

The December meeting of the East Otto Town Board was called to order at 6:00 PM by Deputy Supervisor Dave Forster on Tuesday December 12, 2017. Dave led the pledge to the Flag. Present were councilmen: Dave Forster, William Spors, Sid Barber and Mike Poch. Highway Superintendent Tom Benz and CEO Jeff Holler.

Guests present were Bob Bowen, Angie Sherman, Michael Guerin, Pearl Guerin and Richard Helmich.

A motion was made by Sid Barber and seconded by Mike Poch to authorize the Supervisor to pay all general and highway fund bills audited. Forster, Spors, Barber, and Poch were in favor.

Motion carried.

	Abstract #	Claim #	Amount
Highway 1	107	19-24	\$19,015.17
Highway 3	312	121-126	\$21,615.83
Highway 4	404	04-07	\$20,765.77
General	012	113-128	\$ 5,414.36

A motion was made by Mike Poch and seconded by Sid Barber to approve and waive the reading of the November 14, 2017 meeting minutes. Forster, Spors, Barber, and Poch were in favor.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sid Barber and seconded by Mike Poch to increase the Highway Fund 2017 budget in the amount of \$27,172.00 which represents the purchase of equipment using the equipment reserve. This will increase the budgeted amounts for the account DA5130.2-Machinery-Equipment and decrease the fund balance account DA889-Equipment Reserve.

Forster, Spors, Barber, and Poch were in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk paid to Supervisor \$312.17 for November 2017 fees and commissions.

County legislature Richard Helmich spoke to the board stating that he would like to bring more things to the county legislature that would represent rural towns such as East Otto. He told the town board that he is a board member of the land bank which helps towns with demolition of zombie properties and upgrading properties throughout the towns.

He also told the board about a manufacturing housing initiative that involves replacement of manufactured homes.

Richard also stated he is available for discussing road and bridge problems.

Highway: Tom told the board that the sand and salt is done being hauled in for this year. Snake Run Road was reopened on November 22, 2017. Mike Poch asked Tom if he felt there was a need to put guardrails up where the pilings are. Tom will check with the county on this matter.

Tom stated there is a problem with residents plowing snow across the roads. He said it is occurring more than in previous years. Tom stated that it is illegal. He also stated that plowing a road where a town truck has gone removes the sand that was put down.

On Monday December 11, 2017 the highway department barricaded Traffic Street due to a bad accident and personal vehicles trying to get people out.

Town clerk: Read a letter of interest from Pearl Guerin in regards to one of the open BAR position. She read a letter from Brian Church who is interested in the Planning Board Chairperson position. Also she read a letter from Brittne Phillips interested in one of the open Planning Board positions. Discussion took place in regards to the open positions. There was also discussion on payment for the positions including changing the payments per meeting attendance as opposed to an annual salary. Decisions on filling the vacant positions and payment for the positions will be made at the organizational meeting.

A motion was made by Mike Poch and seconded by Sid Barber to accept the following proclamation:
COMMEMORATING the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Amherst, New York

WHEREAS, the Town of Amherst, New York celebrates its Bicentennial in the year of 2018 and it is fitting to recognize the Town of Amherst on the occasion of this special milestone and to applaud its distinguished history, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Amherst was officially created on April 10, 1819 from part of the Town of Buffalo (later known as the City of Buffalo):and

WHEREAS, in the nineteenth century Amherst was prosperous farming community: and

WHEREAS, the town grew from being primarily a farming community to an urban community in the twentieth century with the creation of new subdivisions, the building of the University of Buffalo Campus in Amherst and the location of the Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town today is comprised of 125,000 residents and provides many facilities and attractions including: a four rink recreational facility that attracts national and international ice tournaments, a state of the art senior center, three libraries, and a State Park: and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the Town of Amherst's rich history and enduring contributions, it is indeed an honor to pay tribute to this town upon the occasion of its Bicentennial; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that congratulations are sent to the Town of Amherst on their Bicentennial and the town and its residents are to be enthusiastically recognized as they celebrate this auspicious occasion and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Town of Amherst Bicentennial Commission.

NOW THEREFORE the Town Supervisor and Town Council of the Town of East Otto do hereby proclaim 2018, as the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Amherst and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion and celebrate the upcoming year.

Duly proclaimed this 12th day of Decembe4r 2017 while in regular session.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

David Forster	Yes	Michael Poch	Yes
William Spors	No	Sid Barber	Yes

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Poch and seconded by Sid Barber to adopt the following grant application resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a grant available from the Cattaraugus County Dept. of Economic Development, Planning and Tourism Community Revitalization Fund to assist towns in Community Revitalization, and

WHEREAS the Town of East Otto is in need of assistance to purchase Christmas lighting as provided for by the grant

WHEREAS the Town of East Otto will match the grant dollar amount of \$500 to purchase Christmas Lights.

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 Clerk

Roll Call Vote:

David Forster	Yes	William Spors	Yes
Sid Barber	Yes	Mike Poch	Yes

All were in favor. Motion carried

A motion was made by Mike Poch and seconded by Sid Barber to authorize the supervisor of the Town of East Otto to sign the Grant application from Southern Tier West to assist town in scanning of records: including birth, death and marriage records, historical, cemetery records, ect.as provided for by the grant. Spors, Barber, Poch and Forster were in favor. Motion carried.

The clerk told the board she has been unable to contact the cleaner in regards to cleaning the town hall. She asked the board to consider having a maintenance position for the town hall. Currently the Highway Supervisor and the CEO have spent many hours doing maintenance and repairs on the hall. It was decided to discuss this matter during the organizational meeting.

A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Mike Poch to renew the SPCA contract. Spors, Barber, Poch and Forster were in favor. Motion carried.

CEO Report: Jeff completed 11 inspections, issued 6 permits, issued 1 address, answered 18 phone calls, and deposited \$357 to the clerk for permits issued.

Public Comment: Mr. Michael Guerin addressed the Board regarding meeting rules. He also stated that since the Highway Supervisor has a town truck he should be responsible for the town hall repairs. Supervisor Rugg explained that the Highway Supervisor being on call with the town truck was for highway related business and not for town hall repairs and maintenance.

A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Sid Barber to enter into executive session in regards to possible litigation. Forster, Spors, Barber, Poch and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Mike Poch to come out of executive session. Forster, Spors, Barber, Poch and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Poch and seconded by Sid Barber to schedule a public hearing on December 27, 2017 at 6:30pm on the 2017- 2018 fire protection contract. Forster, Poch, Spors, Barber and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sid Barber and seconded by Mike Poch to schedule the 2017 close out meeting for Wednesday December 27, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the town hall. Forster, Poch, Spors and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Poch and seconded by Sid Barber to adjourn at 7:54 PM. Forster, Spors, Barber, Poch and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried.
The next meeting will be December 27, 2017 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Deanna Bowen
Town Clerk

