

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA
August 21, 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 21st day of August 2019.

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

ABSENT: Suzanne Collins Supervisor

PUBLIC PRESENT: Mark Russell, Phil Eaton, Matt Kazlauskas, Adam Shaver and Paul Sykes.

Deputy Supervisor Ritenour called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: RESOLUTION 55 – 2019

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dowd, Kimball, Ritenour, Wright
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of July 17, 2019 be adopted.

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Paul Sykes, Chair of the Zoning Board attended as requested by the Board

AUDIT OF CLAIMS: RESOLUTION 56 – 2019

Questions were asked regarding Post Pay Vouchers 234 and 235. Voucher totals are different than check amounts. Board asked that Supervisor Collins please verify for accuracy.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dowd, Kimball, Ritenour, Wright
 Nays 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract # 8 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

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| General Fund Full Town | voucher #'s 64– 67 | \$ 917.50 |
| General Fund Part Town | voucher #'s 14 - 15 | 207.47 |
| Highway Fund Full Town | voucher #'s 40 - 45 | 3,966.13 |
| Highway Fund Part Town | voucher #'s 36 - 38 | 14,433.52 |

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:
SUPERVISOR:**

| | Total |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Assets | |
| Augusta Light District | \$ 1,667.47 |
| Equipment CD Gradall | 80,228.21 |
| Equipment Fund CD Truck | 125,340.81 |
| Fiduciary | 1,201.88 |
| Fire and Ambulance | 340.85 |
| Full Town Highway Checking | 8,581.79 |
| Full Town Highway Savings | 193,494.36 |
| Full Town General Savings | 107,630.86 |
| Full Town General Checking | 16,016.80 |
| Knoxboro Lights | 1,578.36 |
| Part Town General Checking | 1,692.21 |
| Part Town General Savings | 36,108.51 |
| Part Town Highway Checking | 22,935.71 |
| Part Town Highway Savings | 141,332.60 |
| Trust and Agency | 0.00 |
| Pick Up Truck CD | 38,716.77 |
| Knoxboro Flooding Repairs | 14,022.38 |
| Indian Land Claim Checking | 0.00 |
| Indian Land Claim Savings | 441,401.94 |
| Building Fund CD | 50,000.00 |
| Total Current Assets | \$ 1,282,291.51 |
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| Total Assets | \$ 1,282,291.51 |
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| Total Liabilities | 0.00 |
| Net Income | \$ 68,176.63 |
| Unresolved Equity | \$ 1,214,114.88 |
| Total Equity | \$ 1,282,291.51 |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | \$ 1,282,291.51 |

RESOLUTION 57- 2019

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dowd, Kimball, Ritenour, Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that the Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

ASSESSOR: Reports Submitted.

DCO: Report Submitted

DCO Eaton stated that tickets will be issued for the delinquent dog licenses in approximately 2 weeks.

CODES: Report Submitted. Codes Officer Shaver submitted a new building permit and fee schedule.

RESOLUTION 58- 2019

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dowd, Kimball, Ritenour, Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that new building permit and fee be adopted for the Town of Augusta effective immediately.

Compliments were given both by the Town Board and by Zoning Chair Sykes on the completeness and informational detail that is given on his monthly reports.

Questions were asked in regards to the Violation summary that was submitted. Condemned Signs are being bought and if properties are not rectified, they will be demolished after proper notice has been given and cost will be levied to homeowners Town and County tax bill.

Codes said that a Carbon Monoxide meter is a necessity for properly issuing a Certificate of Occupancy and for checking for compliance in some building permits. Equipment would be considered an asset to the town in a lot of situations.

JUDICIAL: Judge Johnson asked if he could buy a file cabinet for court use. Codes stated that there are 3 empty cabinets in his office that are available for use. Clerk will relay message to Judge.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Superintendent Eaton submitted 2 quotes for a new Propane Furnace in the Community Room at the Town Barn.

Furness Heating, Cooling and Plumbing \$ 2,200.00

Tri County \$ 2,285.00

RESOLUTION 59- 2019

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dowd, Kimball, Ritenour, Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that Superintendent Eaton contact Furness Heating and schedule installation of Propane furnace to be paid out of General Fund.

SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Collins received notice from Oneida County that prisoners are not allowed to use power tools so using them for cemetery work is a not an option. Still awaiting word from Mid-State.

TOWN CLERK: Town Board signed a monthly reconciliation sheet for the Town Clerk Checking Account, verifying that the July bank statement and checkbook are in order.

Town Clerk stated that her office tends to be a thoroughfare and the importance of it being kept secure while office is closed. On several occasions, doors are found to be open, when they were locked at closing on the previous business day. This is a problem with both interior office door and exterior entrance door. The exterior door situation has been ongoing for a long time. The door bar is locked but when someone exits through it, they don't always pull on the door to assure

that it has locked tightly and with the warping caused by weather, that is essential. Codes Officer has also found the front Court door left unlocked since he has had his office upstairs.

It is understood fully, that when upstairs offices are occupied, clerks back office door has to be left unlocked for fire escape purposes but that shouldn't be an invitation for all to enter her office, especially for confidentiality reasons such as vital records.

Board suggested that Clerk call Sacco's Locksmith and get a quote on a new lock for interior door and to have the safe looked at.

Another issue brought up was the lack of space in Town Hall for record storage. Clerk's office is at **FULL** capacity...Judge Johnson also needs room to store records. A possible solution was put out...Upstairs Courtroom has 2 restrooms. Could we possibly make the larger bathroom a storage room and have 1 bathroom for the courtroom, Assessor and Codes. Judge Johnson will check with the 5th Judicial and see if that could be a possible solution.

BOARD: Councilman Dowd gave an update in regards to the Knoxboro property. House has been demolished. Oneida Herkimer County Solid Waste provided 2 walking floor trailers and the Town is responsible for the tipping fees.

The extra roof panels and gutter systems from the Roofing project need to be removed from where they are now kept and be put away somewhere (possibly old barn) for storage.

A discussion took place regarding GAR and a reval. Board is still up in the air due to cost, BAR on Grievance Day and effectiveness of whole project. Councilman Dowd will contact County Legislator Idzi to see if any financial help may be available from the County as a reval will also benefit them.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Kimball seconded by Councilman Dowd, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted

Sonya Furness

