

**TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA**  
**September 16, 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020. Mask and/or social distancing were required.

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

ABSENT:       Suzanne Collins         Supervisor

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**  
**RESOLUTION 31- 2020**

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

**ADOPTED**    Ayes 4         Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright  
                  Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of July 22 and August 19, 2020 be adopted.

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**  
**RESOLUTION 32 – 2020**

Questions were asked about the cost of a box for truck #20 from Tracey Road Equipment and the cost.

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

**ADOPTED**    Ayes 4         Dowd, Peck, Russell, 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 77– 84	\$ 297.87
General Fund Part Town	voucher # 18	128.75
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 42 - 45	22,072.66
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 48 - 54	67,860.65

**R EPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:  
SUPERVISOR:**

	Total
Assets	
Augusta Light District	\$ 1,716.70
Equipment CD Gradall	0.00
Equipment Fund CD Truck	103,693.39
Fiduciary	0.00
Fire and Ambulance	210.09
Full Town Highway Checking	2,129.13
Full Town Highway Savings	173,028.56
Full Town General Savings	136,906.80
Full Town General Checking 1780	131.93
Full Town General Checking 7386	26,171.47
Knoxboro Lights	1,457.43
Part Town General Checking	3,720.54
Part Town General Savings	46,412.82
Part Town Highway Checking	24,809.47
Part Town Highway Savings	199,536.80
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	376,074.00
Building Fund CD	50,000.00
Trust and Agency	1,556.56
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,153,985.56
Total Assets	\$ 1,153,985.56
Total Liabilities	0.00
Equity	
Net Income	\$ 273,013.61
Retained Earnings	(2.52)
Unresolved Equity	\$ 880,974.47
Total Equity	\$ 1,153,985.56
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,153,985.56

**RESOLUTION 33- 2020**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 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 Issues

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Highway Superintendent asked for payment on 2 bills that did not make the Abstract.

Beecher Tree Service - \$900.00

Gorman- \$ 23,122.00

**RESOLUTION 34- 2020**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that the 2 bills be submitted for payment.

**\*\*DUE TO POTENTIAL CONFLICT, PLEASE OBTAIN MULTIPLE QUOTES OF SERVICE BEFORE GRANTING JOB TO AN INTERNAL SOURCE i.e.: TOWN EMPLOYEES.**

**TOWN CLERK:**

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

A short discussion regarding 2021 Tax Collection Season and what will happen if we are still under COVID precautions.

**SUPERVISOR:**

Supervisor Collins asked for disposal of the Codes Computer and of the Secretary to Supervisors Printer

**RESOLUTION 35 -2020**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that Computer and Printer be destroyed and removed from town inventory.

Supervisor Collins asked to add Code A 3010.4 to Budget for COVID.

**RESOLUTION 36 -2020**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that Code be added. \$3,000.00 will be moved from Contingency A 1990.4 to fund it. Still not at Fema threshold.

Supervisor Collins asked to move \$100,000.00 from Indian Land Claim to Part Town Highway to help cover roadwork.

**RESOLUTION 37 -2020**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that money be moved with the stipulation that these funds only be used for excesses in road repairs in 2020 Budget year. All remaining funds are to be returned to the Indian Land Claim Account

**BOARD:**

Councilman Dowd said he has a few questions for John Noti regarding the Subdivision Law. He will keep attempting to contact him but it was agreed by the Board to forward to Attorney Parker for his review.

Discussion took place on the Town Mechanic situation.

The Board is requesting of Highway Superintendent to put in writing

- A. A list of all Trucks in the Highway Dept. including Makes, Models, Year and Truck #'s.
- B. A description of how DEF is bought, stored and maintained when in stock at the barn. They would like to particularly know how much is bought and the frequency of such purchases.

**The Board would like to reiterate the importance of 3 quotes that are required before spending over the Procurement Amount.**

Councilman Russell asked the progress of the Solar and Energy programs that have been discussed.

Councilman Dowd gave an update on the Knoxboro Flooding Project. The bids for the culvert project were opened and awarded, therefore work should be starting soon.

Councilman Dowd said that the Town is still awaiting a response from Tony Picente regarding the Indian Gaming Fund that was taken away from us. County Legislator Idzi has also been contacted.

Deputy Supervisor Wright made a motion at 7:29PM, 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.

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

**RESOLUTION 38- 2020**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that the properties submitted by Thoma Development Consultants for review by Town Board for the housing grant are approved.

**RESOLUTION 39- 2020**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that the Subordination Request for a Thoma Grant Recipient be signed and forwarded to the proper legal agency.

The Board would like, in acknowledgement of the Assessors Monthly Report to reassure that if he is in need, they are willing to help and find him a Secretary to act as a replacement for position that was vacated.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Peck seconded by Councilman Russell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted  
Sonya Furness





