

The November meeting of the East Otto Town Board was called to order at 8:01 PM by Supervisor Ann Rugg on Tuesday November 8, 2016. Ann led the pledge to the Flag.

Present were councilmen Dave Forster, Mike Poch, William Spors, Sid Barber, Highway Superintendent Tom Benz ,CEO Jeff Holler, and Budget Officer Jim Beach.

Guests present were Bob Bowen, Michael Guerin, Mark Westfall, Angela Sherman, and Sean Lexer.

A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Mike Poch to authorize the Supervisor to pay all general and highway funds bills audited. Forster, Poch, Spors, Barber and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried.

	Abstract #	Claim #	Amount
Highway 1	108	14-15	\$ 3,061.31
Highway 2	205	14	\$3,150.00
Highway 3	311	102-116	\$ 7,738.42
Highway 4	403	4	\$ 4,615.07
General	011	98-109	\$ 2,993.04

A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Sid Barber to approve and waive the reading of the October 11, 2016 and October 25, 2016 meeting minutes. Forster, Poch, Spors ,Barber and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk paid to Supervisor \$452.40 for October 2016 fees and commissions.

A motion was made by Mike Poch and seconded by Sid Barber to approve the results of the phone poll conducted Wednesday November 2, 2016 by Supervisor Ann Rugg to hire Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat, CPAs, P.C of Fredonia for payroll and accounting services for the Town of East Otto beginning as soon as possible. All board members approved at that time. Forster, Poch, Spors, Barber and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried.

Highway: Sand is being hauled in. Tom is still gathering information on the replacement of the 550. The highway department is done ditching for the year due to a cylinder leak. Tom told the board the copy from the DEC study has come in and also the chips and pave NY reports are in. Tom repaired the town hall driveway and will be looking at the drainage.

Supervisor Ann Rugg read a letter from Deanna Bowen resigning from the Planning Board. A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Mike Poch accepting Deanna's resignation. Forster, Poch, Spors, Barber and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried. Ann also read a letter of interest from Marilyn Whitmer in the deputy town clerk position. A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Sid Barber to appoint Marilyn Whitmer as deputy town clerk through the remainder of 2016. Forster, Poch, Spors, Barber and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried.

Town clerk Deanna Bowen stated that in the returned comprehensive plan study surveys there were some people interested in being a part of the planning board. Deanna will contact these people and ask them to submit letter of interest to Ann.

CEO Report: Jeff answered 16 calls, completed 8 inspections, issued 1 permit (porch) and 1 special use application. He deposited to the clerk \$85 for permit and special use application.

A motion was made by Mike Poch and seconded by Sid Barber to open the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget at 9:00pm. Forster, Poch, Spors and Beach were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Michael Guerin addressed the Board concerning roads.

A motion was made by Mike Poch and seconded by Bill Spors to close the public hearing. Forster, Poch, Spors and Beach were in favor. Motion carried.

Mike Poch stated that the Board should consider an H fund for stone & gravel for the roads if needed using Bailey Hill Road as an example. He stated the board should be looking forward to the future to improve roads in East Otto.

There was some discussion about how the H fund would be different than the roads budget we already have.

Ann Rugg stated that we should look at previous minutes to see what H fund was originally created for.

A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Bill Spors to have a special meeting to pass the budget on Tuesday November 15, 2016 at 8:00 PM and to cancel the November 22, 2016 meeting. Forster, Poch, Spors, Barber and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried.

Tom stated he would like to see the Board minutes published in the new Springville Pennysaver. Deanna will contact the Pennysaver and check on publishing costs and distribution.

A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Sid Barber to adjourn at 9:35PM. Forster, Poch, Spors, Barber and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Deanna Bowen/ Town Clerk

