

## 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 21st day of March 2023.

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

**Absent:** none

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 provided a copy of the Proposed Local Law No. 1 of year 2023 as drafted by the attorney.

### RESOLUTION 2023-12

#### 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 the February 2023 meeting are approved as written.

**Highway Superintendent** Mr. Barber reported on the activities of the highway department. They have had the broom out to take off the first layer of road grit. They have been doing some ditching on Skinner Hollow Road. A thin layer of pea size gravel has been put down. The blue truck is still being serviced it has continued to act up. The posting for the excavator on Auctions International has ended with a bid of only \$19,900.00. He wanted to see at least \$30,000. The Town could still get the trade in quoted at \$25,000 from Alta Equipment with the purchase of the used excavator. The letter of intent to purchase is expiring today. The department generally puts 500-600 hours on the equipment annually and Mr. Barber feels it's a valuable purchase for the Town. Mr. Barber has acquired three quotes for the demolition of the partially collapsed building on Main Street.

**Code Enforcement Officer** Jeff Holler reported on his activities for the month from 2/21/2023-03/21/2023. He took nineteen calls. He conducted six inspections. No building permits were issued this month. Mr. Holler discussed how the zoning law is unique to our Town and that if a cleanup law were to be acted upon the County wouldn't reimburse the Town for those expenses if they were applied as a lien on the property taxes. A letter of intent needs to be sent to the home owner and he believes written permission needs to be given from the property owner before the Town can demolish the building.

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

\$2090.00 was collected during the month of February. The following disbursements were made:

Town Supervisor	\$1996.20
Department of ag & markets	\$28.00

Catt Co. DPW	\$65.80
DEC	\$0.00
NYS-DOH	\$0.00

Tax Collection : An analysis of Collections of the current tax collection period was distributed to the Board. Total overall collections as of 03/21/2023 is \$1,294,671.14 on 659 parcels. 98 parcels are still outstanding.

#### Assessors Report via Email:

- Because exemption renewal applications are due March 1, February is always one of our busiest months-- answering tax payer questions, processing applications, contacting applicants for additional information, etc. In order to best serve these applicants, we also take time to call those who haven't returned a renewal application, reminding them the deadline is quickly approaching. Reminder letters are sent to the handful we do not have good phone numbers for.
- Renewal applications for Agricultural Assessment and Senior Citizen Exemption are being submitted and processed. So far, 94% of Agricultural Assessment and 80% of Senior Citizen renewal applications have been processed. The Assessing Office has corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions.
- There were four property transfers in January. You can find more information about these sales here:  
<https://www.cattco.org/real-property-and-gis/sale>

#### RESOLUTION 2023- 13

##### Audit of Claims

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

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

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #003 in the amount of \$ 18709.01 have been reviewed by Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No.	16	through	19	\$5325.12
Highway Fund	No.	19	through	28	\$13353.89
Water District	No.	5	through		\$30.00
Sewer District	No.		through		

#### RESOLUTION 2023-14

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

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

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

Resolved that the Supervisor's and Clerk's February 2023 report be accepted as submitted.

#### RESOLUTION 2023-15

##### Excavator Purchase

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

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

Whereas; the Town Highway Superintendent is desirous of trading in and purchasing an excavator.

Therefore; the Town Board has authorized the Highway Superintendent to accept the trade in value of \$25,000 for the used excavator and the purchase of a 2021 EWR170 excavator off the Source Well contract for the price of \$202,488.00 from Alta Equipment of Batavia, New York.

RESOLUTION 2023-16

Public Hearing – Local Law No 1 of year 2023

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

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

                     Nays    0

Resolved to conduct a public hearing on Proposed Local Law 2023-1 temporary moratorium on the issuance of applications and permits, licenses or approvals for the siting of commercial solar power projects.

The Public hearing is hereby scheduled April 18, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Otto Town Hall.

With no further discussion, on a motion of Councilmember Gregory and seconded by Councilmember Mallaber, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm. Carried unanimously.

A public hearing will be held on April 18, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Otto Town Hall.

The next board meeting will be held on April 21, 2023 at 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Trisha Priest, Otto Town Clerk