

**TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA**  
**March 20, 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 20th day of March 2019.

PRESENT:     Suzanne Collins         Supervisor  
              James Dowd            Councilman  
              Dean Kimball         Councilman  
              Richard Ritenour     Councilman (6:05 arrival)  
              Travis Wright        Councilman  
              Sonya Furness        Clerk

PUBLIC PRESENT: Marshall Staring, Mark Russell, Matt Kaslauskas and Phil Eaton.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES: RESOLUTION 20- 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 February 20, 2019 and Public Hearing Minutes of February 20, 2019 be adopted as amended.

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

None

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS: RESOLUTION 21 – 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 bills contained on Abstract #3 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

|                        |                    |              |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| General Fund Full Town | voucher #'s 20– 27 | \$ 25,383.36 |
| General Fund Part Town | voucher # 6        | 480.58       |
| Highway Fund Full Town | voucher #'s 9 - 16 | 4,959.51     |
| Highway Fund Part Town | voucher #'s 6 - 10 | 2,601.71     |

Questions were asked regarding bills submitted for Pressure Washer and Work done on the escavator.

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:  
SUPERVISOR:**

| Assets                       | Total           |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Augusta Light District       | \$ 2,181.11     |
| 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   | 18,684.74       |
| Full Town Highway Savings    | 253,620.08      |
| Full Town General Savings    | 202,163.36      |
| Full Town General Checking   | 19,828.26       |
| Knoxboro Lights              | 2,437.70        |
| Part Town General Checking   | 483.71          |
| Part Town General Savings    | 62,305.74       |
| Part Town Highway Checking   | 20,705.76       |
| Part Town Highway Savings    | 414,275.70      |
| Trust and Agency             | 1,480.78        |
| Pick Up Truck CD             | 38,652.46       |
| Knoxboro Flooding Repairs    | 71,304.38       |
| Indian Land Claim Checking   | 0.00            |
| Indian Land Claim Savings    | 419,633.13      |
| Total Current Assets         | \$ 1,734,040.60 |
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| Total Assets                 | \$ 1,734,040.60 |
| Total Liabilities            | 0.00            |
| Net Income                   | \$ 519,925.72   |
| Unresolved Equity            | 1,214,114.88    |
| Total Equity                 | \$ 1,734,040.60 |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | \$ 1,734,040.60 |

**RESOLUTION 22- 2019**

On a motion of Councilman Wright, seconded by Councilman Dowd, 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. Assessor Roys also explained to the Board explained the Actual LOA Calculations that he has received. The level of assessment has dropped by 4%, which means that if all figures remain the same, there will be a 5.75% increase in school tax bills for 2019. He feels that a Re-assessment is needed to bring our TAV to 100% and is confident that he could keep it at a 100% value with a 1 or 2% adjustment annually. Councilman Wright asked if drone documentation would be beneficial for supporting property evidence.

Councilman Dowd suggested that the Assessor present more realistic current figures for conducting the reval.

**DCO:** Report Submitted

**JUDICIAL:** No concerns.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Highway Superintendent Eaton submitted 1 bill for payment, which was received after Abstract was complete. Tracey Equipment \$ 679.79. This bill is for the 2017 Western Star, replacement of a Wire Harness. Warranty does not cover electrical issues.

**RESOLUTION 23 - 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 bills be paid by Supervisor as a Post Pay.

Highway Superintendent Eaton wants to know what is happening with his 4<sup>th</sup> man that was budgeted. He has 2 persons of interest and would like to hire. After a short discussion regarding the status of the Union Contract, Superintendent stated that this contract needs to be settled soon as it has gone on far too long.

**TOWN CLERK:** Asked that the board Proclaim April 2019 as Fair Housing Month

**RESOLUTION 24 - 2019**

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

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

Resolved that the following Proclamation be Adopted.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Title VIII Fair Housing Policy of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and,  
WHEREAS, the month of April 2019 has been designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity as Fair Housing Month.  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Augusta hereby declares and proclaims April as Fair Housing Month in the Town.

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

**RESOLUTION 25 - 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 of Augusta hire THOMA as consultants, contingent on approval from the Office of Community Renewal, at a cost of \$ 87,500.

Chairs that were unsafe or in disrepair have been moved to the Clerk's Office. Board has given permission for disposal by Highway Department.

**SUPERVISOR:** Supervisor Collins asked for 2 Budget Adjustments and/or Budget line creations.

\$300.00 to A 1989.4 Grants

\$500.00 to A 1989.5 Census

**RESOLUTION 26 - 2019**

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

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

Resolved that Budget Lines be created or adjusted in the above amounts.

A bill from Open Systems was received in the amount of \$145.00 for computer issues in the Clerk/Collector office.

**RESOLUTION 27 - 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 bill be paid by Supervisor as a Post Pay.

Supervisor has gotten 3 quotes for a mandatory Audit of the Judicial Records due to the resignation of Judge Warcup.

Added on with Hamilton's \$1,500.

Bonadio 3,000.

D'Angelo 4,000.

**RESOLUTION 28 - 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 Supervisor use the cheapest quote and have the audit conducted along with Hamilton.

Supervisor Collins said that a Single Federal Audit will be done due to

FEMA - \$17,627.93

FEMA/County \$ 20,000.00

We are still due \$20,000.00 from Soil and Water.

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 6:42 PM, seconded by Councilman Ritenour to enter into Executive Session to discuss Collective Negotiations Pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law, 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.

Councilman Wright will continue working on Union Contract

Councilman Dowd will give report on meeting with Knoxboro residents

Supervisor Collins will review Judicial records before they are sent to Auditor in May

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Ritenour seconded by Councilman Kimball, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted

Sonya Furness





