

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF EAST OTTO, September 8, 2026

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of East Otto, County of Cattaraugus and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 9014 East Otto Springville Rd East Otto NY on the 8th day of September 2026.

PRESENT:

Ann Rugg	Supervisor
Dave Forster	Council Member
Sid Barber	Council Member
Brian Westfall	Council Member
Tom Benz	Superintendent of Highways
Deanna Bowen	Clerk

ABSENT:

Shannon Jones	Council Member
Jeff Holler	Code Enforcement Officer

The Meeting was called to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Supervisor Rugg.

RESOLUTION 69-2026

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

On a motion of Councilmember Forster, seconded by Councilmember Barber the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Forster, Barber, Westfall, Rugg
	Nayes	0	

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #9 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

Abstract #9			
General Fund	\$	12,006.47	Voucher 63-67
Highway	\$	46,290.68	Voucher 76-88
Capital Projects	\$	1,279.47	Voucher 9

RESOLUTION 70-2026

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

On a motion of Councilmember Westfall, seconded by Councilmember Barber the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Forster, Barber, Westfall, Rugg
	Nayes	0	

Resolved to pay Erlich \$325.

RESOLUTION 71-2026

MEETING MINUTES

On a motion of Councilmember Forster, seconded by Councilmember Barber the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Forster, Barber, Westfall, Rugg
	Nayes	0	

Resolved that the Board approves the meeting minutes from August 11, 2026 and August 25, 2026 as submitted.

RESOLUTION 72-2026

UTILITY BILLS

On a motion of Councilmember Forster, seconded by Councilmember Westfall the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Forster, Barber, Westfall, Rugg
	Nayes	0	

Resolved to approve the payment of the August utility bills.

RESOLUTION 73-2026

BUDGET TRANSFER

On a motion of Councilmember Forster, seconded by Councilmember Barber the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Forster, Barber, Westfall, Rugg
	Nayes	0	

Resolved to transfer \$569 from 1990.4 Contingent to 9055.8 Disability and \$84 from 1990.4 Contingent to Supt. Hwy Contractual.

RESOLUTION 74-2026

BUDGET TRANSFER

On a motion of Councilmember Forster, seconded by Councilmember Westfall the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Forster, Barber, Westfall, Rugg
	Nayes	0	

Resolved to transfer \$569 from 5130.43 Machinery-Tools to 9055.8 Disability.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

- New garage door openers have been installed
- New Truck Equipment is expected in March 2027.
- The freightliner box will be painted next week.
- Tom is meeting with water and soil next week regarding Traffic Street.
- Still waiting on the Striping Company

TOWN CLERK

- Clerk Bowen submitted the monthly report for August 2026 to the Board. A check was submitted to the Town Supervisor for \$1,179.15. The report is on file with the Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTION 75-2026

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CATTARAUGUS COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES IN UPDATING THE 2027 ASSESMENT ROLL

On a motion of Councilmember Forster, seconded by Councilmember Barber the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Forster, Barber, Westfall, Rugg
	Nayes	0	

Resolved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the East Otto Town Board supports the efforts of Cattaraugus County's Real Property Tax Services in updating the 2027 assessment roll to full-market value, and

WHEREAS, the Town feels that it is necessary to conduct a reassessment project of all properties to maintain a uniform standard of assessment for the Town; ad

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of East Otto, New York, that the Town of East Otto hereby requests State assistance, specifically from the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services, to do a reassessment project to maintain a uniform standard of assessment in accordance with Section 305 of the Real Property Tax Law

RESOLUTION 76-2026

MEGA/CONSTILLATION

On a motion of Councilmember Barber seconded by Councilmember Westfall the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Forster, Barber, Westfall, Rugg
	Nayes	0	

Resolved to authorize Supervisor Rugg to sign agreement with Mega/Constillation for natural gas for the Town Hall/Highway Shop.

RESOLUTION 77-2026

SECOND MEETING IN OCTOBER

On a motion of Councilmember Forster, seconded by Councilmember Barber the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	4	Forster, Barber, Westfall, Rugg
	Nayes	0	

Resolved to hold a Budget Workshop meeting on October 27, 2026, at 6:00pm.

CEO REPORT

- 15 Phone Calls
- 9 Inspections
- 4 Violation Notices Sent

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

With no further business, on a motion from Councilmember Barber, seconded by Councilmember Westfall the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM.
Carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on October 13, 2026, at 6:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Deanna Bowen/Town Clerk