

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA
July 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 July 2019.

PRESENT: Suzanne Collins Supervisor
 James Dowd Councilman
 Richard Ritenour Councilman
 Sonya Furness Clerk

ABSENT: Dean Kimball Councilman
 Travis Wright Councilman

PUBLIC PRESENT: Mark Russell, Phil Eaton, Matt Kazlauskas, Marshall Staring, Steve Roys and Cindy Baire of GAR Associates.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: RESOLUTION 48 – 2019

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Ritenour
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of May 15, 2019 in full including Resolution 38-2019 and the Town Board Minutes of June 19, 2019 with the word yearly being added to Resolution 47-2019 be adopted.

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Cindy Baire of GAR Associates spoke with the Board regarding a Town wide Reval.

Questions asked by Town Supervisor to representative from Gar Associates.

1. Do you provide help during Grievance Day?? Yes
2. Do you conduct public education prior to Reval being done?? Yes
3. Do you ever lower anyone's taxes as result of Reval?? Yes
4. Is state aid available, previously it was \$3.00 a parcel?? Maybe, it depends on what other municipalities are conducting a Reval at same time, as it is a pot of money and when it's gone, it gone. (1.50 - \$5.00)
5. Do you update inventory cards?? No, they regenerate new ones based on demographics.
6. Can the start date be made later than what was in quote?? Yes
7. What is start to finish time frame?? 18 months.
8. Is Assistance provided for small claims court etc. after the BAR review?? Yes, but that is above the quoted contract.

Also: one question from audience from Mark Russell: Are Amish houses assessed? Yes they are based on differences from regular houses as far as electricity and running water.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS: RESOLUTION 49– 2019

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Ritenour
Nays 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract # 7 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 60 – 63	\$ 144.41
General Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 10 - 13	4,456.96
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 33 - 39	1,368.84
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 28 - 35	42,328.37

Questions were asked regarding Buell Fuel and Coop Bills and as to whether fuel purchases are tracked and identified by truck #.

Also, if all sanitation bills were Trash Days.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:

SUPERVISOR:

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District	\$ 1,852.71
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	17,242.52
Full Town Highway Savings	196,694.16
Full Town General Savings	134,482.49
Full Town General Checking	6,022.45
Knoxboro Lights	1,879.79
Part Town General Checking	2,027.02
Part Town General Savings	40,522.54
Part Town Highway Checking	18,609.85
Part Town Highway Savings	322,527.14
Trust and Agency	0.00
Pick Up Truck CD	38,716.77
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs	16,372.38
Indian Land Claim Checking	0.00
Indian Land Claim Savings	453,879.41
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,457,940.98
Total Assets	\$ 1,457,940.98
Total Liabilities	0.00
Net Income	\$ 243,826.10
Unresolved Equity	1,214,114.88
Total Equity	\$ 1,457,940.98
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,457,940.98

RESOLUTION 50- 2019

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Ritenour
Nays 0

Resolved that the Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

ASSESSOR: Reports Submitted.

CODES: Report Submitted.

DCO: Report Submitted

JUDICIAL: No Concerning Issues

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Gave an explanation and info in regards to the Used Brine truck that was purchased from Town of Madison.

RESOLUTION 51- 2019

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Ritenour
Nays 0

Resolved that the bill submitted in the June Abstract be paid to Town of Madison in the amount of \$3,600.

Highway Superintendent Eaton submitted 2 bills for payment.

Suite-Kote \$ 81,117.38 for Roadwork on Valley and Barker Roads.

Caterpillar Financial \$ 30,187.14

RESOLUTION 52- 2019

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Ritenour
Nays 0

Resolved that the 2 bills submitted be paid in the above listed amounts.

**Supervisor Collins stated that they are applying for CHIPS money now because CD's have already been renewed. **

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

Clerk asked permission to dispose of 2014 Tentative Assessment Roll and 2009 Final Assessment role

RESOLUTION 53 -2019

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Ritenour
Nays 0

Resolved that Pursuant to the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule MU-1 all records mentioned above shall be disposed of either by shredding or burning.

A bill for Thoma Consultants in the amount of \$7,500.00 was submitted for approval and payment.

RESOLUTION 54 -2019

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Ritenour
Nays 0

Resolved that once Grant money has been received into Housing Grant Fund, a check be issued to Thoma Consultants as payment for administration and Program Service Delivery.

2 Authorized signatures were needed on Thoma paperwork. Clerk asked that Councilmen Ritenour and Dowd sign Form 1-4 to be submitted for drawdowns on housing grant.

SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Collins asked that 2 Air Conditioners that were purchased from a Judicial Grant be disposed of as they are in unworking condition.

After speaking with the Office of the State Comptroller, it was advised that a committee be appointed for matters concerning the Salt Barn.

This committee will consist of Highway Superintendent Eaton and Councilmen Wright and Dowd. Councilman Wright will act as chairman of the committee.

After they have come up with a plan and cost, details will be brought to the entire town board.

Supervisor Collins asked if Town of Augusta would be interested in supporting the Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank.

RESOLUTION 55 -2019

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Ritenour
Nays 0

Resolved that Resolution below be submitted in support of.

Resolution of Support for the Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank

WHEREAS, the New York State Land Bank Act, Article 16 of the New York Not For Profit Corporation Law permits local government entities to enter into intergovernmental agreements to establish a land bank; and

WHEREAS, the Counties of Herkimer, Montgomery, Otsego and Schoharie, as well as the City of Rome and the City of Utica - all Foreclosing Governmental Units (FGUs) - have entered into partnership with the Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank and are receiving the benefits of that partnership, and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need to strengthen and revitalize the economy of Oneida County, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of New York and the municipalities of the County of Oneida to confront in a coordinated manner the problems caused by vacant, abandoned, and tax-delinquent properties through partnership with the Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank, and

WHEREAS such partnership will, over time, foster the redevelopment of blighted properties by returning them to productive use in order to strengthen the local economy, improve quality of life, and improve the financial condition of the municipalities,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Augusta hereby endorses the Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank and encourages the County of Oneida to consider supporting its

local governments by partnering with the Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank in its fight against blight.

BOARD: Councilman Ritenour asked whether the Highway Department uses Written Time Sheets or Punched Time Cards and who is monitoring the hours put on the timesheets.

Councilman Dowd gave an update in regards to the Knoxboro property. Asbestos has been abated, awaiting on certificate for landfill use. He wanted opinion of allowing residents to take material out of home before demolition. Supervisor Collins reiterated that **this is now Town owned property and anything that is removed from the house would have to go up for bid, allowing all residents a fair opportunity to acquire materials if wanted.**

Councilman Dowd is to contact Ed Buccerio, the Towns Insurance Agent and get insurance put on this property immediately.

Councilman Dowd also mentioned that the Oriskany Falls Fire Department is interested in using the house for a training class. A Certificate of their Insurance must be obtained and kept before anyone enters the building.

Councilman Dowd stated he still has concerns regarding the reval when it come to the BAR and Grievance Day.

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 7:13 PM, seconded by Councilman Ritenour to enter into Executive Session to discuss the financial history of a particular person(s) or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person(s) or corporation 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 7:15 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Ritenour seconded by Councilman Dowd, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted
Sonya Furness

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