

**TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA  
September 18, 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 18th day of September 2019.

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

ABSENT:     Dean Kimball            Councilman

PUBLIC PRESENT:   Mark Russell, Steve Roys

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES: RESOLUTION 60 – 2019**

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

**ADOPTED**    Ayes 3       Dowd, Ritenour, Wright  
              Nays 0  
              Recluse    Collins

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of August 21, 2019 be adopted.

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

Steve Roys, Assessor reiterated that he feels a Reassessment needs to be considered and the 2019 School Tax Bills are a good example of the need. He still feels that GAR is offering a fair price for their service.

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS: RESOLUTION 61 – 2019**

Questions were asked regarding GFFT Voucher 74 for Safelite Auto.

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

**ADOPTED**    Ayes 4       Collins, Dowd, Ritenour, Wright  
              Nays 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract # 9 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 68 –76	\$ 3,018.85
General Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 16	29.33
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 46 - 51	1,547.76
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 39 - 45	23,593.24

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:  
SUPERVISOR:**

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District	\$ 1,574.91
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	2,353.38
Full Town Highway Savings	194,846.39
Full Town General Savings	112,315.21
Full Town General Checking	2,596.86
Knoxboro Lights	1,388.80
Part Town General Checking	4,407.85
Part Town General Savings	31,907.08
Part Town Highway Checking	30,362.70
Part Town Highway Savings	96,164.97
Trust and Agency	0.00
Pick Up Truck CD	38,716.77
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs	8,300.73
Indian Land Claim Checking	0.00
Indian Land Claim Savings	439,601.94
Building Fund CD	50,000.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,221,649.34
Total Assets	\$ 1,221,649.34
Total Liabilities	0.00
Net Income	\$ 7,534.46
Unresolved Equity	\$ 1,214,114.88
Total Equity	\$ 1,221,649.34
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,221,649.34

**RESOLUTION 62- 2019**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Ritenour, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that the Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

**ASSESSOR:** Reports Submitted.

**CODES:** Report Submitted

**DCO:** No Report Submitted

**JUDICIAL:** No Issues

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:** Superintendent Eaton said he has found no used truck for use of the Highway Dept. so he would still like to obtain a new vehicle for himself and turn the 2017 pickup over to the men.

After a long discussion it was determined by the Board to protect our equity. Highway Superintendents 2017 Pickup will be used as a trade towards purchase of new and continue to look for a good used pickup for the men

A “Spec Committee” was suggested, consisting of Phil Eaton and Travis Wright. They will work together doing specs with a limit up to \$38,000. This will save meeting time and discussion on vehicle purchase. Once all data is compiled, it will be brought to the board.

**RESOLUTION 63- 2019**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Ritenour, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that a Spec Committee be created.

Loader Replacement was discussed.

CAT: Purchase Price \$214,281.00 with a Trade in of \$55,000 on the John Deere, Balance \$159,281.00

OR

Tire Replacement at a cost of approx. \$15,000 each for new.

Councilman Wright suggested Retreads as an option for this expense.

Supervisor Collins asked the “shelf life” of a retreaded tire.

Councilman Dowd stated “The Board does not want to support another large vehicle cost at this time”

After weighing all options, it was determined that:

**PURCHASE OF NEW LOADER BE PUT ON HOLD FOR 1 YEAR. REFURBISHED TIRES WILL BE PLACED ON THE LOADER SO HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT NEWS TO PROVIDE QUOTES FOR RETREADS AT OCT MEETING.**

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

**SUPERVISOR:** An addition was made to the Union Contract concerning a Deputy Highway Superintendent. For Civil Service reasons, this position needs to be created.

**RESOLUTION 64- 2019**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Ritenour, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that a position of Deputy Highway Superintendent be created.

Supervisor Collins asked Town Clerk to advertise 2 public hearings for October 16 at 5:45. 1<sup>st</sup> will be Dog Control Law followed by Tax Cap Override. She also announced that after the monthly meeting a Sexual Harassment class will be held.

Maridee Dukett asked for a donation for the Knoxboro Fall Festival.

**RESOLUTION 65- 2019**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Ritenour, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that a donation of \$150 be given in support of festival.

Community Choice Aggregation missed some residents in their mailings. Extra mailings were done and now some residents are concerned that they won't get a discount. Correspondence has been handed out in case a resident may have a question or concern.

**BOARD:** Councilman Dowd asked the status of old business.

- A. Prisoners doing Cemetery work.
- B. Office security of Clerks Office
- C. Storage of records

At the August meeting, it was asked that the extra roof panels and gutter systems from the Roofing project be removed from where they are now kept and be put away somewhere (possibly old barn) for storage.

**RESOLUTION 66- 2019**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Ritenour, Wright  
Nays 0

**Resolved that Surplus roofing needs to be secured and kept from weathering conditions causing deterioration or damage, in a space that can accommodate the material.** (Ex. Old Town Barn or bound and hung from ceiling in Town Barn etc.)

Councilman Dowd gave a brief update on the meetings held with COVAC.

In a response to a complaint from a Town resident, Councilman Dowd would like to state that "The Amish cause less damage on the roads than the English do with their farming equipment".

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 7:14 PM, seconded by Councilman Ritenour to enter into Executive Session to discuss the financial history of a particular person(s)

At 7:45 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

**RESOLUTION 67- 2019**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Ritenour, Wright  
Nays 0

**Resolved that** all 6 applications submitted by Thoma Development Consultants for review by Town Board for the housing grant are approved.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Ritenour seconded by Councilman Dowd, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted  
Sonya Furness





