

## 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 March 2022.

**Present:** Ron Wasmund .. Town Supervisor  
Marlene Gregory .. Councilmember  
Brenda Mallaber .. Councilmember  
Paul Stang .. Councilmember  
Robert Barber Jr. .. Highway Superintendent  
Kevin Walker .. Councilmember  
Jeff Holler .. Code Enforcement Officer

**Others Present:** none

Supervisor Wasmund called the regular board meeting to order at 7:02pm with a quorum present.

### RESOLUTION 2022-11

#### Approval of minutes

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

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

Resolved that the minutes of February 2022 are approved.

**Supervisor Wasmund** Mr. Wasmund presented the Board with his monthly report.

**Highway Superintendent** Mr. Barber reported that the highway department has been sweeping the roads. They have been working on truck maintenance. Truck #2 had a short in the wiring which fried the fuel control module. The cost for replacement part came to \$2600.00. Mr. Barber consulted with Erie and Cattaraugus Counties soil and water departments regarding the slide on South Hill Road. They were able to explain why it was sliding but that there is no cure. There are measures that can be taken that could reduce some of the movement of the soil. The Town will have to use CHIPS money to fix South Hill Road. The Highway department has been trying to finish Dunkleman Hill Road. He and Supervisor Wasmund met with Kathleen Ellis, Cattaraugus County Commissioner of public works. They would like the Town of Otto to consider taking the responsibility or maintenance and upkeep for 7.1 miles of County Roads that are in Otto. Mr. Barber did some quotes on the current cost for those roads. He would need an additional truck and laborer to maintain the roads. Mr. Barber spoke with Pete from Omni regarding the cost of the road bonding for the Dake Hill project. Omni feels the amount is too high. He discussed the need to increase the amount of the road bond required for future projects to \$100,000 per lane mile. The increases in petroleum and fuel prices necessitate this increase.

**General Discussion** The IDA received a check from Dimension in the amount of \$92,028.00 for administrative fees on the solar project on Dunkleman Hill. The SEQR process should be started again with the changes occurring with the Dake Hill solar project. At this time the Hometown Community Agreement should be addressed.

**Code Enforcement Officer** Jeff Holler reported on his activities for the month from 02/15/2022 – 03/15/2022. He took seventeen calls, conducted thirteen inspections and issued one permit at 8482 North Otto Road for a house conversion. He issued six violation notices and attended a three hour training on floodplain management.

**Town Clerk** The monthly review of the town clerk activities for the month of February 2022.

\$970.00 was collected during the month of February. The following disbursements were made:

Town Supervisor	\$953.00
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Department of ag & markets	\$17.00
Catt Co. DPW	\$0.00
DEC	\$0.00
NYS-DOH	\$0.00

The Town Clerk presented the assessors February report on behalf of the Assessor to the Town Board.  
The February report is as follows:

- 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 an renewal application in mid-February, reminding them the deadline is quickly approaching. Reminder letters are sent to the handful we do not have good phone numbers for.
- The Assessing Office has corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions.
- Added one sale for January. More information about Cattaraugus County sales can be found here: <https://maps2.cattco.org/MonthlySales/Jan2022.htm>.

RESOLUTION 2022- 12

Audit of Claims

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

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

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #003 in the amount of \$ 72399.63 have been reviewed by Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No.	18	through	22	\$1,077.74
Highway Fund	No.	27	through	40	\$69,482.89
Water District	No.	4	through		\$30.00
Sewer District	No.	1	through	2	\$1,809.00

RESOLUTION 2022-13

Supervisor's Monthly Report-February

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 2022-14

Town Clerks Monthly Report-February

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 2022-15

Postpone the April Meeting

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

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

Resolved that the regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting to be held April 19, 2022 will be postponed and held at its regular time on April 26, 2022.

With no further discussion, on a motion of Councilmember Mallaber and seconded by Councilmember Walker, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm. Carried unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on April 26, 2022 at 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Trisha Priest, Otto Town Clerk