

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 17th day of May 2022.

Present: Ron Wasmund .. Town Supervisor

Brenda Mallaber .. Councilmember

Paul Stang .. Councilmember

Robert Barber Jr. .. Highway Superintendent

Kevin Walker .. Councilmember

Marlene Gregory .. Councilmember

Jeff Holler .. Code Enforcement Officer

Others Present: None

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

RESOLUTION 2022-20

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 April 2022 are approved.

Supervisor Wasmund Mr. Wasmund presented the Board with his monthly report. Ron attended the SLRF funding webinar. He discussed the provisions for governmental services and revenue replacement. He was in communication with the Planning board regarding the public hearing for a special use permit for the solar farm project on Dake Hill Road. Mr. Wasmund acknowledged the resignation of Brenda Mallaber effective June 23, 2022. Congratulated her on her retirement from the school.

Highway Superintendent Mr. Barber submitted a report of recent highway department activities. Chip sealing will start tomorrow. 6.4 miles, some of which will be paid for by chips. Oil is \$3.90 a gallon for this month and is expected to be a quarter more next month and increasing again in July. We will be around \$140,000.00 in oil expense. The excavator is still down, we are still waiting on some parts. He asked Cat to put the hub together because we don't have the socket or means to put the 1518 foot pounds of torque that it needs. They found that the sun gear had the thrust washers and retaining rings gone in which allowed them to eat into the planetary case. They are trying to locate a used cover.

We have a lot of locations called into 811 for digging as soon as we get the excavator back together.

We skid paved on Hebner Hill Road to wedge and true up the road. We put 315 ton down last week doing that, We will put shoulders on that after we chip seal tomorrow. Wanted to get it in better shape before the truck traffic when the solar job starts. This years chips money is \$192465.06 and last year's rollover is \$10671.73 giving us a total of \$203136.79. We took a load of scrap steel to Jamestown and got \$502.23.

John Woodard would like to see stand by generator sets put at the sewer plant and grinder station.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Holler reported on his activities for the month from 04/27/2022 – 05/27/2022. He took six calls, conducted four inspections and issued two permits, the first on Marek Road for a pole garage renewal and the second at 9352 North Otto Road for a single family residence. He was present for the planning board meeting. \$255.00 was turned over to the Town Clerk for the permits.

Town Clerk The monthly review of the town clerk activities for the month of April 2022.
\$344.00 was collected during the month of April. The following disbursements were made:

Town Supervisor	\$324.55
Department of ag & markets	\$10.00
Catt Co. DPW	\$0.00
DEC	\$9.45
NYS-DOH	\$0.00

The Town Clerk presented the assessors April report on behalf of the Assessor to the Town Board.

The April report is as follows:

- The 2022 Equalization Rate is 100%. In order for the NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services to approve 100%, many property assessments had to be increased to reflect recent changes in real estate market trends. Residential property values were increased by 10%; land values were increased by 5%. Of course, any new construction, demos, or adjustments to data are also accounted for in these new values.
- In order to continue with the Cyclical Reassessment Plan set in place last year, we will have to provide the state with an updated MOU and resolution annually—these are due June 24. Please pass a resolution, as you did last year, in support of my team keeping Otto at 100%, and sign the MOU. Both the MOU and sample resolution are included in my report.
- The Assessing Office has corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions.
- There were five property transfers in March. 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/Mar2022.htm>

RESOLUTION 2022- 21

Truck and Excavator Repair

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 Highway Superintendent may purchase the necessary truck parts and contract with CAT and Cummings for the repair of the excavator.

RESOLUTION 2022-22

Supporting the Cattaraugus County Real Property Tax Services in updating the 2022 assessment roll

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

WHEREAS, the Otto Town Board supports the efforts of Cattaraugus County's Real Property Tax Services in updating the 2022 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.

RESOLUTION 2022- 23

Audit of Claims

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 bills contained on Abstract #005 in the amount of \$ 36,456.14 have been reviewed by Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund No. 35 through 37 \$777.03

Highway Fund No. 54 through 64 \$35679.11

Water District No. through

Sewer District No. through

RESOLUTION 2022-24

Supervisor's Monthly Report-April

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Gregory, Stang, Mallaber, Walker

 Nays 0

Resolved that the Supervisor's April 2022 report be accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 2022-25

Town Clerks Monthly Report-April

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

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

 Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Clerk's report of April 2022 activity be accepted as submitted.

With no further discussion, on a motion of Councilmember Mallaber and seconded by Councilmember Walker, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm. Carried unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on June 21, 2022 at 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trisha Priest, Otto Town Clerk