

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA
November 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 November 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: Skip Staelens, Erica Hutchins, Adam Shaver, Phil Eaton, Keith Williams, Judge Johnson and Geri Cook.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 71 - 2021

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Dowd, Russell, Wright
 Nays 0

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

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Skip Staelens spoke on discussions that were had at the Zoning Board meeting in regards to Commercial Solar Panels. These questions concerned a commercial/business tax and the moratorium to list a few. It was suggested that a speaker come and speak to all the boards for clarification on a lot of the unanswered questions. **Councilman Wright agreed to setup a speaker that can attend a Board meeting.**

Keith Williams asked “What is the Town of Augusta’s definition of a Business?” No real answer was given as everyone’s opinion was different. After long discussion, Councilman Dowd asked for Planning and Zoning to make up a plan for submission including Codes and variances.

Councilman Wright said that something needs to be put in Zoning to stipulate rezoning for compliance where sawmills are used as all are not on a business basis.

Erica Hutchins asked on behalf of Steve Roys whether the Board would like to entertain, Appraiser John Zirkowsky at a board meeting for Reval information. It was agreed that Assessor set up either the Jan. 19 meeting or Feb. 16.

Erica also stated that Planning, Zoning, Codes and Assessor should work together to come up with a plan relevant to all residents and submit it to the Town Board.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION 72 – 2021

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Dowd, Russell, Wright
 Nays 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #11 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

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| General Fund Full Town | voucher #'s 82 – 85 | \$ 1,088.38 |
| General Fund Part Town | voucher # 34 - 37 | 314.81 |
| Highway Fund Full Town | voucher # 75 - 86 | 12,183.57 |
| Highway Fund Part Town | voucher #'s 87 - 96 | 26,399.29 |

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:

SUPERVISOR:

| Assets | Total |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Augusta Light District | \$ 1,770.70 |
| Equipment CD Gradall | 0.00 |
| Equipment Fund CD Truck | 105,274.72 |
| Fiduciary | 3,028.65 |
| Fire and Ambulance | 220.11 |
| Full Town Highway Checking | 257.23 |
| Full Town Highway Savings | 117,838.22 |
| Full Town General Savings | 120,063.74 |
| Full Town General Checking 2020 | 0.00 |
| Full Town General Checking 2021 | 16,142.95 |
| Knoxboro Lights | 276.34 |
| Part Town General Checking | 395.48 |
| Part Town General Savings | 21,797.87 |
| Part Town Highway Checking | 301.99 |
| Part Town Highway Savings | 398,066.11 |
| Trust and Agency | 0.00 |
| Pick Up Truck CD | 0.00 |
| Knoxboro Flooding Repairs | 13,309.87 |
| Indian Land Claim Checking | 0.00 |
| Indian Land Claim Savings | 120,582.87 |
| Building Fund CD | 50,846.18 |
| Reval CD | 3,500.00 |
| GARP | 62,339.41 |

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|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Total Current Assets | \$ 1,036,012.44 |
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| Total Liabilities | 0.00 |
| Net Income | \$ 77,713.56 |
| Unresolved Equity | \$ 958,298.88 |
| Total Equity | \$ 1,036,012.44 |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | \$ 1,036,012.44 |

RESOLUTION 73- 2021

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Dowd, Russell, Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that the Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

CODES: Report Submitted -

ASSESSOR: Report Submitted.

DCO: Report Submitted

Dog Control Officer Phil Eaton verbally gave his resignation as DCO effective January 1, 2022. He will submit it in writing to Town Clerk.

JUDICIAL: No Concerns

TOWN CLERK:

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

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Superintendent Eaton submitted 2 quotes for a Tractor Mower

Clinton Tractor: Alamo Side \$152,961.05 w/ trade in of 16,000 for John Deere 5603 tractor for a total of \$136,961.05

Cazenovia Equipment: John Deere 6105E Cab Tractor and Diamond Mowers Boom mower for \$138,025.00 w/ a trade in of 16,500. For a total of \$121,525.00. (60 month lease would be \$25,777.68)

A long discussion took place and subject was tabled until the Dec meeting.

SUPERVISOR:

As of 11/12/21, \$335,060.16 has been spent on CHIPS. Line was at zero in budget then it was changed to \$213,680.88. In April, the board put \$50,000 in along with an additional CHIPS payment of \$7,083.93 making the new total \$270,861.93

RESOLUTION 74- 2021

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Dowd, Russell, Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that a budget adjustment be made adding \$64,198.23 from unexpended funds.

Other Budget Adjustments

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| \$96.00 | From B1990.4 | To B3620.45 | Software more than expected |
| \$5700.00 | From Un exp | To B8160.1 | error in charging |
| \$1537.50 | From Un exp | To B8160.4 | Spring/Fall Clean up |
| \$996.32 | From A1990.4 | To A1010.4 | expenses exceeded budget |
| \$5663.42 | From A1990.4 | To A1989.4 | expenses exceeded budget |
| \$467.36 | From A1990.4 | To A1315.4 | expenses exceeded budget |

RESOLUTION 75- 2021

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Dowd, Russell, Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that above budget adjustments be made.

Approval of 2022 Town Budget

RESOLUTION 76 -2021

A motion was made by Councilman Russell and seconded by Councilman Wright to accept the submitted 2022 Budget.

The following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Dowd, Russell, Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Augusta pass the presented budget as Actual 2022 Budget.

Disposal of Verizon Flip Phone

RESOLUTION 77 -2021

A motion was made by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Russell to dispose of an obsolete cell phone

The following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Dowd, Russell, Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that Phone be destroyed

Town Clerk is to advertise for 2 public hearings on December 15, 2021. The first will be at 5:30 PM for a moratorium on Commercial Solar. The second will be at 5:45 on Cannabis Law.

Deputy Supervisor Dowd made a motion at 7:14 PM, seconded by Councilman Russell to enter into Executive Session to discuss the matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person,

At 7:32 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Wright seconded by Councilman Russell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted
Sonya Furness