

**TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA  
AND PUBLIC HEARING  
November 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 November 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.

Supervisor Collins called the Town Board meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Supervisor Collins asked the Board for a vote on the public hearing.

**RESOLUTION 77-2019**

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 submitted 2020 Budget be adopted and submitted to Oneida County.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES: RESOLUTION 78 – 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 October 16, 2019 be adopted

**ADOPTION OF PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES: RESOLUTION 79 – 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 Public Hearing Minutes of Local Laws #2 and #3 of 2019 on October 16, 2019 be adopted

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

None

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS: RESOLUTION 80 – 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 # 11 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 90 –102	\$ 4,144.60
General Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 19 -26	1,738.05
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 64 - 76	31,081.26
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 52 - 63	21,894.49

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:**

**SUPERVISOR:**

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District	\$ 1,381.75
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	24,502.91
Full Town Highway Savings	133,354.61
Full Town General Savings	69,049.16
Full Town General Checking	12,272.78
Knoxboro Lights	1,030.83
Part Town General Checking	2,231.33
Part Town General Savings	26,768.90
Part Town Highway Checking	37,800.57
Part Town Highway Savings	87,055.30
Trust and Agency	0.00
Pick Up Truck CD	38,716.77
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs	7,204.44
Indian Land Claim Checking	0.00
Indian Land Claim Savings	339,771.68
Building Fund CD	50,000.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,038,252.78
Total Assets	\$ 1,038,252.78
Total Liabilities	0.00
Net Income	(175,862.10)
Unresolved Equity	\$ 1,214,114.88
Total Equity	\$ 1,038,252.78
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,038,252.78

**RESOLUTION 81- 2019**

On a motion of Councilman Dowd, seconded by Councilman Wright, 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.

**CODES:** Report Submitted

**DCO:** October Report Submitted

**JUDICIAL:** No Issues

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:** Superintendent Eaton told the Board that it will be \$9,924.77 for Loader tires from Syracuse Retreaders. A trade in of \$600 will be given towards old tires.

Highway Superintendent Eaton submitted a bill for payment.

Furness Heating and Cooling \$ 487.50 for furnace work at the town barn.

**RESOLUTION 82- 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 submitted be paid in the above listed amount.

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

Asked for 2 Authorized signatures on THOMA paperwork for Abstracts submitted in Drawdown #2 in the amount of \$ 93,813.68. Councilmen Ritenour and Wright signed Form 1-4

Asked Permission to destroy 2013 6 year retention documents.

**RESOLUTION 83 -2019**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Kimball, Ritenour, Wright  
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.

Judge Johnson checked with the court division in regards to having 1 bathroom in the court. That is allowable with the proper signage on bathroom door. The large bathroom may be used for storage of Clerk and Court records with the proper locks. Further discussion to be had with the Village as to capping off the pipes to prevent sewer smell from lack of water usage. It was suggested that plastic totes be used for records in case of water problems.

**SUPERVISOR:** Asked that the Board their thoughts on the “Town of Augusta Computer Policy”. All board members agreed to have the policy sent to R. Parker for final review.

A thank You was received from the Beecher family.

The Board discussed the Equal Opportunity Policy Statement.

**RESOLUTION 84- 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 Town of Augusta Adopt the Equal Opportunity Policy Statement.

Supervisor Collins gave an update on the years end financial situation of the funds, tax rates and Indian Gaming revenue.

Minutes from the Budget Workshop

**RESOLUTION 85 – 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 Budget Workshop Minutes of November 15, 2019 be approved.

THOMA Consultants requested that the Town Board openly discuss the Conflict of Interest between homeowners, Thomas and Barbara Dundon and their nephew, William Stewart Jr. whom is a town employee. After long discussion, it was determined that there is no objection from the Town Board for grant to be awarded and will await opinion of Richard Parker, Town Attorney.

**BOARD:**

Councilman Dowd gave an update on the October 31<sup>st</sup> flooding and how the Knoxboro Creek Bank washed out. He is working with Oneida County and Soil and Water to get culvert work done so that additional work can continue.

Councilman Ritenour suggested the position of Codes and Zoning Officer be split into 2 separate positions.

Councilman Wright suggested that a department Reorg meeting would be a good idea, giving each board a chance to meet and discuss issues.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Kimball seconded by Councilman Wright, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted  
Sonya Furness



