

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 19th day of August 2014.

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

Absent: Brenda Mallaber .. Councilwoman
Jeff Holler ..Code Enforcement Officer

Community Members Present:

George Fantaski, of Otto
Steve Rice of Simmons Recovery Consulting

Supervisor Wasmund called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm.

RESOLUTION 2014-82

Approval of minutes

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

APOPTED Ayes 4 Feth, Stang, Wasmund, Wojdan
 Nays 0

Resolved that the minutes of July 15, 2014 are approved as presented.

Report of town officials

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

Supervisor Wasmund Presented the board with a letter written by Colleen Robertson expressing her opinion over the proposed modifications to the zoning laws. Also presented was the completed Code of Ethics document to be signed by Town officials and employees acknowledging receipt and posting of the document. Councilman Wojdan and Superintendent Barber were not in agreement with some provisions in the Code of Ethics adopted July 15, 2014. Jim Wojdan is unfamiliar with section 805-a(1)(c) or (d) of the General Municipal Law of which he had questions. Robert Barber was concerned about the indistinct nature of Section 9. Private employment in conflict with official duties. Discussion was tabled. The town attorney maybe able to give some insight on the General Municipal law as it relates to Ethics.

Councilman Stang attended the zoning board meeting held August 9th. He reported that there was a great deal of review and that the zoning board will continue to work on clarity for the zoning laws.

Highway Superintendent Robert Barber Jr introduced Steve Rice from Simmons Recovery Consulting. A contract was presented to the board for review and adoption to utilize Simmons consulting services to provide grant management , project formulation and management to obtain the maximum funding available from FEMA for the damages caused by the May 2014 flooding.

Superintendent Barber reported that the 1976 road side mower died. The parts to repair the mower are obsolete and no longer being produced. After placing several calls he was able to find parts at a cost of \$1300 plus freight charges which he purchased today. A new mower could cost as much as \$35,000. The roads scheduled for chip seal are Hill, Forty, Ball, and Bobseine roads. This is 5.21 miles of roadway. American Rock Salt will be increasing the price of road salt by 27% effective September 1st. That would mean an approximately \$8,000 increase from what we normally spend. An order will be placed early to get the current pricing. There will be some salt loss because of the

exposure to rain during storage. The loss wouldn't be as costly as waiting to place the order until later after the increase date. It should be considered for the budget to expect the same increase in salt prices for next year.

Concern was expressed over Governor Cuomo's tax freeze and strategic planning that the infrastructure is going to suffer. Supervisor Wasmund will be working on the tentative budget and that the town has kept under the 2% cap in the past.

Town Clerk Trisha Priest presented the board with a monthly review of the town clerks cash flows . A community member living within the sewer district posed a question to the town clerk in regards to when the user fee will be reduced from the 10 year construction costs to just being charged for the maintenance cost. Supervisor Wasmund responded with the answer that there are three more annual payments to pay off the construction debt. At that point the user fees may be reassessed.

Old Business Supervisor Wasmund spoke with the assessor about the problem with the current tax roll having missing information. The software company (FSL) that the county uses had a glitch when data was uploaded to the county. The county is working on a solution with FSL and the hope is that it will be corrected before the bills are printed.

The historical society had their annual picnic at the museum, no one from the board was in attendance. There has not been any new developments in regards to the upkeep of the historical building.

Privilege of the Floor/Public Concerns

G. Fantaski shared his experience with ethics agreements when he was a part of the work force in comment on the discussion over the adoption of the Town's Code of Ethics.

RESOLUTION 2014-83

Simmons Recovery Consulting(SRC) Contract

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Feth, Stang, Wojdan
 Nays 0

Resolved to contract the services of Simmons Recovery Consulting and to authorize Supervisor Wasmund to sign said contract. The contract between SRC and The Town of Otto in its entirety is hereby filed with and made a part of these minutes.

RESOLUTION 2014-84

Audit of Claims

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

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

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #008 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 87 through 101	\$ 27,524.37
Highway Fund	No. 95 through 105	\$ 92,817.78
Water District	No. 13 through 14	\$ 135.74
Light District	No. 4	\$ 481.20
Sewer District	No. 8 through 11	\$ 11,694.92

RESOLUTION 2014-85

Supervisor's Monthly Report

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Feth, Stang, Wojdan
 Nays 0

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

With no further discussion, on a motion of Councilman Stang and seconded by Councilman Feth, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm. Carried unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on September 16, 2014 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trisha A. Priest, Town Clerk