

**TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA**  
**February 17, 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 17th day of February 2021. Mask and/or social distancing were required.

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

ABSENT:

PUBLIC PRESENT: James Wester, Phil Eaton and Adam Shaver.

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION 11 - 2021**

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of January 20, 2021 be adopted.

**PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:**

None

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLUTION 12 – 2021**

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

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

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 14 – 18	\$ 1,296.70
General Fund Part Town	voucher #	
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher # 7 - 18	7,613.12
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 7 - 12	6,264.58

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:  
SUPERVISOR:**

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District	\$ 1,276.35
Equipment CD Gradall	0.00
Equipment Fund CD Truck	105,274.72
Fiduciary	0.00
Fire and Ambulance	168.13
Full Town Highway Checking	19,909.63
Full Town Highway Savings	47,801.43
Full Town General Savings	68,993.52
Full Town General Checking 2020	0.00
Full Town General Checking 2021	19,063.78
Knoxboro Lights	595.78
Part Town General Checking	2,807.43
Part Town General Savings	52,327.41
Part Town Highway Checking	10,320.72
Part Town Highway Savings	243,865.55
Trust and Agency	39.78
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	\$ 877,659.58
Total Assets	\$ 877,659.58
Total Liabilities	0.00
Net Income	\$ (6,834.01)
Unresolved Equity	\$ 884,493.59
Total Equity	\$ 877,659.58
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 877,659.58

**RESOLUTION 13- 2021**

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

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

Nays 0

Resolved that the Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

**CODES:** Report Submitted Codes Officer showed the Board his I Auditor Program. This is a Code Inspection Program that will be used for all Inspections.

**ASSESSOR:** Report Submitted

**DCO:** Report Submitted

**JUDICIAL:** No Concerns

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Highway Superintendent asked for payment on 2 bills that did not make the Abstract.  
Furness Heating and Cooling - \$998.50 and \$370.00

**RESOLUTION 14- 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 the 2 bills be submitted for payment in Post Pay.

Highway Superintendent advised he was going to put the Box from Truck # 20 on Auction International, and if there are no hits by garbage days that he will junk it for scrap. He also said that he was putting a pressure washer out for private sale at \$1,500.00.

Truck # 25 has blown a Head Gasket at 110,000 miles. Will need to be transported to Darryl's for repair.

Again he asked that a 10 wheeler be purchased for approx. \$ 268,677. Board asked that he get updated build sheets and price quotes and discussion will resume at next meeting.

**TOWN CLERK:**

Asked for authorized signors in regards to THOMA to authorize Drawdown # 16 in the amount of \$2,950.00. Councilmen Wright and Peck signed.

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

The annual Town Clerk Audit was completed for 2020.

Asked that the Town Board consider a walkthrough the old ARC (Knoxboro School) to possibly purchase as the Town of Augusta Municipal Hall. Renting in the Village has been sufficient throughout the past years but we are outgrowing the space that is available to us along with parking problems, Storage issues, security of offices and the fact that there is no handicap accessibility for the Court, Assessor, Codes, Planning and Zoning Board meetings and Town Board meetings.

Supervisor Collins – No

Councilman Dowd – No

Councilman Peck – Yes

Councilman Russell – Yes

Councilman Wright – Yes

Town Clerk will make an appointment with the appropriate contacts in Oneida County for walkthrough and request past utility bills of when bldg. was in operation.

AED Batteries and Pads have been ordered to replace the Expired ones that we have now.

Board was asked if they wanted to apply for the next CDBG grant which comes out April 9, 2021.

**RESOLUTION 15- 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 Town of Augusta apply for the next round of CDBG funds available in a grant. A Public Hearing will be set for March 17, 2021 at 5:45 PM.

**SUPERVISOR:**

Supervisor asked the Board to Re Approve the Claim/Voucher Policy.

**RESOLUTION 16- 2020**

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

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

Resolved that the Claim/Voucher Policy be Re Approved as previously written.

Supervisor Collins asked for a bill be paid that was received too late for abstract.

**RESOLUTION 17- 2021**

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 Fleet Pride Bill in the amount of \$1,079.22 for Brakes on Truck # 25 be paid in the Post Pay.

Supervisor asked for the Voting of the Local Laws that were presented at 5:30 during the Public Hearing. \*\* Separate Minutes were done for each Local Law. \*\*

In regards to Local Law # 2 “Solar Energy System Moratorium”, Councilman Peck and Councilman Russell will prepare and review a Moratorium suited for Augusta.

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 7:00PM, 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 7:05 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

Codes Officer will be asked to handle the situation.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Wright seconded by Councilman Dowd, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted  
Sonya Furness