

## 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 March 2020.

**Present:** Ron Wasmund .. Town Supervisor  
Marlene Gregory .. Councilmember  
Brenda Mallaber .. Councilmember  
Paul Stang .. Councilmember  
Trisha Priest .. Town Clerk  
Robert Barber Jr. .. Highway Superintendent

**Public Present:** None

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

### RESOLUTION 2020-13

#### Approval of minutes

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Gregory, Mallaber, Stang, Wasmund  
Nays 0

Resolved that the minutes of February 18, 2020 are approved as submitted.

#### Report of town officials

**Supervisor Wasmund** Mr. Wasmund presented the Board with his monthly report. He has received the \$22000.00 from the shared services grant from NYS. These funds included the County Assessor revaluation.

**Highway Superintendent** Mr. Barber has not heard back from John Halterman regarding the excavator. He has called and left messages and emailed him. He would like to call down to Erie and see what they can do to diagnose the problem with the excavator. Erie will cost a minimum of \$1000 just to test the machine. Mr. Barber questioned the board as to what the limit should be on repairing the machine before buying a new one. Paul Stang added that there is a difference in the excavators that are made here in the US and those made overseas. The consensus is that mechanics do not want to work on the foreign made machines.

Mr. Barber did not go to Advocacy Day. The future is uncertain right now and it can't be predicted if there will be an increase in funds. The highway department has been brooming and trimming roadside brush. They have caught up on the equipment maintenance and have been working on truck number three.

He had to purchase a camera for the Town. This is a FEMA requirement. Pictures have to be taken to catalog roadways with GPS cords and road conditions. Soil and Water paperwork has been submitted for a \$20000 grant for gravel.

Mr. Barber mentioned the concerns on his highway crew in regards to the newest COVID 19 directives from Governor Cuomo.

**Councilmember Stang** Mr. Stang announced that the Chicken BBQ usually held in April at the Otto Fire Department is cancelled.

**Town Clerk** Trisha Priest presented the monthly review of the town clerk activities for the month of February 2020.

\$4105.00 was collected during the month of February. The following disbursements were made:

Town Supervisor	\$ 4089.30
Department of ag & markets	\$ 11.00
Catt Co. DPW	\$ 4.70
DEC	\$ 0.00
NYS-DOH	\$ 0.00

Trisha Priest asked the Board if the Town hall could be closed to the public during the non essential work force shut down. Governor Cuomo has called for a work force reduction of 70% at this time to shorten the COVID 19 virus curve. Currently the Courts are closed until May 1, 2020. The County Assessor's office has reduced its function to appointment only and will not be present to hold hours at the Town Hall. Robert Barber also asked what he could do for one of his crew members that has breathing problems as is very nervous about potentially being out in public. Mrs. Priest has spoken with Mary Dankert regarding her work in animal control. Because of her age she will only take calls of an extreme emergency as she has concerns regarding her age and her husband's health. They are currently self quarantining as they recently returned from a trip to NYC.

**County Assessor** A report of the Cattaraugus County assessor was submitted to the Town Board.

**Code Enforcement Officer** Jeff Holler reported on his activities for the month from 01/21/2020-03/17/2020. He placed 14 phone calls. He had a conference call with the health department and the department of labor regarding migrant workers at the apiary.

He discussed community solar projects and suggested a moratoria on commercial solar projects so that regulations can be put into place. A local law is required for a moratorium and this should be drafted by a Lawyer.

Ron Wasmund stated he would reach out to the Town Attorney for guidance.

#### RESOLUTION 2020-14

##### Purchase 2020 F250 4x4 XLT crew cab

On a motion made by Councilmember Mallaber and seconded by Councilmember Gregory , the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Gregory, Mallaber, Stang, Wasmund

Nays 0

Resolved to purchase from Emerling Ford of Springville NY, a 2020 F250 4x4 crew cab pickup truck with the premium package.

#### RESOLUTION 2020-15

##### Workforce reduction and public safety

On a motion made by Councilmember Mallaber and seconded by Councilmember Gregory , the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Gregory, Mallaber, Stang, Wasmund

Nays 0

Resolved to comply with the work force reduction guidelines directed from New York State. Reduction and changes to personnel work schedules are left to the discretion of the Highway Superintendent.

The Town Hall and Town Barns are closed to the Public.

Town Clerk and Tax Collector business will be conducted through the mail only.

Furthermore this resolution will be enforce until the next Town Board meeting.

#### RESOLUTION 2020-16

##### Audit of Claims

On a motion made by Councilmember Mallaber and seconded by Councilmember Gregory , the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Gregory, Mallaber, Stang, Wasmund

Nays 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #203 in the amount of \$ 12722.86 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No.	6 through 7	\$	877.85
Highway Fund	No.	22 through 33	\$	11665.01
Water District	No.	2 through 3	\$	180.00
Sewer District	No.		\$	0.00

#### RESOLUTION 2020-17

##### Supervisor's Monthly Report-February

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

ADOPTED      Ayes    3      Gregory, Mallaber, Stang  
                 Nays    0

Resolved that the Supervisor's Monthly report for the month of February 2020 be accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 2020-18

Town Clerk's Report-February

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

ADOPTED      Ayes    4      Gregory, Mallaber, Stang, Wasmund  
                 Nays    0

Resolved that the Clerk's monthly report for the month of February 2020 be accepted as submitted.

With no further discussion, on a motion of Councilmember Mallaber and seconded by Councilmember Stang, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm. Carried unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on April 21,2020 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Trisha Priest, Town Clerk