

The February meeting of the East Otto Town Board was called to order at 6:03PM by Supervisor Ann Rugg on Tuesday February 13, 2018. Ann led the pledge to the Flag.

Present were councilmen Dave Forster, William Spors, Sidney Barber, Councilwoman Angela Sherman, CEO Jeff Holler and Highway Superintendent Tom Benz.

Guests present were Bob Bowen, Mark Westfall, Sean Lexer, Chris Deyoe, Tammi Herr, Charles Herr and Michael Guerin.

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

	Abstract #	Claim #	Amount
Highway 1	102	02-12	\$ 7,097.01
General	002	12-026	\$ 3,886.61

A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Sid Barber to approve and waive the reading of the January 9, 2018 organizational meeting minutes with the following changes:

	Annual Salary	Paid
Appointed Assessor	\$ 1,200.00	Quarterly
Deputy Assessor	\$ 5,820.00	Quarterly
Budget Officer	\$ 1,680.00	Annually
Assessor 6 yr. Appointment 09/30/2019		Jeffrey Forster
Deputy Assessor		Tim Forster
Budget Officer		Jim Beach

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Dave Forster	Yes	William Spors	Yes	Sid Barber	Yes
Angela Sherman	Yes	Ann Rugg		Yes	

Motion carried

Clerk paid to Supervisor \$756.35 for January 2018 fees and commissions.

Highway: Tom told the board a new truck is averaging \$240,000-\$250,000. This would be a Western Star tandem truck with a 14' box. Currently 4 other towns that Tom has spoken to have at least one Western Star truck and are happy with them. If the truck is ordered within the next 30 days delivery will not be until late November or early December.

Tom told the board the Peterbilt truck is being serviced due to intermittent loss of power.

Tom is still researching prices on a used roller.

Town Clerk stated that Cattaraugus County sent a letter regarding the ten year limit on the Cold War Veteran exemption.

A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Bill Spors to advertise for a public hearing on the cold war exemption law on March 13, 2018 at 7pm. Forster, Spors, Barber, Sherman and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding a letter from Cattaraugus County Land Bank Corp. asking for help in identifying distressed properties in the community.

Deanna read a letter of interest from Tammi Herr in regards to the open planning board position. A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Sid Barber to appoint Tammi Herr to the planning board effective 2/13/2018. Forster, Spors, Barber, Sherman and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried

Ann told the board that the audit by the state comptroller office will be starting this week. The money from the JCAP grant was received. It will be used towards fire proof file cabinets and additional video surveillance equipment.

A motion was made by Angela Sherman and seconded by Sid Barber to sign the agreement form from Bahgat&Laurito-Bahgat, CPA's. Forster, Spors, Barber, Sherman and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried.

CEO Report: Jeff completed 6 inspections, answered 15 phone calls, filed state report, attended 24 hours of code training and started a list of violations.

Public Comment: Bob Bowen questioned the dollar amount from the Allegany Mountain Resort lawsuit. Bob also had concerns regarding the Budget increase and concerns about the monthly board meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Ann Rugg and seconded by Dave Forster to enter into executive session concerning upcoming litigation. Forster, Spors, Barber, Sherman and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Bill Spors to leave executive session. Forster, Spors, Barber, Sherman and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bill Spors and seconded by Sid Barber to adjourn at 7:52 PM. Forster, Spors, Barber, Sherman and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Deanna Bowen  
Town Clerk

