

**TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA**  
**October 19, 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 19th day of October 2022.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Phil Eaton

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION 58 - 2022**

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

**ADOPTED**   Ayes 4       Collins, Dowd, Russell, Wright  
                  Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of September 21, 2022 be adopted.

**PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:** None

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLUTION 59- 2022**

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

**ADOPTED**   Ayes 4       Collins, Dowd, Russell, Wright  
                  Nays 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #10 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher # 64	\$ 5.00
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 53 - 60	14,155.98
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 71 - 78	15,613.24

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:**

**SUPERVISOR:**

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District	\$ 2,157.42
Truck MMM	135,532.92
Fiduciary	0.00
Fire and Ambulance	196.84
Full Town Highway Checking	24,432.87
Full Town Highway Savings	128,751.09
Full Town General Savings	126,168.08
Full Town General 2021	220.71
Full Town General 2022	6,077.98
Knoxboro Lights	1,971.97
Part Town General Checking	3,569.00
Part Town General Savings	12,141.71
Part Town Highway Checking	19,520.58
Part Town Highway Savings	336,210.27
Trust and Agency	3,603.92
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs	903.87
Indian Land Claim Savings	39,354.33
Building Fund CD	100,886.02
Reval MMM	5,006.97
GARP	100,945.93
Mower MMM	40,013.20
Road Work MMM	30,009.88
Town Hall	122,351.54
Total Current Assets	\$1,240,027.10
Total Assets	\$1,240,027.10
Total Liabilities	0.00
Net Worth	\$1,240,027.10

**RESOLUTION 60- 2022**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Russell, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that the Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

**CODES:** Report Submitted

**ASSESSOR:** Report Submitted

**DCO:** Report Submitted

**JUDICIAL:** The Town Court is requesting authorization from the Town Board to apply for funding from the Justice Court Assistance Program during the upcoming grant cycle.

**RESOLUTION 61- 2022**

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

**ADOPTED**    Ayes 4        Collins, Dowd, Russell, Wright  
                     Nays 0

Be it RESOLVED that the Board of the Town of Augusta authorizes the Augusta Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2022-2023 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Highway Superintendent gave an update on the Red Structural Flag on Simmons Road. The bridge will be deemed one lane until further notice. It is still unknown what the weight limit will be.

A bill was submitted to be paid that was not received in time for abstract for sandblasting of the V blade.

**RESOLUTION 62- 2022**

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

**ADOPTED**    Ayes 4        Collins, Dowd, Russell, Wright  
                     Nays 0

Resolved that All Surface Blasting be paid the amount of \$1500.

Highway Superintendent will meet with John Freeman and obtain help with applications for receiving funds from the Bridge NY program.

Highway Superintendent requested that he acquire a Town credit card to purchase items on Amazon. At this time, he will use his personal credit card and seek reimbursement.

**TOWN CLERK:**

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

**SUPERVISOR:**

Subject of Town Credit Card was again brought up. After a short discussion, it was decided that one was not needed at this time.

Code Of Ethics Policy

**RESOLUTION 63- 2022**

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

**ADOPTED**    Ayes 4        Collins, Dowd, Russell, Wright  
                     Nays 0

Resolved that the Code of Ethics Policy that is in effect now be reapproved.

Snow Plowing Contract with Oneida County was reviewed, and it was determined that again this year, it will not be signed.



Budget Adjustments

**RESOLUTION 64- 2022**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Russell, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that the attached sheet of budget adjustments be made.

New York State Local Retirement System.

Standard Workday Resolution for Employees in the Highway Department.

**RESOLUTION 65- 2022**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Russell, Wright  
Nays 0

Be it Resolved that the Town of Augusta, hereby establishes the following as standard work days for its employees and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the clerk of this body:

Motor Equipment Operator - Standard Work Day (Hrs./day) 8 (eight)

Zoning Board and Planning Board made a recommendation for the Town Board to obtain an expert in Solar Power to revise an ordinance for Augusta as they feel they are not qualified to address this complex issue.

**Town Law 271** - The planning board shall have the power and authority to employ experts, clerks and a secretary and to pay for their services, and to provide for such other expenses as may be necessary and proper, not exceeding in all the appropriation that may be made therefor by the town board for such planning board.

**Town Law 267** - Assistance to board of appeals. Such board shall have the authority to call upon any department, agency or employee of the town for such assistance as shall be deemed necessary and as shall be authorized by the town board. Such department, agency or employee may be reimbursed for any expenses incurred as a result of such assistance.

A letter will be written to inform both boards that it is their responsibility to compile the Solar Power Ordinance and funding is provided to both boards for such scenarios.  
Councilman Dowd would like the Boards to reconsider Vernon's Solar Ordinance.

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 6:47 PM, seconded by Councilman Russell to enter into Executive Session to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (Taylor Law).

7:15 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

A Public Hearing for the Property Tax Cap and the Town Budget will be held November 16, 2022. This is dependent on the status of Union Negotiations and the status of the NYS Retirement System.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Russell seconded by Councilman Wright the meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM. Carried unanimously

Respectively Submitted,

Sonya Furness