

**TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA
October 21, 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 21st day of October 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

Public Hearings were held at 5:45 PM for Local Law 1 of 2020 Override the Tax Levy Limit and CDBG Admin Phase 2018 at 6:00 PM.

The Town Board meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by Supervisor Collins with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Phil Eaton, Steve Roys, Adam Shaver

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 40- 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 September 16, 2020 be adopted.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION 41 – 2020

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

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

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract # 10 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 85– 100	\$ 1,943.13
General Fund Part Town	voucher # 19- 22	2,329.41
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 46 - 55	20,120.75
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 55- 66	76,203.03

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:
SUPERVISOR:**

	Total
Assets	
Augusta Light District	\$ 1,610.17
Equipment CD Gradall	0.00
Equipment Fund CD Truck	103,693.39
Fiduciary	0.00
Fire and Ambulance	210.09
Full Town Highway Checking	5,265.60
Full Town Highway Savings	136,597.14
Full Town General Savings	160,011.86
Full Town General Checking 1780	106.93
Full Town General Checking 7386	15,841.39
Knoxboro Lights	1,245.09
Part Town General Checking	8,800.89
Part Town General Savings	35,250.09
Part Town Highway Checking	25,638.09
Part Town Highway Savings	221,689.40
Pick Up Truck CD	0.00
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs	6,429.87
Indian Land Claim Checking	0.00
Indian Land Claim Savings	251,074.00
Building Fund CD	50,000.00
Trust and Agency	1,556.56
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,025,020.56
Total Assets	\$ 1,025,020.56
Total Liabilities	0.00
Equity	
Net Income	\$ 144,048.61
Retained Earnings	(2.52)
Unresolved Equity	\$ 880,974.47
Total Equity	\$ 1,025,020.56
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,025,020.56

RESOLUTION 42- 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: Report Submitted

Questions were asked by Board re: Amish Barn on Rottamore Road and Solar Farm.

ASSESSOR: Report Submitted

Stated that an ad for a Clerk has been published.

DCO: Report Submitted

JUDICIAL: No Issues

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Highway Superintendent gave all Board members a listing of the trucks and their assigned #'s. He also explained how the DEF is bought and stored at the barn. DEF should have a 2 year lifespan without crystallization. Board members suggested that tanks be alternated to avoid contamination.

Highway Superintendent submitted a revised quote from Tracey Road Equipment in the amount of \$12,500.00 for the installation of the new side tip box with warranty. Installation includes LED lighting for rear corner post, wiring, new junction box, stainless steel lines and hoses and frame liner. Highway dept. will sandblast and paint themselves.

This expense is totally unexpected as Superintendent Eaton did not realize that it was not included in original quote, nor did he realize that the Tarp system was not included. Had this all been known, it would have been included with the original estimate in 2019.

Highway Superintendent was asked to check with Tracey and see if they would include Tarp system, get different payment options. No decision was made until further details are discussed.

Highway Superintendent asked to put the old box up at auction to see what it could bring in. Could possibly be worth more scrapping. No decision was made.

All 1 man plow certifications are being completed. Classes, dry runs under supervision and then a wet runs as weather permits.

SUPERVISOR:

Supervisor Collins asked for opinions on:

- A. Vehicle Safety Policy
- B. Professional Fees Policy

All Boards members agreed that both policies be sent to the attorney for legal approval.

Supervisor Collins said that all 3 persons contacted for their expiring terms have stated that they would like reappointment.

- 1. Jason Spooner BAR
- 2. Skip Staelens Zoning
- 3. David Hitchcock Planning

Public Hearing #1- Tax Cap Override

RESOLUTION 43-2020

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 submitted Local Law #1 of 2020 be adopted and sent to New York State for filing.

Public Hearing #2 – CDBG Program – Grant Activity

RESOLUTION 44-2020

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 submitted report from THOMA be acknowledged and approved.

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 6:49 PM, seconded by Councilman Russell to enter into Executive Session to discuss the financial history of a particular person(s) and the financial history of a particular person(s) or corporation, Collective Negotiations.

At 7:13 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

The Town Supervisor will address the personnel issue and will obtain pricing for time clocks. The Highway Dept. will be reminded to be wearing safety vests during any and all roadside work.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Wright seconded by Councilman Peck, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted

Sonya Furness

