

## 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 February 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 made note that on February 10 the Town of Otto had its 200 year anniversary.

### RESOLUTION 2023-6

#### Approval of minutes

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

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

Nays 0

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

**Highway Superintendent** Mr. Barber submitted the 284 agreement to spend highway funds. The Highway department has been brushing on Whitcomb Road. He would like to go to advocacy day in Albany March 7 & 8<sup>th</sup>. He hit a deer with the Town pickup truck. It is at Hilltop for repairs. He received a quote for a new truck to replace the Town Pickup. It came it at \$27,492.00 without a plow. Adding a plow would increase the cost by \$7000. He feels that is too expensive and asks the board to purchase an extended warranty for \$3585.00. The amount will be prorated if traded in. He discussed the 3 year old loader and the excavator. He went to the Town of Carol to inspect their Volvo brand loader and excavator and they received high reviews. He would like to put the excavator on Auctions International to see what they could get for it. He discussed the building collapse at 9115 Otto-E-Otto Road. He also communicated about the meeting with the County Department of Public works regarding seeking a grant to replace the Forty Road Bridge.

**Councilmember Paul Stang** Mr. Stang commented how well the Otto VFD Pancake Breakfast was supported by the community. A second one will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup> from 8am to noon. \$10 a plate. The Fire Department has 5 members taking basic firefighter training.

**Code Enforcement Officer** Jeff Holler reported on his activities for the month from 1/18/2023-02/21/2023. He took ten calls. He issued four permits, the first at 98441 N. Otto Rd for a re-roof, the next at 8483 N. Otto Rd for a covered porch, the third and last at 9574 Forty Road for two pole buildings. He conducted five inspections. \$400.00 was deposited with the Town Clerk.

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

\$61029.20 was collected during the month of January. The following disbursements were made:

Town Supervisor	\$60,956.62
Department of ag & markets	\$32.00
Catt Co. DPW	\$18.80
DEC	\$0.00
NYS-DOH	\$22.50

#### Assessors Report via Email:

The January report is as follows:

- Renewal applications for Agricultural Assessment and Senior Citizen Exemption are being submitted and processed. So far, 69% of Agricultural Assessment and 31% of Senior Citizen renewal applications have been processed. These applications are due March 1, 2023. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Assessor's Office Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM with any questions.
- Pursuant to Section 501 of NYS Real Property Tax Law the Notice Concerning the Examination of Assessment Inventory and Data must be displayed on the bulletin board at the Town Hall and published in the town's official paper. I have provided a copy of this notice for your bulletin board. My office will take care of publishing the notice and the invoice will be sent to the town.
- Otto's 2023 Assessment roll has a net increase of \$31,200 from sale listing updates.
- The Assessing Office has corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions.
- There were four property transfers in December. You can find more information about these sales here:

<https://www.cattco.org/real-property-and-gis/sales>

#### RESOLUTION 2023- 7

##### 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 #002 in the amount of \$ 42,876.16 have been reviewed by Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No.	10	through	15	\$30788.38
Highway Fund	No.	9	through	18	\$10937.78
Water District	No.	3	through	4	\$150.00
Sewer District	No.		through		

#### RESOLUTION 2023-08

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

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 January 2023 report be accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 2023-09

Pay Loader Purchase

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

Whereas; the John Deere Loader is three years old and the Town Highway Superintendent is desirous of upgrading the loader.

Therefore; the Town Board has authorized the Highway Superintendent to seek out three year financing on the purchase of a Volvo Loader.

RESOLUTION 2023-10

Advocacy Attendance

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 allow the Highway Superintendent to attend Advocacy day March 7 and March 8, 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023-11

Support for ACT NO 76-2023 of the Cattaraugus County Legislature

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 Town Board of the Town of Otto is hereby in support of the Cattaraugus County Legislatures stand to oppose Governor Hochel's Ban of Gas Stoves and other new fossil fuel heating equipment.

With no further discussion, on a motion of Councilmember Gregory and seconded by Councilmember Mallaber, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm. Carried unanimously.

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

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Trisha Priest, Otto Town Clerk