

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA
September 15, 2021

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Augusta, County of Oneida and the State of New York was held at Town Hall, 185 North Main Street, Oriskany Falls, NY on Wednesday, the 15th day of September 2021. Mask and/or social distancing were required.

PRESENT: James Dowd Councilman
Mark Russell Councilman
Travis Wright Councilman
Sonya Furness Clerk (departed at 7:12pm)

ABSENT: Suzanne Collins Supervisor
Charles Peck Councilman

PUBLIC PRESENT: Thom Coon, Anne Brown, Adam Shaver and Skip Staelens

The Town Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Deputy Supervisor Dowd.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 55 - 2021

On a motion of Councilman Wright, seconded by Councilman Russell, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Dowd, Russell and Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of August 18, 2021 be adopted.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Zoning Board member Anne Brown read a letter of support from the Zoning Board for the purchase of the ARC building to be used as a municipal hall for the Town of Augusta. The letter included several ideas that would benefit the town residents and their opinion on having the municipal offices in one spot for convenience.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION 56 – 2021

On a motion of Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Wright, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Dowd, Russell and Wright
Nays 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.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 60 – 68	\$ 1,998.69
General Fund Part Town	voucher # 22 - 25	363.30

Highway Fund Full Town	voucher # 65 - 68	2,260.39
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 72 - 76	2,717.68

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:

SUPERVISOR:

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District	\$ 1,859.75
Equipment CD Gradall	0.00
Equipment Fund CD Truck	105,274.72
Fiduciary	0.00
Fire and Ambulance	220.11
Full Town Highway Checking	18,088.38
Full Town Highway Savings	120,919.23
Full Town General Savings	149,389.93
Full Town General Checking 2020	0.00
Full Town General Checking 2021	15,179.49
Knoxboro Lights	417.21
Part Town General Checking	4,721.48
Part Town General Savings	27,778.18
Part Town Highway Checking	39,730.17
Part Town Highway Savings	166,140.49
Trust and Agency	72,980.74
Pick Up Truck CD	0.00
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs	13,309.87
Indian Land Claim Checking	0.00
Indian Land Claim Savings	120,576.79
Building Fund CD	50,841.93
Reval CD	3,500.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 910,928.47
Total Assets	\$ 910,928.47
Total Liabilities	0.00
Net Income	\$ 21,808.88
Unresolved Equity	\$ 889,119.59
Total Equity	\$ 910,928.47
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 910,928.47

RESOLUTION 50- 2021

On a motion of Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Wright, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Dowd, Russell and Wright
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Supervisors SORIS reports be accepted as submitted

CODES: Report Submitted - Codes Officer gave a report on a condemned property on Knoxboro road. Due to being a safety issue, this property needs to be boarded up to keep trespassers out.

RESOLUTION 51- 2021

On a motion of Councilman Wright, seconded by Councilman Russell, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Dowd, Russell and Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that the Highway Dept. board up all windows, doors or any other ways of access into the building by means of any material that they can use other than purchasing new plywood. Codes Officer will check with some of the Amish that have sawmills and see if they have any at a good cost.

Codes Officer explained how he will be issuing the bldg. permits and dealing with business certificates in regards to the Amish sawmills.

Zoning Board member, Skip Staelens asked whether or not should there be variances issued for the sawmills.

Councilman Wright inquired as to whether the lumber coming from the Amish sawmills is certified for structural use.

Codes Officer stated to the Board that the attitudes of some town employees towards the Amish population needs to stop! He explained certain instances whereas attitudes are totally unacceptable.

ASSESSOR: Report Submitted

DCO: Report Submitted

JUDICIAL: No Concerns

TOWN CLERK:

1 sealed RFP was received from THOMA Development Consultants for the CDBG Grant.

RESOLUTION 52-2021

On a motion of Councilman Wright, seconded by Councilman Russell, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Dowd, Russell and Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that the Town of Augusta hire THOMA as consultants, contingent on approval from the Office of Community Renewal, at a cost of \$ 87,500.

Town Board signed a monthly reconciliation sheet for the Town Clerk Checking Account, verifying that the August bank statement and checkbook were in order.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: No Concerns

SUPERVISOR:

Claim Submission Policy was discussed.

RESOLUTION 53- 2021

On a motion of Councilman Wright, seconded by Councilman Russell, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Dowd, Russell and Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that policy was reviewed and passed.

Questioned status of possible Local Law concerning "Farm Uses" due to multiple complaints of homeowners keeping livestock and letting them roam town roads.

Dowd -- Never received

Russell -- No

Wright -- No Opinion

Peck -- Absent

It was agreed to bring topic up at October Meeting for more discussion.

Cannabis Law was tabled to the October meeting.

ARP spending information was given out for clarity on questions that had been asked.

A Public Hearing will be held at 5:45PM at the October meeting for the Tax Cap Over Ride, in case it is needed.

TOWN BOARD:

Supervisor Collins is to speak with Buell's, owners of the parking lot at the offices located on Main Street in Oriskany Falls in regards to the plowing.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Wright seconded by Councilman Russell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted
Sonya Furness