

**TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA**  
**May 19, 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 19th day of May 2021. Mask and/or social distancing were required.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION 33 - 2021**

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of April 21, 2021 be adopted.

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

None

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLUTION 34 – 2021**

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

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

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 37 – 38	\$ 52.21
General Fund Part Town	voucher # 6 - 8	389.99
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher # 39 - 45	2,641.48
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 32 - 42	29,208.99

Board Members would request that contract #'s be put on vouchers/invoices on steel sales for culverts.

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:  
SUPERVISOR:**

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District	\$ 2,209.87
Equipment CD Gradall	0.00
Equipment Fund CD Truck	105,274.72
Fiduciary	0.00
Fire and Ambulance	170.11
Full Town Highway Checking	23,717.23
Full Town Highway Savings	147,567.37
Full Town General Savings	210,569.36
Full Town General Checking 2020	0.00
Full Town General Checking 2021	5,594.55
Knoxboro Lights	2,045.72
Part Town General Checking	4,112.04
Part Town General Savings	47,142.22
Part Town Highway Checking	8,165.68
Part Town Highway Savings	412,891.43
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	251,117.86
Building Fund CD	50,000.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,274,688.03
Total Assets	\$ 1,274,688.03
Total Liabilities	0.00
Net Income	\$ 389,068.44
Unresolved Equity	\$ 885,619.59
Total Equity	\$ 1,274,688.03
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,274,688.03

**RESOLUTION 35- 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 Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

**CODES:** Report Submitted

**ASSESSOR:** Report Submitted

**DCO:** Report Submitted

**JUDICIAL:** No Concerns

**SUPERVISOR:**

Permission to pay Chips bills as received to get funds back sooner

**RESOLUTION 36- 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 bills that qualify for Chips reimbursement be paid when received.

Permission to pay bills that were submitted too late for the May Abstract.

**RESOLUTION 37- 2021**

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

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

Resolved that the following bills be paid.

Hanson Aggregates	\$ 1,632.06
	2,037.60
Whitesboro Spring	1,351.89
M Wheelock	1,575.00
Williamson	1,095.00

Supervisor Collins suggested that the \$1500 budgeted for DCO software be used for Dog Enumeration.

**RESOLUTION 38- 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 \$1500 be used to cover the cost of a dog enumeration.

Supervisor Collins stated that there were 23 complaints about no newsletter being sent out this year.

Grant info for a Salt Shed was given to Mark Russell to research. He will further discuss with Charles Peck and Phil Eaton.

Investment Policy was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION 39- 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 Investment Policy as updated be approved.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Highway Superintendent said that a resident has been spoken to about painting circles around potholes on Sayer Huth Road and culvert issues.

**TOWN CLERK:**

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

Asked that the 2016 Tentative Assessment Roll be disposed

**RESOLUTION 40- 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 document be disposed pursuant to LGS-1 Retention and Disposition of Records.

The 2021 Town and County Tax Audit was conducted.

Opinions were asked regarding the proposed Hometown Hero Banners. Quote was submitted for the cost of the brackets.

**TOWN BOARD:**

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

Councilman Dowd gave an update on the Knoxville Flooding project. Guardrails are up, and final work is being done. The pipes behind the general store will be filled with aggregate.

Councilman Dowd stated that last year the Highway Superintendent was asked to get the excess roofing panels from the roofing project be put away for safe storage. This still has not been done and the Board would like it done immediately. A lot of money is out being weathered and ruined in the elements and should be put away to be kept from being damaged.

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 6:49 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 7:15 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

The Supervisor will follow up with the necessary actions.

**RESOLUTION 41- 2021**

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

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

Resolved that Anne Brown be appointed to the Zoning Board, this is only a 4 year appointment to fill out the term ending in 2019.

A brief discussion was held and the Planning and Zoning Boards are required to obtain the 8 hours of training. The board will not be bringing in anyone to train, the classes or recordings of prior classes can be downloaded on anyone's computer and a certificate is provided. The Board recalls that one member did not obtain the required training in 2019 and they were granted the opportunity to extend to 2020, so that individual is required to obtain 12 hours.

The Board is also questioning if the ZBA has reviewed the Codes that were provided to them some time ago. Their recollection is that only E. Staelens had reviewed them as he had submitted a claim for the review. The Board is looking to move this process along.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Peck seconded by Councilman Russell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted  
Sonya Furness