

The July meeting of the East Otto Town Board was called to order at 8:12 PM by Supervisor James Beach on Tuesday July 12, 2016. Jim led the pledge to the Flag.

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

Guests present were Bob Bowen, Michael Guerin and Ronald Laut.

An audit/examination of the Justice books for 2015 was conducted. Deposits were verified with bank receipts and receipts for fines received. It was verified that the checkbook is regularly reconciled and that deposits are made in a timely manner.

The following resolution was made by Dave Forster and seconded by William Spors:

WHEREAS the books and records of the Town Justice were audited and examined by the Town Board of the Town of East Otto and,

WHEREAS the court list agrees with the cash available and,

WHEREAS the bank account is periodically reconciled and deposits are made in a timely manner,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board accepts the audit of the books presented for examination. Roll call vote:

Councilman Michael Poch	yes	Councilman Sidney Barber	yes
Councilman David Forster	yes	Councilman William Spors	yes
Supervisor James Beach	Yes		

All were in favor. Motion carried.

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 Beach were in favor. Motion carried.

	Abstract #	Claim #	Amount
Highway 1	104	5-6	\$ 434.50
Highway 2	202	2-9	\$ 103,640.14
Highway 3	307	68-73	\$ 2,008.88
General	007	60-70	\$ 9,506.57
Misc	M02	2	\$ 69.55

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

A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Sid Barber to approve and waive the reading of the June 10, 2016 meeting minutes. Forster, Poch, Spors, Barber and Beach were in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk paid to Supervisor \$634.68 for June 2016 fees and commissions.

Mr. Ronald Laut from Monk Hill Rd. addressed the board with his concerns over the lack of regular maintenance on Monk Hill Rd. Every summer he lives in his seasonal residence on Monk Hill Rd. and he feels that the maintenance is not being performed on a regular basis and he feels he should not have to call the highway department every summer to have what should be routine maintenance done. Highway Superintendent Tom Benz said that he has not done much maintenance on the road this year however, he feels that it is too dry right now to do more than create dust. Mr. Laut stated his concern for safety due to the lack of maintenance.

Highway: East Otto Bridge #1 is closing and cars will be detoured. Tom attended a meeting prior to July 4th and no additional information was available at that time. He and several other highway superintendents had requested a meeting with Senator Kathy Young when he received word that Pave NY was a go and the website was available to apply for reimbursement. Bowen Rd. needs shoulder material and several other roads are being blacktopped. Jim will get the key back from the contractor for the gate at the gravel pit now that the work has been completed.

A motion to accept the following resolution was made by David Forster and seconded by Michael Poch:

WHEREAS, The William C. Edmunds East Otto Fire Department was created in 1936 as a volunteer fire department, and

WHEREAS, The Department has been made up of community volunteers for 80 years, and

WHEREAS, The Department has continually and courageously responded to fire and natural disasters as well as providing ambulance service to local residents, and

WHEREAS, The members of the Department selflessly give of their time and talents as needed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Town Board of The Town of East Otto does hereby recognize all members past and present of the William C. Edmunds East Otto Fire Department for their selfless dedication to their community and does hereby officially thank all members past and present for their service.

Roll Call Vote:

James Beach Supervisor	YES	David Forster Deputy Supervisor	YES
Councilman Michael Poch	YES	Councilman Sidney Barber	YES
Councilman William Spors	YES		

Motion Carried.

A motion to accept the following resolution was made by Sidney Barber and seconded by David Forster:

WHEREAS, The William C. Edmunds East Otto Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary was created in 1936 as a support for the volunteer fire department, and

WHEREAS, The Auxiliary has been made up of community volunteers for 80 years, and

WHEREAS, The Auxiliary has continually and courageously supported the department as they responded to fire and natural disasters, and

WHEREAS, The members of the Auxiliary selflessly give of their time and talents as needed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Town Board of The Town of East Otto does hereby recognize all members past and present of the William C. Edmunds East Otto Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary for their selfless dedication to their community and does hereby officially thank all members past and present for their service.

Roll Call Vote:

James Beach Supervisor	YES	David Forster Deputy Supervisor	YES
Councilman Michael Poch	YES	Councilman Sidney Barber	YES
Councilman William Spors	YES		

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman David Forster and seconded by Councilman Michael Poch to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS There is a grant available from the Justice Court Assistance Program to assist towns in upgrading security at court room facilities, and

WHEREAS the East Otto Court Justice and the Town of East Otto are in need of assistance to upgrade the security for our court room facilities as provided for by the grant

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of East Otto does hereby authorize the supervisor of the Town of East Otto to sign the Grant application presented by the Town Justice.

Councilman Michael Poch	yes	Councilman Sidney Barber	yes
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Councilman David Forster	yes	Councilman William Spors	yes
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Supervisor James Beach	yes		
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All were in favor. Motion carried.

CEO Report: Jeff answered 26 calls, completed 11 inspections, issued 3 permits (1 storage building, 1 garage and 1 pole barn), sent 2 summons for properties on E. Flats Rd. and he deposited to the clerk \$315.00 for permits issued. He also checked out a driveway on Mill Valley Rd. which goes to an old cabin and a driveway off Meyer Hill Rd where the owner will be sending in an application for an RV permit.

The painting at the Town Hall is coming along. New sills are needed on some of the basement windows.. There is a summer youth program available to residents from East Otto in Ellicottville. At this time there is no cost for our children to participate perhaps there will be next year if there is enough interest from our residents. The tree next to the pavilion has been removed. The Town Celebration is scheduled for Saturday July 23 starting at 11:00 AM. Jim will read a brief history of the Fire Dept. then the firemen and auxiliary will be presented with the appreciation resolutions and the firemen will receive certificates. A tree, sand box and children's picnic table will be dedicated in memory of DJ. Block.

A motion was made by Bill Spors and seconded by Sid Barber to cancel the July 26th meeting; the next meeting will be August 9, 2016. Spors, Barber, Poch, Forster and Beach were in favor. Motion carried.

During public comment Michael Guerin asked if Tom had available what the Pave NY funds would be used for. He asked if he could get a copy of what the funds were used for. Tom asked him to file a FOIL request with the clerk. Mr. Guerin also wanted to know why the youth program was not up and running. The swim program was eliminated because there was not enough participation.

A motion was made by Bill Spors and seconded by Sid Barber to adjourn at 10:18 PM. Spors, Barber, Forster, Poch and Beach were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Ann Rugg/Town Clerk

