

## 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 18th day of May 2021.

**Present:** Ron Wasmund .. Town Supervisor  
Brenda Mallaber .. Councilmember  
Paul Stang .. Councilmember  
Kevin Walker .. Councilmember  
Marlene Gregory .. Councilmember  
Trisha Priest .. Town Clerk  
Robert Barber Jr. .. Highway Superintendent  
Jeff Holler .. Code Enforcement Officer entered 7:15pm

**Others Present:** Bill Cain  
James Bedrin, project manager for Dimension Energy

Supervisor Wasmund called the regular board meeting to order at 7:00pm with a quorum present.

### RESOLUTION 2021-28

#### Approval of minutes

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Gregory, Mallaber, Stang, Walker, Wasmund

Nays 0

Resolved that the minutes of April 20, 2021 are approved.

#### Privilege of the floor

James Bedrin presented the Town Board with the decommissioning agreement for the Dunkleman Hill Solar Project. This was as a result of the Cattaraugus County Planning Board wanting an additional layer of decommission to include a bond for the cost of decommissioning. Mr Bedrin is expecting construction to start in July. The Board asked for some additional language in the agreement and Mr Bedrin will get a revised version sent over.

Bill Cain expressed his views on the parking lot at the end of Forty Road on the Otto side of the gorge. There are more and more internet sites popping up directing people to hiking spots in Zoar Valley. He had emailed the Town Supervisor pointing out the internet sites that are increasing traffic down and along the gorge.

Mr. Cain is in support of rebuilding the Forty Road Bridge. He feels it would be safer if people could make it down to the water. If they can easily walk down to the bottom, they are less likely to fall off the cliff.

#### 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 helped Mansfield and Persia with their jobs today. The chip sealing is done. He has emailed the County about surveying Dake Hill and also North Otto, where they store stone pile but has not heard back from them. He received a letter regarding the Chips roll over funds. The extreme weather recovery amount awarded is \$254,005.00. He has yet to determine what projects to use the funds on. Mr. Barber asked the Town Board if we could switch the Buildings internet to DFT now that they are reachable here.

**Town Clerk** Trisha Priest presented the monthly review of the town clerk activities for the month of April 2021.

\$860.00 was collected during the month of April. The following disbursements were made:

Town Supervisor \$ 740.87

Department of ag & markets	\$	10.00
Catt Co. DPW	\$	56.40
DEC	\$	552.73
NYS-DOH	\$	0.00

The Town Clerk submitted the Assessors April report on behalf of the Assessor to the Town Board.  
The April report is as follows:

- The Tentative Roll is created May 1. The public can view it at <https://www.cattco.org/real-property-and-gis/assessment-rolls>.
- The 2021 Equalization Rate is 100%.
- In order to continue with the Cyclical Reassessment Plan set in place last year, we will have to provide the state with an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and resolution annually—these are due June 14, which is before your June meeting. Please pass a resolution, as you did last year, in support of my team keeping Otto at 100%, and sign the MOU. Both the MOU and sample resolution are included in my report.
- Two transfers were added for the month of March.

**Code Enforcement Officer** Jeff Holler reported on his activities for the month from 04/20/2021 thru 05/18/2021. He took eight calls, conducted eleven inspections and issued three permits. The first at 8788 Dake Hill Road for a single story pole building and demolish and replace a deck. The second is located at 8831 Otto - Maples Road for a single story pole barn and the third is located at on Marek Road for a single story pole barn. The permits have been turned in to the County assessor and \$210.00 was handed over to the Town Clerk. He issued two violation notices.

RESOLUTION 2021-29

support of revaluation of the 2021 tax roll

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

Ayes	5	Gregory, Mallaber, Stang, Walker, Wasmund
Nays	0	

**WHEREAS**, the Otto Town Board supports the efforts of Cattaraugus County’s Real Property Tax Services in updating the 2021 assessment roll to full-market value, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town feels that it is necessary to conduct a reassessment project of all properties to maintain a uniform standard of assessment for the Town; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Otto, New York, that the Town of Otto hereby requests State assistance, specifically from the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services, to do a reassessment project to maintain a uniform standard of assessment in accordance with Section 305 of the Real Property Tax Law.

RESOLUTION 2021-30

Audit of Claims

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

Ayes	5	Gregory, Mallaber, Stang, Walker, Wasmund
Nays	0	

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #005 in the amount of \$ 11,034.06 have been reviewed by Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No.	24 through 28	\$	726.65
Highway Fund	No.	47 through 60	\$	10,111.25
Water District	No.	6	\$	196.16

Sewer District                      No.    \$              0.00

RESOLUTION 2021-31

Supervisor's Monthly Report-April

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

ADOPTED              Ayes      4              Gregory, Mallaber, Walker, Stang

                            Nays      0

Resolved that the Supervisor's Monthly report for the month of March 2021 be accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 2021-32

Town Clerks Monthly Report-April

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

ADOPTED              Ayes      5              Gregory, Mallaber, Stang, Walker, Wasmund

                            Nays      0

Resolved that the Town Clerk's April 2021 Monthly report be accepted as submitted.

With no further discussion, on a motion of Councilmember Mallaber and seconded by Councilmember Walker, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm. Carried unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on June 15, 2021 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Trisha Priest, Town Clerk