

The March meeting of the East Otto Town Board was called to order at 6:00PM by Supervisor Ann Rugg on Tuesday March 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, Sean Lexer, Pearl Guerin 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, Spors, Barber, Sherman and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried.

	Abstract #	Claim #	Amount
Highway 1	103	13-25	\$ 6,745.14
Highway 4	401	01	\$ 3,739.17
General	003	27-38	\$ 3,821.44

A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Bill Spors to approve and waive the reading of the February 13, 2018 meeting minutes. Forster, Spors, Barber, Sherman and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried

A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Sid Barber to accept the audit of February utility bills as presented. Forster, Spors, Barber, Sherman and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried

A motion was made by Bill Spors and seconded by Sid Barber to advertise for bids for a used drum roller. Forster, Spors, Barber, Sherman and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried

Clerk paid to Supervisor \$122.45 for February 2018 fees and commissions.

Highway: Tom went to Albany. Due to the weather the capitol went into lockdown. There will be a group of highway representatives that will be returning.

Emergency services contacted Tom with a request for estimates for the last storm.

Tom told the board that the Fire Department was a big help during the storm.

Ann asked the clerk to send a letter of thanks to the Fire Department for their help during the storm.

A motion was made by Sid Barber and seconded by Bill Spors to open the public hearing at 7:00pm on Local Law #1-2018. Forster, Spors, Barber, Sherman and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried

A LOCAL LAW AMMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 1-2009 GRANTING A PARTIAL EXEMPTION FROM COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR COLD WAR VETERANS.  
Public Comment: Bob Bowen said it should be advertised that widows of Veterans could receive the partial exemption.

A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Sid Barber to close the public hearing at 7:02pm on Local Law #1-2018. Forster, Spors, Barber, Sherman and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried

A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Angela Sherman to adopt the following local law #1-2018 on granting a partial exemption from county real property taxes for cold war veterans.. Roll call vote as follow:

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

Motion carried

Local Law #1-2018  
COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS, NEW YORK

Pursuant to Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law.

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 1-2009  
GRANTING A PARTIAL EXEMPTION FROM COUNTY REAL  
PROPERTY TAXES FOR COLD WAR VETERANS

BE IT ENACTED by the County Legislature of the County of Cattaraugus as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent: It is the intent of this legislation to amend Local Law No. 1-2009 which grants an exemption of 15 percent (15%)of the assessed value of qualified residential property, as defined in Real Property Tax Law Section 458-b(2) (a) (i) to Cold War Veterans, as defined in Real Property Tax Law Section 458-b(1) (a).

Section 2. Amendment to Local Law No. 1-2009. Local Law No. 1-2009 is hereby amended by adding a new Section 3 which eliminates the ten (10) year exemption for qualifying property owners, as follows, and renumbering the subsequent sections:

“Section 3. Elimination of Ten Year Period. Cattaraugus County hereby further Provides that qualifying residential owners of qualifying real property shall retain the exemption, provided for in Section 2 above, for as long as they remain qualifying owners, without regard to such ten-year limitation, as provided for in Real Property Tax Law Section 458-b (2)(c)(iii).”

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any court of Competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such adjudication, shall not affect, impair or invalidate the Remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the particular provision directly involve in The controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State and shall be applicable to all assessment rolls prepared pursuant to the first faxable Status date occurring on or after the effective date of this Local Law.

Highway: Tom told the board that National Grid will be coming out on Thursday to do an audit for energy efficiency at the Highway Garage and also the Town Hall.

An audit/examination of the Justice books for 2017 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 Ann Rugg and seconded by Bill 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:

Dave Forster	yes	Bill Spors	yes
Sid Barber	yes	Angela Sherman	yes
Ann Rugg	yes		

All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sid Barber and seconded by Angela Sherman to advertise for mowing of the Town Hall property, ball diamond, historical building using equipment supplied by the bidder and proof of insurance would be required Bids will be accepted at the Town Supervisor's office at 9134 Bowen Road until April 6, 2018. Bids will be opened at the April 10, 2018 meeting at 7:00 pm. Forster, Spors, Barber, Sherman and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Sid Barber to advertise for mowing of the Brooklyn Cemetery using the equipment supplied by the bidder and proof of insurance would be required Bids will be accepted at the Town Supervisor's office at 9134 Bowen Road until April 6, 2018. Bids will be opened at the April 10, 2018 meeting at 7:00 pm. Forster, Spors, Barber, Sherman and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried.

Ann read a letter from EOPS group and the following concerns were addressed:

A motion was made by Dave Forster and seconded by Bill Spors to purchase hot dogs, rolls and ice cream for the Memorial Day Community Event. Forster, Spors, Barber, Sherman and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried.

EOPS would like to see a Nutrition Program provided after swimming. There is a nutrition program provide at the swim program.

Shavings for the playground needed. Ann will look into this.

Electricity to the pavilion. Tom Chapman is going to come take a look and give an estimate.

Handrails coming down the stairs to the back outside door of the basement. Ann is not sure if we can do this because of the covenant. She will look into it.

Replacing the kitchen windows. The windows have to stay original they cannot be replaced with vinyl windows.

Roof over the sand box. This will be looked at when the weather is better.

Ann reported on 4<sup>th</sup> quarter sales tax received: \$65,232.64.

She told the board the audit is proceeding.

Ann told the board of the financing options for the new western star truck:

5 annual payments 4.39%= \$53,559.63

6 annual payments 4.62%= \$45,645.10

7 annual payments 4.49%= \$39,981.30

CEO Report: Jeff completed 3 inspections, answered 16 phone calls, left a message with the sheriff's department for 911. He received house plans that are waiting for health dept. approval. Jeff talked to the DEC about wetlands.

Public Comment: There was none.

A motion was made by Bill Spors and seconded by Sid Barber to adjourn at 7:25 PM. Forster, Spors, Barber, Sherman and Rugg were in favor. Motion carried. The next meeting will be April 10, 2018 at 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Deanna Bowen  
Town Clerk

