

Public Hearing, Town Of Otto

A Public Hearing of the town board of the Town of Otto, Cattaraugus County and the State of New York was held at the Otto Town Hall, 8842 Otto- East Otto Road, Cattaraugus, NY on the 17th day of March 2026.

Present:

Randy Beenau	.. Town Supervisor
Marlene Gregory	.. Councilmember
Brenda Mallaber	.. Councilmember
Paul Stang	.. Councilmember
Kevin Walker	.. Councilmember
Trisha Priest	.. Town Clerk
Robert Barber	.. Highway Superintendent
Jeff Holler	.. Code Enforcement Officer

Others Present:

David Jackson, Town of Otto resident.

Supervisor Beenau called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00pm with a quorum present.

The Purpose of this public hearing is to discuss local law 2026-1 to change the date for the Town of Otto Board of Assessment review to hear complaints in relation to tax assessments.

The Otto Town Clerk certifies that the public hearing notice was published in the Springville Journal and posted at the Town Hall as well as the Town website.

The Town Clerk read the proposed law to everyone present.

Mr. Jackson being the only member of the public present declined his opportunity to speak.

RESOLUTION 2026-12

Local Law 2026-01

WHEREAS Supervisor Beenau has introduced for consideration pursuant to the provisions of the New York Municipal Home Rule Law and the New York Real Property Tax Law Town of Otto Local Law **No. 1 of 2026** entitled **A LOCAL LAW TO CHANGE THE DATE FOR THE TOWN OF OTTO BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW TO HEAR COMPLAINTS IN RELATION TO TAX ASSESSMENTS**; be it therefore

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF OTTO

Ayes	5	Beenau, Gregory, Mallaber, Stang, Walker
Nays	0	

SECTION 1. Intent. The intent of this Local Law is to change the date on which the Board of Assessment Review of the Town of Otto shall first meet to hear complaints in relation to tax assessments.

SECTION 2. Authority. Because the Town of Otto Assessor also serves as the Assessor for multiple Towns within Cattaraugus County, with the date for hearing tax assessment

complaints by multiple towns falling on the same date, thereby creating a conflict for the Assessor to appear at the hearings of all the towns, Real Property Tax Law §512 (1-a) authorizes the governing body of such an assessing unit to adopt a local law establishing a different date for the meetings of the Board of Assessment Review other than the fourth Tuesday in May.

SECTION 3. Change in Date. By reasoning of the foregoing, the Town of Otto Board of Assessment Review shall no longer initially hear complaints in relation to tax assessments on the fourth Tuesday in May of each year, but shall instead initially hear complaints in relation to tax assessments on the second Tuesday in June of each year.

SECTION 4. Filing. This Local Law shall be filed as required by Real Property Tax Law §512 (1-a).

SECTION 5. Severability. The adoption of this Local Law shall in no way otherwise affect the duties and responsibilities of the Assessor or the Board of Assessment Review of the Town of Otto under any applicable law or regulation.

With everyone having the opportunity to speak, no one appeared wishing to speak for or against this proposed new local law 2026-01 Supervisor Beenau closed the public hearing at 7:07pm.

The regular Town Board Meeting of March 17, 2026 opened at 7:08pm
The next board meeting will be held on April 21, 2026 7PM at the Otto Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trisha Priest, Town Clerk