

The February meeting of the East Otto Town Board was called to order at 8:10PM by Supervisor James Beach on Tuesday February 9, 2016. Jim led the pledge to the Flag.

Present were councilmen Dave Forster, William Spors, Mike Poch, Sidney Barber and CEO Jeff Holler Highway Superintendent Tom Benz was excused.

Guests present were Bob Bowen and Michael Guerin

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

	Abstract #	Claim #	Amount
Highway 3	302	4-15	\$ 9,951.60
Highway 4	401	1-2	\$ 393.75
General	002	4-15	\$ 2,010.33

A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Mike Poch to accept the audit of the January 2016 prepaid utility bills presented Forster, Poch, Spors, Barber and Beach were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Bill Spors to approve and waive the reading of the January 12th 2016 organizational meeting minutes with one change to: add Ann Rugg as Records Officer. Forster, Poch, Spors, Barber and Beach were in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk paid to Supervisor \$564.15 for January 2016 fees and commissions and the balance of the 2016 warrant owed to the Town of East Otto for taxes collected.

A letter of resignation was received from Corrine Westfall for cleaning the town hall.

A motion was made by Jim Beach and seconded by Dave Forster to advertise for someone to clean the town hall. Forster, Poch, Spors, Barber and Beach were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Sidney Barber to appoint Brian Church to the Board of Assessment Review. Forster, Poch, Spors, Barber and Beach were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Poch and seconded by Bill Spors to appoint Brian Church Chairman of the Board of Assessment Review. Forster, Poch, Spors, Barber and Beach were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Mike Poch to hire STW to create a website for the Town of East Otto and to enter into an agreement with STW to maintain the website for a fee of \$150.00 per year. Forster, Poch, Spors, Barber and Beach were in favor. Motion carried.

Jim presented to the board his ideas for ways the Town Board can participate in recognizing the East Otto Fire Department for 80 years of service to the community.

CEO report: Jeff answered 8 calls, issued 1 permit (Pole Barn), completed 7 inspections, issued 4 violation notices, issued 1 address and attended 24 hours of code training. He deposited with the clerk \$55.00 for permits issued.

There was some discussion on painting the Town Hall. Jim and Bill will come up with the specs for the scope of the work.

A \$5000.00 Grant was received from the Justice Court System.

There was some discussion on whether to go ahead with a public hearing to reduce the number of members of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The board decided to wait until the expiration of the next appointment in 2017 before taking action.

There was some discussion on the need for a Peddling and Solicitation Law. Jeff and Ann will look into what other towns have in the area.

Sales tax was received in the amount of \$59,226.00 for the 4th quarter of 2015.

The town needs to get moving on the summer program. Ann will speak to Tammi Herr to gauge her interest.

Public comment: Mr. Guerin addressed the board. He wants a plan and a definite date for the opening of Traffic Street. He was told that while Traffic Street is advertised to be unmaintained from November to April, the opening of the road will be dependent on the weather and road conditions. It will be reopened as soon as it is safe to do so.

A motion was made by Mike Poch and seconded by Dave Forster to cancel the February 23rd meeting. The next meeting will be March 8th at 8:00 Pm at the Town Hall. Forster, Poch, Spors, Barber and Beach were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Poch and seconded by Bill Spors to adjourn at 9:44 PM. Forster, Poch, Spors, Barber and Beach were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Ann Rugg
Town Clerk

