

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA
June 15, 2022

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 15th day of June 2022.

PRESENT: Suzanne Collins Supervisor
 James Dowd Councilman
 Mark Russell Councilman
 Sonya Furness Clerk

ABSENT: Charles Peck Councilman
 Travis Wright Councilman

PUBLIC PRESENT: Anne Brown, Steve Roys and Skip Staelens.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 33 - 2022

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Russell
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of May 18, 2022, be adopted.

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Skip Staelens on behalf of the Zoning Board stated that they have not received a Codes Officer Monthly Report in a very long time. Supervisor Collins suggested that the Board secretary contact the Codes Officer directly and request to be added to his email list.

Skip Staelens also said that a meeting had been requested for a site issue with the Highway Superintendent and that has not happened yet. Again, Supervisor Collins suggested that they contact Highway Superintendent directly.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION 34 - 2022

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Russell
 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 48 - 49	\$ 114.64
General Fund Part Town	voucher # 15	9.96
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 25 -31	7,516.16
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 42 - 51	20,995.58

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:
SUPERVISOR:**

	Total
Assets	
Augusta Light District	\$ 2,424.01
Truck MMM	135,504.53
Fiduciary	0.00
Fire and Ambulance	196.84
Full Town Highway Checking	20,359.95
Full Town Highway Savings	167,372.86
Full Town General Savings	163,810.70
Full Town General 2021	320.71
Full Town General 2022	9,850.89
Knoxboro Lights	2,418.86
Part Town General Checking	6,735.39
Part Town General Savings	23,426.24
Part Town Highway Checking	14,068.12
Part Town Highway Savings	505,834.52
Trust and Agency	3,701.92
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs	903.87
Indian Land Claim Savings	164,346.69
Building Fund CD	100,864.89
Reval MMM	5,005.92
GARP	39,595.70
Mower MMM	40,004.82
Road Work MMM	30,003.61
Total Current Assets	\$1,436,751.03
Total Assets	\$1,436,751.03
Total Liabilities	0.00
Net Worth	\$1,436,751.03

RESOLUTION 35- 2022

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Russell
Nays 0

Resolved that the Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

CODES: Report Submitted

ASSESSOR: No Report Submitted – Steve Roys asked the Board if they had any questions in regard to the 2 quotes that had been submitted for a town wide Reval. He feels that both companies are reputable.

Supervisor Collins took a Toothpick pole on Reval or No Reval
Russell- Yes, Dowd – Yes and Collins - Recluse

DCO: Report Submitted - Anne Brown said that the Dog Enumeration is almost completed.

JUDICIAL: No Concerns

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.

RESOLUTION 36- 2022

Clerk asked for the approval of 2 resident’s applications to be approved for the CDBG Grant. On a motion of Councilman Dowd, seconded by Councilman Russell, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Russell
 Nays 0

Resolved that A. Buell and G. Lewis be approved, and paperwork be submitted to Thoma for processing.

Clerk asked for Authorized Signatures for Drawdown # 3 in the amount of \$15,000.00 After reviewing the request, Councilmen Dowd and Russell signed the request for funds.

Conflict of Interest:

Clerk provided a letter from Thoma to advise the Board of a Conflict of Interest between Travis Wright, Councilman and the Towns Fair Housing Officer and his parents, Frederick and Gina Wright. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have applied and pre qualified for the CDBG Grant.

Travis Wright would abstain in all matters concerning the Board and said resident’s participation including approval of project, work to be completed and payments to contractors. It is also noted that Travis is not listed as an Authorized Signatory for this particular grant.

The Board had a discussion amongst themselves and feel that there is no problem with Wright’s being able to proceed with the application process and will await further opinion that has been requested from the Town Attorney, Richard Parker as to whether Mr. and Mrs. Wright’s participation will be in violation of State or local laws.

SUPERVISOR:

Fireworks over Oriskany Falls

A request for a donation from the Village of Oriskany Falls was received.

RESOLUTION 37- 2022

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Russell
 Nays 0

Resolved that a donation be made in the amount of \$150.00

Supervisor Collins explained the ARC School Purchase funding possibilities. Referendum vs. Indian Claim Money. She will further advise when she gets determination from Dick Parker, Attorney.

Juneteenth

Supervisor Collins asked the opinion of Board members regarding Juneteenth and the Highway Department. The Highway Employees wanted to know if they received June 20th off being it is as of 2021 a Federal Holiday. It was determined that it would be a regular day’s work as they are under Union Contract and that is not a day that they have listed to be off as a paid holiday. If they so desire, they may contact the Union and negotiate.

Adoption of 2022 Oneida County Hazard Mitigation Plan

On a motion

RESOLUTION 38-2022

Name of Jurisdiction: Town of Augusta

Governing Body: Town of Augusta Town Board

Address: 185 North Main Street, Oriskany, NY 13425

WHEREAS, the Town of Augusta, collectively with the Oneida County Soil and Water Conservation District, Oneida County Department of Emergency Services and Oneida County, has gathered information and prepared the 2022 Oneida County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Oneida County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Augusta is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Augusta have reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board that the Town of Augusta deems the 2022 Oneida County Hazard Mitigation Plan as multi-jurisdictional and adopts it as its own Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

ADOPTED this 15th day of June 2022 at a meeting of said Town Board.

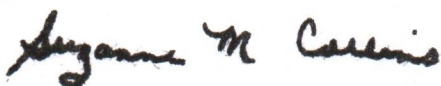
Supervisor Suzanne Collins aye

Councilmen James Dowd aye

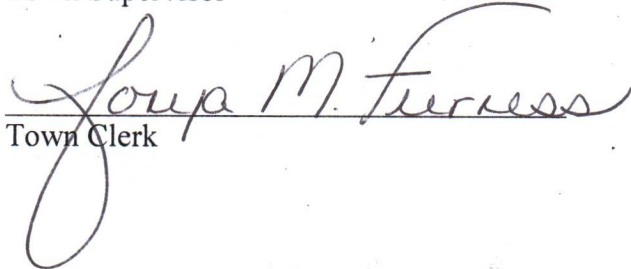
Councilmen Charles Peck absent

Councilmen Mark Russell aye

Councilmen Travis Wright absent



Town Supervisor



Town Clerk

Mileage

Federal Mileage Rate has increased to 62.5 cents per mile due to rising cost of gasoline.

RESOLUTION 39- 2022

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Russell
 Nays 0

Resolved that effective July 1, 2022, the mileage for town employees will increase from .58 to 62.5 cents until December 31, 2022.

Truck Purchase

After consideration of the town's financial situation, Supervisor Collins suggested making a down payment on the purchase.

RESOLUTION 40- 2022

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Russell
 Nays 0

Resolved that \$50,000 be taken from Part Town Highway Savings to make the down payment on the new truck purchase.

BOARD:

Councilman Dowd said that the Flood Mitigation Grant, to the best of his knowledge, is still at the DEC level awaiting final approval.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Dowd seconded by Councilman Russell the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,
Sonya Furness