

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA
April 21, 2021

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 April 2021. Mask and/or social distancing were required.

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

ABSENT: Charles Peck Councilman

PUBLIC PRESENT: Phil Eaton

The Town Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Supervisor Collins.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 22 - 2021

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Russell and Wright
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of March 17, 2021 and Public Hearing Minutes for CDBG Application approval be adopted.

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:

None

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION 23 – 2021

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Russell and Wright
 Nays 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #4 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 27 – 36 | \$ 1,387.99 |
| General Fund Part Town | voucher # 3 - 5 | 641.69 |
| Highway Fund Full Town | voucher # 28 - 38 | 21,328.74 |
| Highway Fund Part Town | voucher #'s 19 - 31 | 18,808.84 |

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:
SUPERVISOR:**

| Assets | Total |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Augusta Light District | \$ 2,406.02 |
| Equipment CD Gradall | 0.00 |
| Equipment Fund CD Truck | 105,274.72 |
| Fiduciary | 0.00 |
| Fire and Ambulance | 170.11 |
| Full Town Highway Checking | 15,598.41 |
| Full Town Highway Savings | 200,119.24 |
| Full Town General Savings | 210,908.32 |
| Full Town General Checking 2020 | 0.00 |
| Full Town General Checking 2021 | 24,019.38 |
| Knoxboro Lights | 2,351.74 |
| Part Town General Checking | 5,745.36 |
| Part Town General Savings | 46,991.11 |
| Part Town Highway Checking | 14,328.02 |
| Part Town Highway Savings | 381,185.74 |
| Trust and Agency | 38.21 |
| Pick Up Truck CD | 0.00 |
| Knoxboro Flooding Repairs | 4,109.87 |
| Indian Land Claim Checking | 0.00 |
| Indian Land Claim Savings | 251,105.48 |
| Building Fund CD | 50,000.00 |
| Total Current Assets | \$ 1,314,351.73 |
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| Total Assets | \$ 1,314,351.73 |
| Total Liabilities | 0.00 |
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| Net Income | \$ 428,732.14 |
| Unresolved Equity | \$ 885,619.59 |
| Total Equity | \$ 1,314,351.73 |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | \$ 1,314,351.73 |

RESOLUTION 24- 2021

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Russell and 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

SUPERVISOR:

Budget Adjustment for reinstatement of CHIPS money

RESOLUTION 25- 2021

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Russell and Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that \$213,680.88 be added to Improvements DB 5112.2 since the state has reinstated CHIPS. The Town will put \$50,000 in at this time to Chip Seal Scharman and Rottamore Roads.

We are expected to get funding from the Federal Government for COVID relief. It can only be spent on certain things and some things must be done to get it. We have to replace all cuts made to the budget to their original amounts, we can't reduce next year's taxes or budget and use it to make up the difference. At this time the Federal Reserve is working on the list and what has to be done to certify that if we get it, we promise to spend as indicated. A percentage portion based on the census is to be given to the Village.

Purchase of Man Hole Cover

RESOLUTION 26- 2021

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Russell and Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that a loan of \$250.00 be made from General Fund to the Fire Department with interest of 1% to be paid in the 2022 tax year.

A letter was received from Josh Lewis regarding Cellphone Towers. Town Board does not feel that a Moratorium is warranted at this time.

Knoxboro Mitigation transfer of funds:

RESOLUTION 27- 2021

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Russell and Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that \$100,000 be transferred from the Indian Gaming to the Knoxboro Mitigation to cover partial payment of services rendered.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Highway Superintendent has received 3 quotes for the Overhead Garage door at the Town Barn.

RESOLUTION 28- 2021

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Russell and Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that Bob's Garage Doors be hired at the cost of \$8300.

Revised Specs for a new 2023 Western Star 10 wheel were discussed at length.

Quotes: 2022 Utica Mack \$ 259,374
2023 Peterbilt \$ 268,000
2023 Western Star \$ 271,739 – (Tracey Road Equipment agreed to a 2023 vehicle at the 2022 cost.)

RESOLUTION 29- 2021

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Russell and Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that Highway Superintendent is to order a 2023 Western Star with an Everest Body from Tracey Road Equipment at the cost of \$271,739, to be delivered in the spring of 2022.

Truck #23 (1989 International) has a broken frame.

RESOLUTION 30- 2021

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Russell and Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that the truck be placed on Auctions International to see if there are any hits on it.

Highway Superintendent stated that he will be reprofiling and sealing 3 roads at a cost of \$201,371.21 will Chips money that was owed to us and finally received.

Hatella Road, Tanner Road and Spencer Road.

RESOLUTION 31- 2021

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Russell and Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that work on the 3 roads be done as described.

The old pressure washer was sold to Town of Madison.

The box from Truck # 20 will be used as an extra for a vehicle at the barn.

TOWN CLERK:

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

Asked the Highway Superintendent to please get the cemeteries done so that they look appropriate for Memorial Day. 2 persons doing genealogy have stated that they will be visiting 3 of the abandoned cemeteries to photograph their families' stones.

Asked the board their opinion of hanging banners in the town to honor our veterans. Highway Superintendent will verify with NYSEG to see if they may be placed on power poles.

RESOLUTION 32- 2021

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Russell and Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that \$2,000 be moved to Cemeteries A 8810.4.

TOWN BOARD:

Councilman Wright gave an update on his discussions with the ARC. Will keep updating.

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 7:49 PM, seconded by Councilman Wright 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 8:10 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

Workers Compensation case will be closely monitored.

The Unemployment Claim will continue to be protested.

No Action needed for the Assessor.

The Board had a short discussion on Codes and Codes Liaison, Jim Dowd with follow up.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Wright seconded by Councilman Russell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted

Sonya Furness

