

## 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 15th day of August 2023.

**Present:** Ron Wasmund .. Town Supervisor  
Paul Stang .. Councilmember  
Marlene Gregory .. Councilmember  
Kevin Walker .. Councilmember  
Trisha Priest .. Town Clerk

**Absent:** Brenda Mallaber .. Councilmember  
Robert Barber Jr. .. Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Wasmund called the regular board meeting to order at 7:05pm with a quorum present.

### RESOLUTION 2023-34

#### Approval of minutes

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Gregory, Stang, Walker, Wasmund

Nays 0

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

**Supervisor Wasmund** Mr. Wasmund presented the Board with his monthly report. He also presented the board with an emailed report by the Highway Superintendent.

**Code Enforcement Officer** Jeff Holler reported on his activities for the month from 07/18/2023-08/15/2023. He took ten calls. He conducted seven inspections. Two permits were issued. The first at 8820 N. Otto Road for a 3 sided pole building. The second at 8482 N. Otto Road for an open pole building. Two violation notices were sent. Mr. Holler attended the planning board meeting. \$400.00 was turned over to the Clerk.

**Councilman Stang** Mr. Stang reported on the activities scheduled for the Towns 200<sup>th</sup> year celebration being hosted by the Otto Vol. Fire Dept. on September 23, 2023 from 2pm-5pm. He discussed some of the awards that could be handed out during the celebrations. Awards such as longest married couple in the town and largest dairy farm in town. He also reported on the activities of the Otto Fire Department. Fifteen members from the Fire Department completed pump operations training in the month of August.

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

\$1050.00 was collected during the month of July. The following disbursements were made:

Town Supervisor	\$1023.50
Department of ag & markets	\$4.00
Catt Co. DPW	\$0.00
DEC	\$0.00
NYS-DOH	\$22.50

The Town Clerk read the correspondence from the Town of New Albion – a thank you to the Town of Otto highway department.

The Dog control officer requested that the board review the animal control law. The seizure and daily housing rates have not been updated in many years.

Assessors Report via Email:

The July report is as follows:

- The 2023 roll year has been finalized as of July 1.
- The Assessing Office has corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions.
- There were five property transfers in June. You can find more information about these sales here:  
<https://www.cattco.org/real-property-and-gis/sales>

#### RESOLUTION 2023-35

##### Audit of Claims

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

Ayes 4 Gregory, Stang, Walker, Wasmund  
Nays 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #008 in the amount of \$ 30,217.50 have been reviewed by Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No.	43	through	46	\$708.11
Highway Fund	No.	68	through	76	\$29479.39
Water District	No.	13	through		\$30.00
Sewer District	No.		through		\$

#### RESOLUTION 2023-36

##### Town Legal Representation

On a motion by Ron Wasmund and seconded by Marlene Gregory, the following resolution was

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

Resolved to contract Legal Services for the Town of Otto with Brady & Swenson P.C. Legal located at 41 Main St Suite 1, Salamanca, NY 14779.

#### RESOLUTION 2023-37

##### Animal Control Law update

On a motion by Ron Wasmund and seconded by Marlene Gregory, the following resolution was

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

**WHEREAS**, the Local Law 1-08 Animal Control Law has not been revised since 2008. and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Otto has the right to change the fines and fees associated with such law by resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Otto, New York, that the Town of Otto wishes to increase the fees for seizure and impoundment of dogs in violation of the Town Dog Control Law or the NYS Agriculture and Markets Laws follows:

Section 3 B. \$25.00 for Seizure and \$15 for each day or part of day for keeping and caring for such dog. This fee shall be paid to the Dog Control Officer.

RESOLUTION 2023-37

Supervisor's and Clerk's Monthly Report-July

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 July 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 8:00pm. Carried unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on September 19, 2023 at 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Trisha Priest, Otto Town Clerk