

**TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA**  
**June 16, 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 16th day of June 2021. Mask and/or social distancing were required.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Maridee Dukett

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION 42 - 2021**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Peck and Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of May 19, 2021 be adopted.

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

Maridee Dukett asked if it would be possible for the Town of Augusta to help mow Augusta Cemetery. She explained that zero funds have been received to help cemeteries that are within the NYS Cemetery Association due to COVID.

**RESOLUTION 43 – 2021**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Peck and Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that the Highway part timers would assist in mowing once with future mowing's at the Highway Superintendents discretion. Town equipment is to be used for insurance purposes.

Supervisor Collins explained the American Rescue Plan and stated that this is a perfect example of one of the criteria needed for reimbursement of Federal funds. (Ex. restoring cuts in public services caused by pandemic-induced revenue losses.) Supervisor Collins asked for documentation from the association showing 3 years of income, at that point if money is available, they may be eligible for some.

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:  
RESOLUTION 44 – 2021**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Peck and Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #6 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 39 – 45	\$ 309.84
General Fund Part Town	voucher # 9 - 13	2,175.60
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher # 46 - 49	485.00
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 43 - 58	180,228.42

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:  
SUPERVISOR:**

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District	\$ 2,094.76
Equipment CD Gradall	0.00
Equipment Fund CD Truck	105,274.72
Fiduciary	0.00
Fire and Ambulance	220.11
Full Town Highway Checking	17,748.79
Full Town Highway Savings	147,567.37
Full Town General Savings	185,367.00
Full Town General Checking 2020	0.00
Full Town General Checking 2021	19,947.10
Knoxboro Lights	1,730.35
Part Town General Checking	1,197.21
Part Town General Savings	35,423.49
Part Town Highway Checking	16,330.98
Part Town Highway Savings	391,620.00
Trust and Agency	0.00
Pick Up Truck CD	0.00
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs	20,909.87
Indian Land Claim Checking	0.00
Indian Land Claim Savings	151,117.86
Building Fund CD	50,000.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,146,549.61
Total Assets	\$ 1,146,549.61
Total Liabilities	0.00
Net Income	\$ 260,930.02
Unresolved Equity	\$ 885,619.59
Total Equity	\$ 1,146,549.61
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,146,549.61

**RESOLUTION 45- 2021**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Peck and Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that the Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

**CODES:** Report Submitted

Codes Officer Shaver asked that as long as his contractual allowed, that he be allowed to get an updated version on his personal Onstar subscription at a approx. cost of \$200 - \$300. It was agreed to try this concept of Onstar for a trial basis to see how it works out. The board will monitor mileage and see if it decreases before any decision is made on this purchase in the future.

**ASSESSOR:** Report Submitted

**DCO:** Report Submitted

**JUDICIAL:** No Concerns

**SUPERVISOR:**

Permission to destroy 2 computers

**RESOLUTION 46- 2021**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Peck and Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that 2 computers that were used for Highway Superintendent and Secretary to Supervisor be destroyed without the hard drive inserted.

New personnel from the highway department are interested in getting into the NYS Retirement. Town Board instructed Supervisor to look into the cost and see how much interest there is with the employees.

Supervisor Collins asked for Budget Adjustments

**RESOLUTION 47- 2021**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Peck and Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that the following adjustments be made:

1. B 1990.4 to B 3620.45 \$ 95.00
2. A 1990.4 to A 1010.4 622.00
3. B 3510.5 Change Software to Enumeration
4. Increase DB 5112.2 to \$270,765.00 to cover Chips increase and the \$50,000

that the Town Board said they would put in at the April meeting.

5. Indian Land Claim Savings to Knoxboro Mitigation \$ 86,800.00

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:** No concerns

**TOWN CLERK:**

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

**TOWN BOARD:**

Councilman Peck had questions regarding Amish Bldgs. Having to be completed up to code including Electrical and plumbing.

Councilman Dowd gave an update on the Knoxboro Flooding project and the final work that is being done.

Board members discussed the bumpiness of Tanner Road and the road just recently being completed.

Councilman Wright gave an update on the ARC bldg. in Knoxboro in regards to the reports on asbestos and lead. Councilman Dowd asked that at next month's board meeting a decision whether or not to proceed with possible purchase being made, instead of wasting everyone's time. Councilman Wright will begin to start a negotiation with pricing, so that he can give an update in July.

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 7:21 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 7:32 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

The Supervisor will follow up with the necessary actions.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Peck seconded by Councilman Dowd, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted  
Sonya Furness