

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA
July 22, 2020

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 22nd day of July 2020. Mask and/or social distancing were required.

PRESENT:	Suzanne Collins	Supervisor
	James Dowd	Councilman
	Charles Peck	Councilman
	Mark Russell	Councilman
	Travis Wright	Councilman
	Sonya Furness	Clerk

The Town Board meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Supervisor Collins with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Adam Shaver, Phil Eaton, Dan Brady, Shelby and Dale Coon.

PUBLIC:

Resident from Green Road asked about the Noise ordinance in the town in reference to corn dryers nonstop from Oct to February. It was explained by Highway Superintendent that he lives in an Ag District and the farmer is protected by the Right to Farm Laws.

Resident also brought to light a culvert that was installed in 2003. This culvert is in the Towns Right of way and needs to be left open. Resident fears that pesticides and contaminates are running onto his property imposing a health risk and property is constantly a wetland. Pictures were shown to the Board to substantiate his claim of damage. Board stated that this is a civil matter between landowners and not an issue for the Board. Highway Superintendent Eaton has supplied phone #'s of DEC, Sheriff's Dept. and Oneida County for additional questions or concerns. Highway Superintendent told resident that he can do whatever he pleases, on his property such as capping off to any culverts that were not placed in by the town, as long as NO damage is done to the road.

Residents from Rottamore inquired about the condition of the lower end of road, towards Route 26. Road is quite dangerous and during heavy rain, the road floods over becoming a hazard. Highway Superintendent said that spots have been filled in with cold patch and it was a road to be done in 2020 but, due to COVID, it has been halted and will be resurfaced in 2021.

Complaints were also made in regards to the Amish horse manure in the roadways. Supervisor Collins and Councilman Dowd explained that this has been researched in the past but in short, No laws are anywhere except for rides for pleasure in a city and also that no NYS Trooper or Sheriff will follow up or prosecute such a law.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 21- 2020

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright

Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of June 17, 2020 be adopted with one addition to the Board section regarding shutdown.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION 22 – 2020

Questions were asked about Mileage of a Town Official, replacement thermometer and tree cutting on 2 roads.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright

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 with the exception of General Fund Full Town, Voucher # 61 in the amount of \$562.68.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 59 – 71	\$ 1,243.05
General Fund Part Town	voucher # 13	223.14
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 31 - 36	729.33
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 37 - 47	23,379.66

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:

SUPERVISOR:

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District	\$ 1,909.59
Equipment CD Gradall	0.00
Equipment Fund CD Truck	103,693.39
Fiduciary	0.00
Fire and Ambulance	210.09
Full Town Highway Checking	18,802.26
Full Town Highway Savings	173,019.89
Full Town General Savings	155,904.53
Full Town General Checking 1780	186.93
Full Town General Checking 7386	14,747.54
Knoxboro Lights	1,782.14
Part Town General Checking	7,231.98
Part Town General Savings	46,355.54
Part Town Highway Checking	9,078.37
Part Town Highway Savings	257,598.25
Trust and Agency	1,556.56
Pick Up Truck CD	0.00
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs	6,429.87
Indian Land Claim Checking	0.00
Indian Land Claim Savings	376,056.04
Building Fund CD	50,000.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,224,562.97

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Total Liabilities	0.00
Equity	
Net Income	\$ 343,591.03
Retained Earnings	(2.53)
Unresolved Equity	\$ 880,974.47
Total Equity	\$ 1,224,562.97
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,224,562.97

RESOLUTION 23- 2020

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that the Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

CODES: No Report Submitted

ASSESSOR: Report Submitted

DCO: Report Submitted

JUDICIAL: Submitted a Resolution asking permission to make application for a State Grant (JCAP). A few probable projects to be granted are to remodel the Restroom and adding a baby care center, remodeling of the Judges Office to make more user friendly by adding shelving, cabinets etc.

RESOLUTION 24- 2020

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that the Town of Augusta Judge apply for the Justice Court Grant.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

A long discussion took place regarding roads needing work, CHIPS situation, Truck purchase and the town's financial situation.

Superintendent Eaton stated that Barker Road and Valley Road can both be chip sealed for \$25,648.

RESOLUTION 25- 2020

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that Scharman Road will be finished and Valley and Barker roads will be chip sealed. This will come out of General Repairs and then moved to CHIPS if available. Highway superintendent and Supervisor will discuss final figures regarding work on Rottamore Road and then call the Board members with their findings. Superintendent Eaton is still awaiting a decision from the board on purchasing a Western Star 10 wheeler at state bid price of \$ 259,014.96. A payment would be \$42,281 a year for 7 years with a \$5,600 trade in on old vehicle.

TOWN CLERK:

For the CDBG Grant, Councilmen Peck and Wright signed as authorized Signers for Drawdowns # 11 in the amount of \$ 23,160.11.

Town Board signed a monthly reconciliation sheet for the Town Clerk Checking Account, verifying that the February through June bank statements and checkbook were in order.

2020 Tax Collection Audit was completed.

New Retention and Disposition Schedule to be effective January 1, 2021.

RESOLUTION 26- 2020

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright
 Nays 0

RESOLVED, By the Town Board of the Town of Augusta that Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 57-A: (a) only those records will be disposed of that are described in Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein; (b) only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.

SUPERVISOR:

Supervisor Collins asked for disposal of a calculator.

RESOLUTION 27 -2020

On a motion of Councilman Peck, seconded by Councilman Russell, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright
 Nays 0

Resolved that calculator be destroyed and removed from town inventory.

Informed Board of an NYSEG LED Upgrade at a cost of \$1412.00, this would be for the residents that are in the Knoxboro and Augusta Lights Districts. Lights are more efficient and should pay itself back in a 6 month time span.

RESOLUTION 28-2020

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright
 Nays 0

Resolved that NYSEG Upgrade be done with amounts due being taken from Augusta and Knoxboro Lighting Districts.

Supervisor asked for a Budget Adjustments.

RESOLUTION 29- 2020

On a motion of Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Peck, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that \$142 from A 1990.4 to A 2980.4 for partial year of Village Website.
\$3000.00 From Contingency A 1990.4 to new Fund A 3010.4 for COVID expenses.

Opinions were asked again on the takeover of Augusta Greens as a Town Road

Collins – No, Dowd – No, Peck – No, Russell – No and Wright – No.

Supervisor Collins did explain that if they choose, Augusta Greens may become a district of their own.

Supervisor Collins asked that the Shared Services Contract between NYSDOT and Augusta be approved.

RESOLUTION 30- 2020

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that the Shared service contract be signed for a 4 year term from 7/3/2020 to 7/3/2024.

BOARD:

Councilman Dowd asked about a Solar Farm letter that he had received.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Peck seconded by Councilman Russell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted
Sonya Furness

