

## 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 17th day of March 2015.

**Present:** Ron Wasmund .. Town Supervisor  
Trisha Priest .. Town Clerk  
Francis Feth .. Councilman  
Brenda Mallaber .. Councilwoman  
Paul Stang .. Councilman  
James Wojdan .. Councilman  
Robert Barber Jr. .. Highway Superintendent  
Jeff Holler ..Code Enforcement Officer entered the meeting at 7:32pm

### Others Present:

Mac Sabol and Steve Rice of Simmons Recovery  
Paula Stockman- Cattaraugus County Legislator  
Dick Klancer- Cattaraugus County Legislator  
John Vanderbosch

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

### RESOLUTION 2015-54

#### Approval of minutes

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

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

Resolved that the minutes of February 17th, 2015 are approved as submitted.

**Privilege of the floor** Mac Sabol introduced himself as the WNY area representative through Simmons Recovery. He discussed in length the next phase of the recovery. The large projects defined at costing over \$120,000.00 have a different process of reimbursement. He discussed Simmons role in this process and explained how they will assist with the management of cash flow and overseeing the documentation, making certain that it will be acceptable by state standards. To do this Simmons will compile the proofs of payment and putting the project packages together so that reimbursement will come in as partial payments as the large project continues to completion. There will be a final project payment request once the project is completed to satisfaction. This payment request however will be delayed as it has to go through a two audit process before it's released for payment. This could take anywhere from 6 months to a year. There was a lengthy question and answer session for clarification of the process. It was suggested that the town hire a contract manager to oversee the contracted work. This cost is reimbursable through FEMA. The board will need to approve a bid authorization and form a selection committee to set bid criteria, review the bids and award the bid for the engineering work. The board anticipates that they will need to have a special meeting to accomplish this.

Legislator Stockman addressed the board. When the legislative districts are changed she will be the legislator representing the Town of Otto in her new district. She reminded the board members of two public forums being held and encouraged participation.

### Report of town officials

**Supervisor** Mr. Wasmund presented the board with a supervisors report.

**Highway Superintendent** Robert Barber Jr reported on the waterline problem on South street. It needs to be determined who's responsible for frozen or broken pipes and it should be in writing. D. Huber borrowed equipment from Cattaraugus to unthaw the pipes. The highway crew has been grooming the roads and repairing a frozen sluice pipe. He presented the board with a five year truck replacement plan for truck purchases. He has been researching various bid packages from other towns such as Sheridan and Onadoga to piggy back their bid. After some review of the

purchase schedule the board was asked to consider the bid for a lighter duty truck from Western Star. This truck had some favorable features such as a quick disconnect hitch and a 7 year warranty. It could take as long as six months to receive the truck so a decision made today would get the truck here before next fall. Mr. Barber discussed the possibility of purchasing an excavator with the CHIPS funds. Purchasing equipment has been approved through the CHIPS department. The purchase of the excavator would have to go out to bid once the specifications have been submitted and approved by the CHIPS coordinators. The expense for a used excavator can range from \$100,000 to \$130,000. Mr. Barber brought an article written in the Town Topics magazine published by the Association of Towns to the boards attention. The article was entitled The towns roll in volunteer fire department incentive.

**Code Enforcement Officer** Jeff Holler reported that the planning board is working on a permit for solar panels. A fee needed to be set for the paperwork. Mr. Holler suggested a \$50 fee. For the purpose of the grant application the fee was set. There has not been any progress on the Wilder property and complaints have come in about his snowmobile blocking the sidewalk. He has not yet been picked up on his warrant.

**Town Clerk** Trisha Priest presented the board with a monthly review of February's town clerk activities. \$1170.00 was collected during the month of February. The following Disbursements were made:

Town Supervisor	\$	1136.50
Department of ag & markets	\$	11.00
NYS-DOH	\$	22.50

**Councilman Stang** The Amish breakfast will be March 28th. The fire department will be having a chicken BBQ on April 18th.

RESOLUTION 2014-55

**Audit of Claims**

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

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

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #003 in the amount of \$ 23,480.063 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 9 through 22	\$ 1,740.91
Highway Fund	No. 31 through 42	\$ 21,459.15
Water District	No. 3 through 4	\$ 280.00

RESOLUTION 2015-56

**Supervisor's Monthly Report-February**

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

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

Resolved that the Supervisor's Monthly report for the month of February 2015 be accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 2015-57

**Town Clerk's Report-February**

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

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

Resolved that the Clerk's monthly report for the month of February 2015 be accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 2015-58

**5 year truck replacement plan**

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

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

Nays 0

Resolved that the 5 year truck replacement plan submitted by Superintendent Barber be approved and that the purchase of a Western Star truck and plow equipment is granted as scheduled in the plan which will be financed for five years.

With no further discussion, on a motion of Supervisor Wasmund and seconded by Councilman Wojdan, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm. Carried unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on April 21, 2015 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Trisha A. Priest, Town Clerk