

## 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 Via Webinar, Cattaraugus, NY on the 21st day of April 2020.

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

**Public Present:** Karen McAndrew , Chair of the Zoning Board - Hosting the Zoom public meeting

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

### RESOLUTION 2020-19

#### Approval of minutes

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

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

Resolved that the minutes of March 17, 2020 are approved with correction spelling of Halterman.

#### Privilege of the floor

Karen McAndrew is finalizing the Solar Law. She has looked at the Town of Allegany's Law and reviewed NYSERTA's solar power tiers. Once the Law is typed up a public hearing will be scheduled. Ron Wasmund questioned if the Town's Attorney needs to take a look at it for approval. Our law will be like the Town of Allegany's Law.

#### Report of town officials

**Supervisor Wasmund** Mr. Wasmund presented the Board with his monthly report via email.

**Highway Superintendent** Mr. Barber submitted the following report via email.

- 1) As this COVID 19 emerged and safety concerns rose, we followed suit along with 70% of all Towns in Cattaraugus County and I decided along with Ron that until things got better that it was safer for us all to not be here and to follow the governors direction. However after 2 weeks everything got extended and I decided that if I got all the necessary PPE for the guys and myself we could work and be safe about it. We started by all guys in their own vehicle and not jumping from equipment to equipment, no break room and no eating lunch together. I am filling out their timesheets so they don't have to come into my office. We started pulling shoulders in North Otto but with the rain and a break down we quit and went to hauling gravel and sand to keep the guys busy and apart from one another. At this time we are hauling sand out of Corbett Hill and Harold is working in the shop and stacking sand.
- 2) There is still no definite word on the CHIP's money but it is supposed to be there.
- 3) I priced oil for chip sealing and this month it is \$3.15 a gallon.
- 4) I had Catt. Co. DPW haul our excavator down to Lantz Corners, PA to Cleveland Brothers Cat. It was cheaper than have a mechanic come here to diagnosis the troubles. I spoke with them today and they have found numerous little issues that they thought might cure the problem but as of right now it is still messing up. I do not have an estimate for repairs.
- 5) We have had a complaint of us breaking a windshield while we were sweeping the roads downtown. Brian from Otto Auto thought that a rock possibly came from the broom hitting it while it was parked in

his parking lot waiting repairs. I was not notified about it until a week after the fact and I did not see the vehicle to witness any dirt or stones on it. I got an estimate from Hill Top Auto which was \$262.00 but they said with it being a 2002 there might be rust and it could get expensive. I contacted our insurance company and they said there is no deductible and that the owner would have to file a Notice of Claim to either the Town or them Evans Insurance Co. They said not to assist them with the Notice of Claim it is solely up to them. We can't say that we did it and we can't say we didn't do it!

**Councilmember Stang** Mr. Stang reported on some complaints he has fielded regarding the revaluation done in the Town of Otto. He spoke with Jason from Real Property and the Assessor's office. He learned that there are six categories of land and only two were used on the past assessments. This accounts for the majority of the changes on the assessments. The other change was the price of the primary acre with every parcel.

**Town Clerk** Trisha Priest presented the monthly review of the town clerk activities for the month of March 2020. \$395.00 was collected during the month of February. The following disbursements were made:

Town Supervisor	\$	380.28
Department of ag & markets	\$	10.00
Catt Co. DPW	\$	0.00
DEC	\$	4.72
NYS-DOH	\$	0.00

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

**Code Enforcement Officer** Jeff Holler reported on his activities for the month from 03/18/2020-04/21/2020. He placed 13 phone calls. One permit was issued for a Cabin at 9504 Forty Road. \$100 was turned in to the Town Clerk for that permit. He conducted 5 inspections. He has sent in the Towns census.

#### RESOLUTION 2020-20

##### Audit of Claims

On a motion made by Councilmember Stang 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 #204 in the amount of \$ 6283.85 have been reviewed by Paul Stang and a summary of the abstract was emailed to the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No.	8 through	10	\$	1127.39
Highway Fund	No.	34 through	43	\$	5102.69
Water District	No.	4 through	5	\$	53.77
Sewer District	No.			\$	0.00

#### RESOLUTION 2020-21

##### Supervisor's Monthly Report-March

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 March 2020 be accepted as submitted.

#### RESOLUTION 2020-22

##### Town Clerk's Report-March

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 March 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 8:10pm. Carried unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on May 19,2020 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Trisha Priest, Town Clerk