

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 16th day of May 2023.

Present: Ron Wasmund .. Town Supervisor
Paul Stang .. Councilmember
Marlene Gregory .. Councilmember
Kevin Walker .. Councilmember
Robert Barber Jr. .. Highway Superintendent
Jeff Holler .. Code Enforcement Officer (7:20pm)

Absent: Brenda Mallaber .. Councilmember
Trisha Priest .. Town Clerk

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

Supervisor Wasmund Mr. Wasmund presented the Board with his monthly report. Mr. Wasmund took minutes in the absence of the clerk and submitted reports on her behalf. There was general discussion regarding the Attorney and the solar projects.

RESOLUTION 2023-22

Approval of minutes

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

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

Resolved that the minutes of the April 2023 meeting are approved with the addition of a discussion about the cost of the Volvo being \$205,000.

Highway Superintendent Mr. Barber reported on the activities of the highway department. They chipped sealed five miles. Ditching was done on Gibson Hill and Dake Hill. They hauled 600 ton of stone. Discussed the limited sight issue on Hebner Hill Road and the Sluice pipe on Colvin Road.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Holler reported on his activities for the month from 4/18/23 thru 5/16/23. He took twelve calls. He conducted ten inspections. He issued two appearance tickets. Mr. Holler attended the planning board meeting. Five violation notices were sent.

Town Clerk The monthly review of the town clerk activities for the month of April 2023.

\$1225.00 was collected during the month of April. The following disbursements were made:

Town Supervisor	\$1186.38
Department of ag & markets	\$ 15.00
Catt Co. DPW	\$56.40
DEC	\$23.62
NYS-DOH	\$0.00

Assessors Report via Email:

The April report is as follows:

- The 2023 Equalization Rate is 100%. In order for the NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services to approve 100%, most values had to be changed to reflect the change in real estate market trends. Most residential property assessments increased by 12%, and both vacant parcels and agricultural properties increased by 7%. Of course, any new construction, demos, or adjustments to data is also accounted for in these new values.
- The Assessing Office has corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions.
- There were three property transfers in March. However, these cannot be added to our system until July 1. In the meantime, you can find more information about these sales here: <https://www.cattco.org/real-property-and-gis/sales>

RESOLUTION 2023-23

Audit of Claims

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Gregory, Walker, Stang, Wasmund

 Nays 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #005 in the amount of \$ 222,706.98 have been reviewed by Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No.	25	through	27	\$866.15
Highway Fund	No.	39	through	47	\$221,540.83
Water District	No.	9	through	10	\$300.00
Sewer District	No.		through		

RESOLUTION 2023-24

Supervisor's and Clerk's Monthly Report-April

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Walker, Gregory, Stang,

 Nays 0

Resolved that the Supervisor's and Clerk's April 2023 reports be accepted as submitted.

With no further discussion, on a motion of Councilmember Gregory and seconded by Councilmember Stang, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm. Carried unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on June 20, 2023 at 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Trisha Priest, Otto Town Clerk