

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA
September 21, 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 21st day of September 2022.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Anne Brown

The Town Board meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Supervisor Collins

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 53 - 2022

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of August 17, 2022 be adopted.

RESOLUTION 54 - 2022

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Dowd, Russell, Wright
 Nays 0
 Abstain 1 Collins

Resolved that the Public Hearing Minutes of August 17, 2022 be adopted.

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS: None

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION 55- 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 bills contained on Abstract #8 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 58 – 63	\$ 596.40
General Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 20 - 24	234.67
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 43 - 52	6,644.65
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 62 - 70	111,168.14

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:

SUPERVISOR:

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District	\$ 2,221.32
Truck MMM	135,527.17
Fiduciary	0.00
Fire and Ambulance	196.84
Full Town Highway Checking	13,328.24
Full Town Highway Savings	155,382.02
Full Town General Savings	108,746.34
Full Town General 2021	245.71
Full Town General 2022	17,502.43
Knoxboro Lights	2,083.81
Part Town General Checking	4,462.24
Part Town General Savings	18,959.91
Part Town Highway Checking	40,602.04
Part Town Highway Savings	282,008.72
Trust and Agency	3,603.92
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs	903.87
Indian Land Claim Savings	164,354.33
Building Fund CD	100,881.74
Reval MMM	5,006.55
GARP	104,405.64
Mower MMM	40,011.50
Road Work MMM	30,008.61
Total Current Assets	\$1,230,443.16
Total Assets	\$1,230,443.16
Total Liabilities	0.00
Net Worth	\$1,230,443.16

RESOLUTION 56- 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: No Report Submitted

DCO: Report Submitted

JUDICIAL: No Concerns

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Highway Superintendent was not present but submitted the documentation in regard to the Red Structural Flag on Simmons Road. Discussion will take place after receiving a report back from the Architect.

Councilman Dowd stated that Closure of the road should not affect any Emergency Services.

TOWN CLERK:

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

Asked for 2 Authorized signatures on THOMA paperwork for Vouchers submitted in Drawdown #6 in the amount of \$ 50,010.00. Councilmen Dowd and Russell signed Form 1-4

Conflict of Interest: Notice has been received from OCR that Mr. and Mrs. Wright are being reconsidered for the CDBG Grant. OCR stated that they need to have Town Attorney, Richard Parker revise his previous letter if he agrees and then it will be resubmitted for consideration.

Deidre Purdy asked that an invitation be extended to Councilman Wright and/or Supervisor Collins to attend the Oriskany Falls / Madison Rotary Meeting and give an update on the status of the new Municipal Hall. Supervisor Collins will contact her directly.

SUPERVISOR:

Permission was asked to dispose of a printer from the Supervisors Office and a laptop from the Highway department.

RESOLUTION 57- 2022

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

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

Resolved that the items be disposed of and removed from inventory.

\$86,000 has been deposited into bank, awaiting information on where the money came from.

New Financial Reporting is going to be required, Supervisor Collins will give an update when she learns the details.

BOARD:

At the request of Councilman Dowd an addendum has been made to the August 17, 2022 minutes.

Councilman Dowd had questions on the \$2500.00 that was spent on paving the new Town municipal hall.

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 6:43 PM, seconded by Councilman Wright 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 or corporation and discussions relating to proposed, pending or current litigations.

See attached minutes submitted by Suzanne M. Collins, Supervisor.

Respectively Submitted,
Sonya Furness

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.: Actions as follows:

No action to be taken on personal issues at this time. Supervisor will research Conflict of Interest, Nepotism Laws, and Ethics Clauses.

Letter written on Nemo Dog Case is sufficient for the time being. Will see what happens down the road. Dog case was handled well by the DCO.

A motion was made by Jim seconded by Mark to allow for future permit approvals for the functions at Bean Acres as long as so afforded by the Sherriff's Department as well. All present Board Members voted aye.

At 7:15 the board returned to Executive Session based on a motion by Jim seconded by Mark to discuss matters relating to collective negotiations under the Taylor Law. All present Board Members voted aye.

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

The board investigated the Court Bench, and they advised the Town Supervisor to inquire with the village if the town had paid a security deposit of any sort to the Village when they originally leased the building.

They also want the Town Supervisor to see if the Village is interested buying the court bench.

An updated schedule of redemption fees for the Dog Shelter was approved.

Meeting ended with a motion by Travis, second by Mark, all in favor aye. 7:45p.m.