

**TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA
March 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 March 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

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

Annual 2020 Judicial Audit was conducted before the meeting was called to order.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 18 - 2021

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Dowd, Russell and Wright
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of February 17 20, 2021 and Public Hearing Minutes for Local Laws 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of 2021 be adopted.

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:

None

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION 19 – 2021

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Dowd, 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 19 – 26	\$ 21,366.03
General Fund Part Town	voucher # 2	254.52
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher # 19 - 27	9,154.77
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 13 - 18	9,467.04

**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	51.95
Fire and Ambulance	170.11
Full Town Highway Checking	5,723.74
Full Town Highway Savings	234,118.55
Full Town General Savings	254,311.98
Full Town General Checking 2020	0.00
Full Town General Checking 2021	5,800.93
Knoxboro Lights	2,353.67
Part Town General Checking	1,836.47
Part Town General Savings	52,159.26
Part Town Highway Checking	29,539.27
Part Town Highway Savings	355,920.29
Trust and Agency	0.00
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	\$ 1,354,882.31
Total Assets	\$ 1,354,882.31
Total Liabilities	0.00
Net Income	\$ 470,070.29
Unresolved Equity	\$ 884,812.02
Total Equity	\$ 1,354,882.31
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,354,882.31

RESOLUTION 20- 2021

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 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: Judge Johnson stated that the Court was denied the JCAP Grant that had been applied for previously

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Highway Superintendent said that the 2004 Freightliner is back from being repaired. It was to have a blown head gasket and a bad air fan clutch.

The Overhead Garage door needs to be replaced at the Town Barn. Highway Superintendent has received 2 quotes and will be acquiring a third before doing a Board member call up for approval.

Bob's - \$8300

J&M Door \$ 6100

Revised Specs for a new 2022 Western Star 10 wheel were discussed at length. Councilman Russell would like for Phil to find out the price difference between an Everest and a Henderson for comparison.

Highway Superintendent said that the 2003 (Truck 25) will be sold and the box (from Truck # 20) will again be placed on the auction site. The old pressure washer is in the process of possibly being sold to Town of Madison.

Announced that Trash days for 2021 will be May 6, 7 and 8 from 7AM to 3PM.

TOWN CLERK:

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

Advised the Town Board the Clerk and Dog Control have been discussing a dog enumeration for the Town residents as the Village had been completed in 2019.

Opinion was asked regarding the ARC building that we had taken a walk through on March 15. Board members seem to feel that the building is too big for the use as a Municipal Hall. Some feel that it would cost too much for repairs and upkeep. Councilman Wright will contact Karen from ARC with questions on different proposed ideas such as renting etc.

TOWN CLERK: Asked that the board Proclaim April 2021 as Fair Housing Month

RESOLUTION 21 - 2021

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Dowd, Russell and Wright
 Nays 0

Resolved that the following Proclamation be Adopted.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Title VIII Fair Housing Policy of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and,

WHEREAS, the month of April 2021 has been designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity as Fair Housing Month.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Augusta hereby declares and proclaims April as Fair Housing Month in the Town.

TOWN BOARD:

With paperwork that was provided for review in regards to the ARC building, it was noticed by Councilman Wright that Tax Map # 362.003-1-22 on North Road is listed as a Wholly Exempt property. Councilman Wright would like an explanation from the Assessor as to the reasoning to this.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Wright seconded by Councilman Dowd, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted
Sonya Furness

