each additional unit in a Multi family residence. \$900 for a commercial business. The sewer district will be billed quarterly and delinquent sewer fees will be levied on the Town and County taxes in October of each year.

The Supervisor shall have the authority to invest funds in certificates of deposit in any local bank authorized to do business in New York State and agree with the Towns adopted investment policy.

RESOLUTION 2019-14

Audit of Claims

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

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

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #902 in the amount of \$ 6164.71 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No.	5 through 6	\$	1249.99
Highway Fund	No.	14 through 23	\$	4884.72
Water District	No.	2	\$	30.00
Sewer District	No.		\$	0.00

RESOLUTION 2019-15

Supervisor's Monthly Report-January

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

APOPTED Ayes 3 Mallaber, Stang, Wojdan
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Supervisor's Monthly report for the month of January 2019 be accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 2019-16

Town Clerk's Report-January

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

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

Resolved that the Clerk's monthly report for the month of January 2019 be accepted as submitted.

With no further discussion, on a motion of Councilperson Stang and seconded by Councilperson Wojdan, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm. Carried unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on March 19,2019 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trisha Priest, Town Clerk