

**TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA**  
**July 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 July 2021. Mask and/or social distancing were required.

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

ABSENT: Suzanne Collins     Supervisor  
             Charles Peck            Councilman

PUBLIC PRESENT: Phil Eaton, Judge Garry Johnson, Geri Cook, Maridee Dukett, Margaret Kimball, Thom Coon, Dean Kimball, Barbara Dundon, Thomas Dundon, Melissa McNamara, Craig Umstead, Jan Relf and Liza Saunders

The Town Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Councilman Wright.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**  
**RESOLUTION 48 - 2021**

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

**ADOPTED**    Ayes 3        Dowd, Russell and Wright  
                      Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of June 16, 2021 be adopted.

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

Residents of the Knoxboro area came to show their support and to ask questions of the Board in regards to the ARC building being utilized as a municipal hall. They spoke of different programs that they feel would be beneficial to the community. They all agreed that a purchase of land and to build a hall would be much more expensive than acquiring and fixing up a preexisting building. Questions were asked on the asbestos, lead and irrigation on the property. Residents asked the Board for an unofficial count of their approval. Dowd -- NO, Wright -- YES, and Russell -- NO. Supervisor Collins and Councilman Peck were absent.

Some items discussed were a dog park, disabled persons access, children's and senior programs, voting, parking and convenience of all offices being together.

Maridee Dukett wished to thank the Board and the Highway Department for the help in mowing of the Augusta Cemetery. She said it has been a great relief and much appreciated.

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:  
RESOLUTION 49 – 2021**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 3 Dowd, Russell and Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #7 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 46 – 51	\$ 6,865.15
General Fund Part Town	voucher # 14 - 17	607.09
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher # 50 - 58	2,541.47
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 59 - 67	20,934.32

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:  
SUPERVISOR:**

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District	\$ 2,016.86
Equipment CD Gradall	0.00
Equipment Fund CD Truck	105,274.72
Fiduciary	0.00
Fire and Ambulance	220.11
Full Town Highway Checking	14,009.45
Full Town Highway Savings	147,575.32
Full Town General Savings	183,752.29
Full Town General Checking 2020	0.00
Full Town General Checking 2021	8,110.40
Knoxboro Lights	1605.35
Part Town General Checking	7,909.46
Part Town General Savings	25,408.34
Part Town Highway Checking	38,806.36
Part Town Highway Savings	145,513.56
Trust and Agency	0.00
Pick Up Truck CD	0.00
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs	107,709.87
Indian Land Claim Checking	0.00
Indian Land Claim Savings	120,576.79
Building Fund CD	50,000.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 959,328.58
Total Assets	\$ 959,328.58
Total Liabilities	0.00
Net Income	\$ 73,708.99
Unresolved Equity	\$ 885,619.59
Total Equity	\$ 959,328.58
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 959,328.58

**RESOLUTION 50- 2021**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 3 Dowd, Russell and Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that the Supervisors SORRES reports be accepted as submitted

**CODES:** Report Submitted

**ASSESSOR:** Report Submitted

**DCO:** Report Submitted

**JUDICIAL:** No Concerns

**SUPERVISOR:**

Great American Rescue Plan - Total approx. \$ 137,000.00 50% to be received in 2021 and remaining 50% in 2022.

Asked for the status on the Solar Panel Law that is being worked on by Councilmen Russell and Peck. Councilman Russell stated that materials were distributed to the Planning and Zoning Boards for their review but no input or feedback has been given back.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Superintendent Eaton said that Truck #23 would get approx. \$2500 in scrap value. Will wait and put it on the auction to see if more money could be made.

Superintendent Eaton explained the Bridge NY Program. With approval from Oneida County, it is possible to get a bridge placed on Simmons Road.

Stated that Trash Days will take place September 23, 24 and 25 at the Town Barn.

Town Board stated their concerns in regards to Tanner Road and the roadwork that was just done. Superintendent will do a drive through and address the concerns.

**TOWN CLERK:**

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

Clerk said that she had received notification the Housing Grant was once again rewarded to Augusta. It was decided that Travis Wright will be new Fair Housing Officer and Charles Peck, Mark Russell and Jim Dowd would be the signers.

**TOWN BOARD:**

Councilman Russell requested from the Town Clerk to find the resolution that was made in order to start the Building Fund. He would like clarification on how it was written.

Board asked Superintendent why the excess roofing is still out being weathered after several requests to have it put away for future use. Superintendent stated he has really no safe place to put it!

Councilman Dowd gave an update on the Knoxboro Mitigation project. Willow trees have been planted and seems to be coming to a finish.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Wright seconded by Councilman Dowd, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted  
Sonya Furness