

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 20th day of June 2023.

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

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. He finalized the insurance update for the new equipment. Mr. Wasmund was in touch with Karen McAndrew Chairperson to the Planning Board. She suggested to appoint Randy Beenau to the planning board to the vacancy left by Barb Pascarella.

RESOLUTION 2023-25

Approval of minutes

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 minutes of the May 2023 meeting are approved

Highway Superintendent Mr. Barber reported on the activities of the highway department. They cut trees and cut back the banks on Traffic Street. National Grid was called because the lines are close there. They helped East Otto with their cold mix pave on Meyer Hill Road. Stone is still being hauled in for the CHIPS project on Scott's Corners and Jersey Hollow Roads. Mr. Barber hired D & H Excavating off the Cattaraugus County Bid at the cost of \$212,414.14. They will be changing out the culvert at Whitcomb and North Otto Tomorrow. The County will be replacing the culvert bridge next week, Otto Road will be closed. Mansfield and Otto will be working on Jersey Hollow Road at the same time.

Councilman Stang Mr. Stang attended The Local Government Conference offered by Southern Tier West Regional Planning at Houghton College. He learned that there needs to be specific zoning of solar farm batteries. The batteries are needed to support charging stations that will be forced upon us in the future. The Speaker was from Wendel Engineering. He feels the Zoning Board should speak to this guy. The next thing coming down the line is the replacement of gas generators with a battery bank stored in the home.

Councilmember Gregory Mrs. Gregory received a text message regarding a bicentennial celebration. She also received a call from a disgruntled townsman.

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

\$630.00 was collected during the month of May. The following disbursements were made:

Town Supervisor	\$559.58
Department of ag & markets	\$ 11.00
Catt Co. DPW	\$28.20
DEC	\$8.72
NYS-DOH	\$22.50

Assessors Report via Email:

The May report is as follows:

- The Tentative Roll was created May 1. The public can view it at <https://www.cattco.org/real-property-andgis/assessment-rolls>
- Grievance Day was May 24: seven properties were reviewed by the Board of Assessment Review.
- The Assessing Office has corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions.
- There were four property transfers in April. However, these cannot be added to our system until July 1. In the meantime, you can find more information about these sales here:
<https://maps2.cattco.org/MonthlySales/Apr2022.htm>[RESOLUTION 2023-23](#)

RESOLUTION 2023-26

Appointment to the Planning Board

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

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

Resolved that the appointment of Randy Beenau to the Otto Planning Board is approved. His term shall be for four years. Expiring December 2027

RESOLUTION 2023-27

Audit of Claims

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 bills contained on Abstract #006 in the amount of \$ 133,835.17 have been reviewed by Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No.	28	through	35	\$4716.15
Highway Fund	No.	48	through	58	\$129089.02
Water District	No.	11	through		\$30.00
Sewer District	No.		through		

RESOLUTION 2023-28

Supervisor's and Clerk's Monthly Report-May

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

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

Resolved that the Supervisor's and Clerk's May 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 8:07pm. Carried unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on July 18, 2023 at 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Trisha Priest, Otto Town Clerk