

**TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA**  
**April 17, 2019**

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 17th day of April 2019.

PRESENT:     Suzanne Collins         Supervisor  
              James Dowd            Councilman  
              Dean Kimball         Councilman  
              Richard Ritenour     Councilman  
              Travis Wright        Councilman  
              Sonya Furness        Clerk

PUBLIC PRESENT:   Mark Russell and Phil Eaton.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES: RESOLUTION 29 – 2019**  
**Resolution 21-2019 needs to be excavator instead of loader**

On a motion of Councilman Kimball, seconded by Councilman Ritenour, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED**    Ayes 5     Collins, Dowd, Kimball, Ritenour, Wright  
                  Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of March 20, 2019 be adopted as amended.

**PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:**

None

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS: RESOLUTION 30 – 2019**

On a motion of Councilman Dowd, seconded by Councilman Kimball, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED**    Ayes 5     Collins, Dowd, Kimball, Ritenour, Wright  
                  Nays 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #4 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 28– 33	\$ 453.74
General Fund Part Town	voucher # 7	54.33
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 17 - 24	3,413.62
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 11 - 13	33,148.23

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:  
SUPERVISOR:**

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District	\$ 2,047.90
Equipment CD Gradall	79,905.04
Equipment Fund CD Truck	124,835.92
Fiduciary	1,201.88
Fire and Ambulance	340.85
Full Town Highway Checking	22,338.46
Full Town Highway Savings	224,042.04
Full Town General Savings	165,372.97
Full Town General Checking	16,457.10
Knoxboro Lights	2,203.49
Part Town General Checking	5,628.52
Part Town General Savings	47,153.51
Part Town Highway Checking	20,891.40
Part Town Highway Savings	387,642.78
Trust and Agency	0.00
Pick Up Truck CD	38,652.46
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs	71,304.38
Indian Land Claim Checking	0.00
Indian Land Claim Savings	454,662.99
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,664,681.69
Total Assets	\$ 1,664,681.69
Total Liabilities	0.00
Net Income	\$ 450,566.81
Unresolved Equity	1,214,114.88
Total Equity	\$ 1,664,681.69
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,664,681.69

**RESOLUTION 31- 2019**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Kimball, Ritenour, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that the Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

**CODES:** Report Submitted

**ASSESSOR:** Report Submitted.

**DCO:** No Report Submitted

**JUDICIAL:** No concerns.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Highway Superintendent Eaton submitted a comparison chart concerning the roadwork for 2019.

Highway Superintendent totals for Cold Paving roads vs. Board totals for Hot Mix on roads.

Superintendent Eaton would like to do 1.62 miles of Barker Road

.91 miles of Anderson Road

.17 miles of Valley Road

After a long discussion and a lot of questions being asked, it was decided not enough information was available for the Board to make a decision because quotes were not obtained as requested, therefore being tabled until May's monthly meeting.

Superintendent Eaton stated that Anderson Road is a must to be done as condition doesn't allow Town Trucks to travel on it.

Councilman Dowd: Wants to do 1 more road with Hot Mix so comparisons can be made between the 2 different types of paving, both with cost and how the road is holding up condition wise.

Councilman Ritenour: Tends to agree with methods of past roadwork significantly due to the lack of use of roadways. Our roads are not highly traveled major roads such as St Rt.26.

Councilman Kimball: No thoughts.

Councilman Wright: Calculations do not add up from answers given verbally vs. comparison chart that was submitted. Accurate figures not attainable due to lack of paperwork submitted.

Supervisor Collins: In agreement with Valley Road being done while we have equipment on Barker Rd.

Highway Superintendent explained that Chip Sealing can no longer be used for CHIPS.

Councilman Wright did calculations and feels that both paving methods work out the same cost wise with both methods having to be sealed.

**TOWN CLERK:** Town Board signed a monthly reconciliation sheet for the Town Clerk Checking Account, verifying that the February and March bank statements and checkbook were in order.

**SUPERVISOR:** Supervisor Collins explained that a Fund Balance Policy should have been added to the Reorg Meeting in January but she was waiting on Auditor to review.

**RESOLUTION 32- 2019**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Kimball, Ritenour, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that the Fund Balance Policy be accepted.

Supervisor Collins again brought up Tax Collector Audit. Explained that every year this is done in May or June pending arrival of final Tax account bank statements and final remittance checks to Oneida County and Town Supervisor. Tax Collector said if they want to audit before final closing paperwork is received, all other records are available.

Permission was asked to dispose of 2 printers. Assessor and Supervisors Sect. need to submit inventory disposal forms yet.

**RESOLUTION 33- 2019**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Kimball, Ritenour, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that the printers be disposed of and removed from inventory.

**BOARD:**

Councilman Wright asked as to the status on the residents and the Pinehurst Drive situation. Supervisor Collins said that some residents have turned over their deeds but others feel as they don't have too.

**Councilman Kimball would like to know why if Sealing is supposed to be done 1 year after roads are complete, with all the money spent on the roadwork, why is the sealing not being completed to add a longer life to roads.**

**Board would like to know from Highway Superintendent, What 8 miles of road would be chip sealed with \$100,000, that was discussed at budget time out of the Indian Gaming Revenue?**

**Board Members are requesting from Highway Superintendent as in previous years 6 quotes for roadwork. 3 are to be Cold Paving and 3 are to be Hot Mix. These quotes are to be used for comparison purposes.**

**Councilman Wright asked that the quotes be received sooner than the 2 weeks before roadwork is to begin.**

**The Board would like all quotes that require a lot of consideration to be submitted in a timeframe feasibly appropriate before the scheduled board meeting. A lot of decisions cannot be made without thought prior.**

Councilman Dowd said that the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of the submitted Assessors report needs clarification. **As previously requested, the Board would like a current estimated cost submitted of a reval.**

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 7:00 PM, seconded by Councilman Ritenour to enter into Executive Session to discuss Collective Negotiations Pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law and Proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.

At 7:40 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

A Motion was made by Councilman Kimball seconded by Councilman Ritenour to sign the revised Indian Gaming Agreement. All in Favor – Collins, Dowd, Kimball, Ritenour and Wright.

Councilman Wright will get back with the Union to go over changes as recommended.

Councilman Dowd will await hearing from County Legislator Idzi and continue his pursuit of Kevin Lewis and his grant contact.

Supervisor Collins is to make a special note to both Assessor and Highway Superintendent concerning the minutes and what the Board is looking for.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Wright seconded by Councilman Dowd, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted  
Sonya Furness





