

## 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 16th day of September 2014.

**Present:** Ron Wasmund .. Town Supervisor  
Brenda Mallaber .. Councilwoman  
Paul Stang .. Councilman  
Francis Feth .. Councilman  
Trisha Priest .. Town Clerk  
Robert Barber Jr. .. Highway Superintendent  
Jeff Holler ..Code Enforcement Officer entered the meeting at 7:38pm  
**Absent:** James Wojdan .. Councilman

### **Others Present:**

Brenda Austin

Neighbor to Leroy Pond of North Otto Road

Supervisor Wasmund called the regular meeting to order at 7:06pm.

### RESOLUTION 2014-86

#### Approval of minutes

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

APOPTED Ayes 4 Feth, Stang, Wasmund, Mallaber

Nays 0

Resolved that the minutes of August 19, 2014 are approved as presented.

**Privilege of the floor** Brenda Austin recommended placing an informational board for the town postings as she doesn't like the clutter of paper on the windows. She would also like to have the grey cabinets removed from the town hall entrance as this could pose a safety hazard in her court room. Various options were discussed in regards to placement or function of an informational posting board. The Highway superintendant will work on the removal of the cabinets in the foyer. B. Austin also turned in the signed acknowledgement of receipt of the Code of Ethics for the Town of Otto.

The Neighbor of Leroy Pond had wished to address the zoning board. He is aware of some complaints against his neighbor that he wished to share that he finds no fault in the way his neighbor is keeping his property and had wanted to speak on Mr. Ponds behalf. He was informed of the zoning board's next meeting.

### **Report of town officials**

**Supervisor** Ronald Wasmund submitted his supervisors monthly report for review.

**Highway Superintendent** Robert Barber Jr has been working with Steve Rice of Simmons Recovery. Mr. Rice has 32 hours left on the short term contract. An extension to the contract will be needed to continue his services. An amendment was not available for this meeting. At present there are 31 sites they are trying to combine into projects for submission to FEMA. A resolution to extend the contract was tabled until an amendment document was produced.

On Monday the 23rd they will be assisting the NYSDOT with work on the 219S. The DOT has requested trucks for 2-3 days in exchange for the millings and credit for shared services. Barber ordered 335 tons of salt and used the full 2013-2014 allocation before the rate increase saving roughly \$3900. The highway crew have been working on road shoulders and mowing road sides there is more skid paving that needs to be completed. Barber will be working on the highway budget and considering options for the payoff of the loader and the need for another truck.

In light of the recent Amish buggy accidents in our neighboring townships, concerns over safety measures was discussed. There is state law requiring slow moving vehicles traveling under 25 MPH to have a caution triangle on the

rear of the vehicle. More prominent reflective tape or lights would be desired but there is not a means to mandate it on the community.

**Town Clerk** Trisha Priest presented the board with a monthly review of the town clerks cash flows . She also requested that the furnace be checked, maintained as it produces and circulates black creosote.

**Code Enforcement Officer** Jeff Holler turned in \$270 for building permits. Over the month he has taken 32 calls, 16 inspections along with the permits and 3 final notices were mailed out. He attended court in August- Some progress has been made with the Wilder properties. The junk car violation was dismissed. Another court date will be put on the docket for the rest of the problems, as there has been slow progress on the building. There was a report from the department of aging that there was a residence that was inhabitable on the end of Forty road. An order to not occupy was issued.

RESOLUTION 2014-87

Furnace Repair/Maintenance

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

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

Superintendent Barber is authorized to contact and schedule the repair and/or maintenance for the furnace located at the town hall.

RESOLUTION 2014-88

Audit of Claims

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

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

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #009 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 102 through 106	\$ 1,004.66
Highway Fund	No. 106 through 129	\$ 154,211.90

RESOLUTION 2014-89

Supervisor's Monthly Report

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

ADOPTED      Ayes    3            Feth, Stang, Mallaber  
                     Nays    0

Resolved that the Supervisor's Monthly report for the month of August 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 8:27pm. Carried unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on October 21, 2014 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Trisha A. Priest, Town Clerk