

Regular Meeting, Town Of Otto

March 18, 2014 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 .

Present: Ron Wasmund .. Town Supervisor
Brenda Mallaber .. Councilwoman
Paul Stang .. Councilman
James Wojdan .. Councilman
Francis Feth .. Councilman
Trisha Priest .. Town Clerk
Robert Barber Jr. .. Highway Superintendent

Absent:

Others Present:

Jeff Hollar .. Code Enforcement Officer entered the meeting at 7:20pm
Colleen Feth .. Chairwoman of the Comprehensive Planning Board

Community Members Present:

Douglas Barber, Brenda Austin

Supervisor Wasmund called the regular meeting to order at 7:10pm.

RESOLUTION 2014-54

Approval of minutes

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

APOPTED Ayes 5 Feth, Mallaber, Stang, Wasmund, Wojdan
 Nays 0

Resolved that the minutes of February 18, 2014 be approved as presented.

Honorable Brenda Austin expressed her appreciation for work done by R. Barber Jr. to get the new phone system in place. She is in the process of seeking information on how to change the mailing address for the Town Court. It is her hope that it can be changed to eliminate the PO Box expense. There is a lot of paperwork involved to accomplish this.

As a resident of Otto B. Austin expressed her anger over the \$2.00 fee charged in regards to the delinquent tax second notice mailing. A lengthy argument was presented. This is the first year the town of Otto has complied with Real Property tax law §987 mandating that a notice of unpaid taxes be mailed prior to March 15th. The towns are able to charge a \$2.00 fee to cover the expense associated with the mailings. B. Austin demanded of the board to remove the fee and to refund the tax payers.

B. Austin and D. Barber exited the meeting. The town board discussed this complaint in length. It is written in the law that the town may charge the \$2.00 fee to cover the expense of complying with the mandate from Real Property Tax Law. Clerk Priest will follow up with the treasures office to determine if there is a way to provide notice on the tax bill mailed in January. At this time the fee will not be refunded.

Report of town officials

Supervisor Ronald Wasmund presented the monthly report on the Town's finances for the month of February 2014.

Comprehensive Planning Board C. Feth distributed the Town Enforcement Laws to the board members.

Highway Superintendent Robert Barber Jr. Attended Advocacy Day. There was a large turnout and he had the opportunity to speak with Senator Young. The highway department has been working on the skidders and preparing to groom the roads. The town's 97 international is leaking oil and the bearings are going, sighting low oil pressure. An approximate cost to make the repairs is \$2000 and Joe Frenz was contacted to quote the job as this is a job larger than what the highway employees have handled before. R. Barber Jr. stated that the board should consider a replacement for this truck as the frame is separating. It should last another year with minor repairs. In the long run, buying a used one would be more cost efficient.

He has been working on putting new insulation in the clerk's office as a barrier between the shop and the office. He encountered a problem with the ventilation for the furnace as the cold air return is located in that room. To try to solve the air lock created he will put vent strips in the door.

All are welcome March 24th 6pm for a fuel treat seminar hosted by the Otto Vol. Fire Department.

Chairwoman Feth asked why the Otto-E.Otto Road was flooding in front of the town barns. R. Barber Jr. explained that the sluice pipe along that county road is plugged and not allowing the water to properly drain. He has been in contact with the county regarding this matter. He also would like to ask the county if they could work out a shared service agreement to divide some of the work between the town and county to have the pipe repaired or replaced and the parking lot repaved when the repairs are finished.

Councilman Stang wanted to mention that there will be an Amish Breakfast at the Otto Fire department March 29th and the Chicken BBQ is scheduled for April 6th.

Town Clerk Trisha Priest stated that the new dog tags have arrived and that the sales of refuse tickets and dog licenses are going well with the exception that many people don't present exact change. Clerk Priest asked the board to consider a petty cash amount to use for making change in the office.

RESOLUTION 2014-55

Petty Cash Fund

On a motion made by Councilwoman Mallaber and seconded by Councilman Wojdan, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Feth, Mallaber, Stang, Wasmund, Wojdan
 Nays 0

Resolved that the clerk may have a petty cash fund up to fifty dollars for the purpose of making change for town clerk transactions.

Code enforcement Jeff Hollar reported he presented the case against Wilder and that the judge may take up to 30 days to come to a verdict. J. Hollar received a call from Call for Action today, in regards to complaints going un answered about the wilder properties. The reporter was given up to date information and will inform the complainant of the progress being made. He has taken 8 calls and issued one building permit this past month. An order was placed to purchase building permits on card stock at the cost of \$0.35 ea.

RESOLUTION 2014-56

Audit of Claims

On a motion made by Councilman Feth and seconded by Councilman Wojdan, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Feth, Mallaber, Stang, Wasmund, Wojdan
 Nays 0

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

General Fund	No. 19 through 26	\$ 1665.94
Highway Fund	No. 26 through 38	\$ 12,143.54

RESOLUTION 2014-57

Supervisor's Monthly Report

On a motion made by Councilman Wojdan and seconded by Councilman Stang, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Feth, Mallaber, Stang, Wojdan
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Supervisor's Monthly report for the month of February 2014 is accepted as submitted.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Wojdan and seconded by Supervisor Wasmund, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. Carried unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on April 15, 2014 7PM at the Otto Town Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Trisha A. Priest, Town Clerk