

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA
June 26, 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 26th day of June 2019. (This meeting is the rescheduled meeting of June 19, 2019 that was cancelled due to illness.)

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Mark Russell, Charles Peck and Steve Roys.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: RESOLUTION 43 – 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 Town Board Minutes of May 15, 2019 be adopted with the exception of Resolution 38-2019, which was unable to be verified due to absence of Highway Superintendent.

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:

None

AUDIT OF CLAIMS: RESOLUTION 44 – 2019

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

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

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #6 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 46– 59	\$ 1,102.48
General Fund Part Town	voucher # 9	54.00
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 30 - 32	1944.21 ***
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 19 - 27	2,856.58

***Voucher 30 of Highway Fund Full Town to Town of Madison in the amount of \$3,600.00 is being held pending an explanation from Highway Superintendent.

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:
SUPERVISOR:**

	Total
Assets	
Augusta Light District	\$ 1,924.52
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	5,532.87
Full Town Highway Savings	221,694.16
Full Town General Savings	136,278.37
Full Town General Checking	17,340.49
Knoxboro Lights	1,994.15
Part Town General Checking	2,710.41
Part Town General Savings	46,850.25
Part Town Highway Checking	8,277.57
Part Town Highway Savings	328,278.77
Trust and Agency	0.00
Pick Up Truck CD	38,652.46
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs	18,572.38
Indian Land Claim Checking	0.00
Indian Land Claim Savings	454,684.34
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,489,074.43
Total Assets	\$ 1,489,074.43
Total Liabilities	0.00
Net Income	\$ 274,959.55
Unresolved Equity	1,214,114.88
Total Equity	\$ 1,489,074.43
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,489,074.43

RESOLUTION 45- 2019

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 Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

ASSESSOR: Reports Submitted – Assessor Roys proposed that GAR Associates be considered to do the revaluation for the town. For \$ 120,000, they would do data collection, valuation, field review, external inspections, informed review and mailings.

Supervisor Collins would like to know if these records are digitalized and whether a representative would attend Grievance Day, in order to answer resident’s questions in regards to their findings.

Board requested that Assessor obtain a written proposal and references before the July meeting.

CODES: Report Submitted. The Board is very pleased with the information and details that are being submitted in a timely manner. “Reports are immaculate.”

DCO: May Report Submitted

JUDICIAL: A resignation dated 5/29/19 was received by the Town Clerk on 5/31/19, from Valerie Lockwood, Court Clerk. The Town Board accepted her resignation, with regrets effective June 30, 2019.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Absent

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

Town Clerk suggested that the Board consider putting in the minutes the importance of our 10 Abandoned Cemeteries being attended to, as required by Town Law 291, 2 times per year. Although there is no mention of particular dates, out of respect for our veterans, these cemeteries need to be cleaned up for Memorial Day. The flags for our veterans in these cemeteries were bought by the Town. The American Legion attempted, as they do yearly to place flags on the graves but in most cases they were so overgrown with weeds and high grass, the graves could not be located.

She feels that there is a budget line for cemeteries and if the Highway Dept. does not feel that this is an important issue than they should hire someone to make sure our Veterans are respected, especially on May 31 of every year. A suggestion was made by Charles Peck that maybe the Oneida County Sheriffs could send some prisoners to do work detail. Supervisor Collins will contact Sheriff Maciol to see if that's a possibility.

SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Collins received a request from the Village to sponsor "Movie Night"

RESOLUTION 46- 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 a donation in the amount of \$200 be given to movie night in the park.

Supervisor Collins spoke with Sheila Staelens in regards to writing a grant for a Salt Barn. She is in agreeance. Councilman Kimball will contact Town of Sangerfield for information on their newly erected barn. Councilmen Wright and Kimball have visited several different towns and will continue to do so looking for details. Councilman Wright will get some pertinent information to Sheila Staelens ASAP.

BOARD: Councilman Dowd made a suggestion that a CD be started and added to yearly as a Building Fund.

RESOLUTION 47- 2019

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dowd, Kimball, Ritenour, Wright
Nays 1 Collins

Resolved that a CD be opened in the amount of \$50,000 for the purpose of a Building for Consolidated Town Offices and Court.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Kimball seconded by Councilman Wright, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06PM. Carried unanimously.
Respectively Submitted

Sonya Furness

