

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA
June 17, 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 17th day of June 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: Steve Roys, Phil Eaton.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 14- 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 Town Board Minutes of February, March, April and May 2020 be adopted.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION 15 – 2020

Questions were asked about 6 Hours of Bathroom Cleaning in the Town Barn and in regards to the Whites bill as there is no description on the invoice or voucher.

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 bills contained on Abstract #2 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

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| General Fund Full Town | voucher #'s 47 – 58 | \$ 1,179.14 |
| General Fund Part Town | voucher # 12 | 68.40 |
| Highway Fund Full Town | voucher #'s 29 - 30 | 685.97 |
| Highway Fund Part Town | voucher #'s 32 - 36 | 1,677.75 |

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:
SUPERVISOR:**

| Assets | Total |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Augusta Light District | \$ 2,025.08 |
| Equipment CD Gradall | 0.00 |
| Equipment Fund CD Truck | 103,693.39 |
| Fiduciary | 0.00 |
| Fire and Ambulance | 210.09 |
| Full Town Highway Checking | 19,473.24 |
| Full Town Highway Savings | 173,019.88 |
| Full Town General Savings | 179,025.63 |
| Full Town General Checking 1780 | 236.93 |
| Full Town General Checking 7386 | 247.10 |
| Knoxboro Lights | 1,987.52 |
| Part Town General Checking | 8,666.70 |
| Part Town General Savings | 45,968.51 |
| Part Town Highway Checking | 30,210.76 |
| Part Town Highway Savings | 236,841.10 |
| Trust and Agency | 1,422.96 |
| Pick Up Truck CD | 0.00 |
| Knoxboro Flooding Repairs | 6,429.87 |
| Indian Land Claim Checking | 0.00 |
| Indian Land Claim Savings | 357,306.04 |
| Building Fund CD | 50,000.00 |
| Total Current Assets | \$ 1,216,764.80 |
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| Total Assets | \$ 1,216,764.80 |
| Total Liabilities | 0.00 |
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| Equity | |
| Net Income | \$ 335,790.33 |
| Unresolved Equity | \$ 880,974.47 |
| Total Equity | \$ 1,216,764.80 |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | \$ 1,216,764.80 |

RESOLUTION 16- 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 the Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

CODES: Report Submitted

ASSESSOR: Report Submitted

DCO: Report Submitted

JUDICIAL: No Concerns

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Superintendent Eaton stated that Rogers Road and Valley Road still need to be chip sealed.

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. Board asked that Phil get updated current finance info and further discussion will take place next month.

Truck #25 is looking at approx. \$5000 in repairs.

TOWN CLERK:

A resignation was received from Sharon Hitchcock as the Assessors Secretary.

RESOLUTION 17- 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 resignation be accepted effective March 1, 2020

Clerk asked permission to dispose of 2015 Tentative Assessment Roll.

RESOLUTION 18 -2020

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

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

SUPERVISOR:

The Indian Land Claim income for 2020 will not be received, therefore no money will be put into building fund. Councilman Dowd asked that a letter be written to County Legislator voicing disagreement with decision as there is a signed contract.

Remaining money in the Land Claim account will be saved in case Councilman Dowd's project is carried out, \$25,000 will be moved to within the fund FTGS. Councilman Dowd needs to check and advise the Supervisor of the status on this grant. If grant does not come through, then a referendum needs to be put out to the public as we do not have authority to spend taxpayer funds without one, pending final cost.

Sales Tax Check for the first quarter has been lowered by 2/3. We are suppose to be receiving the balance in the next 2 months, but by then we will be owed another check. Status of that is unknown. Sales Tax was down 24.4% in April and 32.3% in May.

Chips funding that we are supposed to be getting is at 80% at this time.

Supervisor asked for a Budget Adjustment.

RESOLUTION 19- 2020

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

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

Resolved that there be an adjustment to lower line DB 5112.4 from \$185,000.00 to \$113,000.00.

Permission was asked for the disposal of 1 printer

RESOLUTION 20- 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 equipment be disposed of in the proper manner and removed from inventory.

Supervisor Collins stated that plans for reval need to be discontinued for 2020 – 2021.

BOARD:

Councilman Peck asked where we stand on roadwork. Hgwy. Superintendent Eaton said that Scharman road will be done but Rottamore road will have to wait. Councilman Peck reiterated the importance of keeping up on the roads and feels that must be done.

Questions were asked regarding whether Planning and Zoning has anything in writing for solar or wind power.

Councilman Dowd stated that in his opinion, Town employees should not have been put on leave without Board approval.

In response Supervisor Collins stated that she was issued legislative guidance when she declared Augusta in a State of Emergency due to COVID.

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 6:48 PM, seconded by Councilman Russell to enter into Executive Session to discuss 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. .

At 6:58 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Peck seconded by Councilman Russell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted
Sonya Furness