

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 July 2023.

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

Absent: Brenda Mallaber .. Councilmember

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

RESOLUTION 2023-29

Approval of minutes

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Gregory, Stang, Walker, Wasmund

Nays 0

Resolved that the minutes of the June 2023 meeting are approved.

Supervisor Wasmund Mr. Wasmund presented the Board with his monthly report. He discussed with the board correspondence from Brady & Swenson regarding their proposal for legal representation. Mr. Wasmund inquired on receipt of a bid for the Town Hall roof. A bid has not come in. Dan Steinbar has been recommended to fill the vacancy on the variance board. A resolution was requested to appoint Mr. Steinbar to the board.

Highway Superintendent Mr. Barber reported on the activities of the highway department. The highway crew assisted East Otto, New Albion and Mansfield on their chip sealing projects over the month. They hauled in 246 ton of shoulder material running 23 trucks. The pipe on Whitcomb was changed out and the culvert on Dake Hill was replaced. The guys have been mowing in between paving jobs.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Holler reported on his activities for the month from 6/22/23 thru 7/18/23. He took twelve calls. He conducted eleven inspections. Three permits were issued. The first at 9581 Marek Road for a shed. The second at 8580 Dake Hill Road for a single family residence. The third at 9693 Hill Road for a pole building. Five violation notices were sent. He submitted the information and complaint form to the Judge. Mr. Holler attended the planning board meeting. \$330.00 was turned over to the Clerk.

Councilman Stang Mr. Stang read letters of gratitude for the life saving measures taken by members of the Otto Fire Department on a rescue call on North Otto Road. Mr. Stang asked if there were any thoughts on hosting the 200 year anniversary for the Town. Many ideas came forward. No official committee was formed.

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

\$630.00 was collected during the month of June. 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

The Town Clerk read the correspondence regarding the cancelation of the Road bond for the Dunkleman Hill Solar project.

Assessors Report via Email:

The June report is as follows:

- The 2023 roll year has been finalized as of July 1. These are the assessments that will be used for all 2023 taxes. Changes can no longer be made to the roll, and any complaints will need to go through the Cattaraugus County Department of Real Property Tax Services. A copy of the Final Roll is available here: <https://www.cattco.org/real-property-and-gis/assessment-rolls>
- The Assessing Office has corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions.
- There were three property transfers in May. You can find more information about these sales here: <https://www.cattco.org/real-property-and-gis/sales>

RESOLUTION 2023-30

Appointment to the variance Board

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

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

Resolved that the appointment of Dan Steinbar to the Otto Variance Board is approved. His term shall be for four years. Expiring December 2027

RESOLUTION 2023-31

Audit of Claims

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

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

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #007 in the amount of \$ 227,031.12 have been reviewed by Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No.	36	through	42	\$1,365.25
Highway Fund	No.	59	through	67	\$224,328.36
Water District	No.	12	through		\$30.00
Sewer District	No.	1	through		\$307.21

RESOLUTION 2023-32

Supervisor's and Clerk's Monthly Report-June

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Gregory, Stang, Walker
 Nays 0

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

RESOLUTION 2023-33

Supporting the Cattaraugus County Real Property Tax Services in updating the 2023 assessment roll

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

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

WHEREAS, the Otto Town Board supports the efforts of Cattaraugus County's Real Property Tax Services in updating the 2023 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.

With no further discussion, on a motion of Councilmember Gregory and seconded by Councilmember Stang, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. Carried unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on August 15, 2023 at 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Trisha Priest, Otto Town Clerk