

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 26th day of April 2022.

Present: Ron Wasmund .. Town Supervisor

Brenda Mallaber .. Councilmember

Paul Stang .. Councilmember

Robert Barber Jr. .. Highway Superintendent

Kevin Walker .. Councilmember

Jeff Holler .. Code Enforcement Officer

Absent: Marlene Gregory .. Councilmember

Others Present: Ron Solem

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

RESOLUTION 2022-16

Approval of minutes

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Mallaber, Stang, Walker, Wasmund

Nays 0

Resolved that the minutes of March 2022 are approved.

Privilege of the Floor Ron Solem asked of the Town Board if they had heard anything from Omni. The company who is putting together the solar farm on his property on Dake Hill Road.

General Discussion On the advice of the Town Lawyer there should be another public hearing for the special use permit on the Dake Hill Solar project because there were several changes made. Jeff Holler has not been contacted by Omni for a building permit. Mr. Solem is concerned about putting in crops this season without knowing if he will be able to get the crops off before they start to build.. Mr. Barber discussed the issue with the width of the entry roads. Omni wants to put in roads that are too narrow. The roads should be 20 feet to allow for emergency vehicle access. Mr. Stang brought up the concern that the contract language is not strong enough language to protect the Town or the land owner. At this point it is too late to add the Hometown community agreement. The permit fee schedule doesn't include projects like this and are too low.

Supervisor Wasmund Mr. Wasmund presented the Board with his monthly report. He has been in contact with the Town Attorney regarding the the Dake Hill solar project.

Highway Superintendent Mr. Barber reported that the Spindle broke off the excavator. He has been looking for the parts to fix it. Used parts were more expensive than to have new parts shipped. All the Chip stone has been delivered. The Highway department has been inspecting the culverts. The Town has two must replace and a couple placed on the list to do after that.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Holler reported on his activities for the month from 03/15/2022 – 04/26/2022. He took fifteen calls, conducted seven inspections and issued two permits, the first at 9717 Marek Road for a pole garage and the second on Gibson Hill for a pole building. He issued three violation notices and attended twenty four hours of Code training and was present for the planning board meeting. \$84.00 was turned over to the Town Clerk for the permits. Mr. Holler completed the census report and submitted the state annual report. Mr. Holler asked to have a letter posted regarding spring clean up. The letter reads as follows:

4/19/2022

Spring is slowly coming, and it's time to start cleaning up our property. I'm hoping that we can take pride in our community and get rid of the rubbish and junk vehicles that we have accumulated and maybe even help out a neighbor if they are unable.

I don't like sending out violation notices, but its part of my job as I am asking for your cooperation by the end of May 2022.

Sincerely,

Jeff Holler – Code Enforcement Officer

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

\$1010.00 was collected during the month of March. The following disbursements were made:

Town Supervisor	\$888.60
Department of ag & markets	\$18.00
Catt Co. DPW	\$103.40
DEC	\$0.00
NYS-DOH	\$0.00

The Town Clerk reported that the condition of the leaky roof is getting worse in her office. It won't be raining outside but it's still dripping from the seam.

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

The March report is as follows:

- Due to the recent increase in real estate market trends, small modifications to assessments will need to be made. A 100% equalization rate cannot be maintained without them. No large changes are coming. Without these small adjustments the rate would drop to 93%. Property owners will receive a Change of Assessment Notice the first week of May. As always, we are happy to explain these changes or answer property owner questions Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.
- The 2022 exemption deadline was March 1. Reminders were mailed to all Agricultural Assessment and Senior Citizen Exemption applicants who had not returned their renewal mid-February. This notice reminded applicants that renewals would not be accepted after the deadline. No Agricultural Assessments were removed; two Senior Citizen Exemptions were removed.
- Twenty-seven building permits were reviewed for Roll Year 2022.
- The Assessing Office has corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions.
- Added three sales for February. More information about Cattaraugus County sales can be found here: <https://maps2.cattco.org/MonthlySales/Feb2022.htm>

RESOLUTION 2022- 17

Audit of Claims

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Mallaber, Stang, Walker, Wasmund

Nays 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #004 in the amount of \$ 35018.33 have been reviewed by Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No.	23	through	34	\$16413.72
Highway Fund	No.	41	through	53	\$18396.12
Water District	No.	5	through	7	\$208.49
Sewer District	No.		through		

RESOLUTION 2022-18

Supervisor's Monthly Report-March

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Stang, Mallaber, Walker
 Nays 0

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

RESOLUTION 2022-19

Town Clerks Monthly Report-March

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

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

Resolved that the Town Clerk's report of March 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 8:17 pm. Carried unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on May 17, 2022 at 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trisha Priest, Otto Town Clerk