

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 July 2019.

Present: Ron Wasmund .. Town Supervisor
Brenda Mallaber .. Councilperson
Marlene Gregory .. 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 7:37pm

Supervisor Wasmund called the regular Town Board Meeting to order at 7:10pm.

RESOLUTION 2019-38

Approval of minutes

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

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

Resolved that the minutes of June 18, 2019 are approved as submitted.

Report of town officials

Supervisor Wasmund Mr. Wasmund presented the Board with his monthly report.

Highway Superintendent Mr. Barber reported that the highway department has been working on Ball Road trying to true it up. The crown of the road is steep and they are trying to get it back into shape by wedging the road. They have been mowing the back sides of the ditches so people can see deer before there is an accident. The gravel has been delivered for the shoulder work on Ball Road and Traffic Street. They assisted the Town of New Albion with hauling gravel for their job on Tug Hill and Kickbush. There was minimal damage after the heavy rain storms. There was some shoulder erosion. Mr. Barber gave Emergency Services an estimate in the event of a declaration of emergency. He thanked The Board for the purchase of the new radios, they have been working excellent. He asked the Board if they would like him to try to sell the old radios and see what they could get for them, they would work great for flat lander township. New York State has funded the Extreme Weather Funding that they took away in the Spring. The EWR is \$ 16,312.76 so with the roll over balance from last year, this year's CHIPS Pave NY, and the EWR we have \$205,030.24 towards CHIPS this year. We will not use all of this and should have enough of a roll over or nest year to chip seal it for a second time as required. Mr. Barber checked on the status of the truck grant. It was sent to Albany at the end of May and usually takes about 8 weeks for the NYSDOT to get it back, Chris Renn expects it back in his office by the end of the month. At this point we would send a copy of the bill of sale and proof of payment to him and they will submit it for reimbursement to us. After paying off the truck there should be a rough balance of \$148,000.00, He asked the Board to consider the purchase of an enclosed cab roadside mowing tractor, and update the loader and road sweeper while it still has trading value. He believes that there will still be money left over. Mr. Barber explained some potential risks the workers currently face and safety aspects of upgrading the equipment.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Holler reported on his activities for the month from 06/19/2019-thru 07/17/2019. He placed 28 phone calls and conducted 17 inspections. He issued 4 permits, a Lean to addition to a barn at 8633 N. Otto Road, the removal of a mobile home and replacement with a new mobile home at 8750 Dake Hill Road, a cabin with a loft and porch on North Otto Road, a new construction small residence at 9803 North Otto Road. He issued 2 violation

notices, 8172 South Hill Road and 9119 Otto-E. Otto Road. \$290.00 was turned over to the Town Clerk. A summons was issued for Mr. Wilder, he has pled not guilty and the next court date is July 22, 2019. The question was posed to Mr. Holler on whether the Town could assess fines against the property for violations. The Town may have to speak to the department of real property with the County to determine if that is a possibility. There was discussion regarding Mr. Wilder's demolished building and if any progress has been made regarding the hole left in its place. Mr. Holler has been researching the Property Maintenance Code and hasn't found anything that pertained to a change in the original intent of leveling off the demolished building site and now building on top of the uncovered foundation. Councilperson Gregory presented excerpts from the Zoning Law and asked questions regarding the interpretation of some definitions for what constitutes a violation under sanitation, construction vs motor vehicles, and lawn maintenance in the Hamlet .

Town Clerk Trisha Priest presented the monthly review of the town clerk activities for the month of June 2019.

\$494.88 was collected during the month of June. The following disbursements were made:

Town Supervisor	\$ 422.88
Department of ag & markets	\$ 47.00
Catt Co. DPW	\$ 0.00
DEC	\$ 23.62
NYS-DOH	\$ 22.50

Clerk Priest reported that the humidity has been so high this summer that the concrete floor in the Town Hall and Clerks office are sweating causing some mildew type problems with the archives. She requested the approval to purchase a dehumidifier for the Town Hall. Marlene Gregory offered to bring one down that she was currently not using to see if that would help.

RESOLUTION 2019-39

Audit of Claims

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

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

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #907 in the amount of \$ 41,332.41 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 30 through 33	\$ 787.75
Highway Fund	No. 67 through 77	\$ 40,514.66
Water District	No. 7	\$ 30.00

RESOLUTION 2019-40

Supervisor's Monthly Report-June

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 2019-41

Town Clerk's Report-June

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 June 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 8:16pm. Carried unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on August 20, 2019 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trisha Priest, Town Clerk