

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA
April 19, 2023

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, 2470 North Road, Oriskany Falls, NY on Wednesday, the 19th day of April 2023.

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

ABSENT: Charles Peck Councilman

PUBLIC PRESENT: Phil Eaton, Steve Roys

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 19- 2023

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 March 15,2023 be adopted.

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:

None

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION 20– 2023

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 #4 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 31– 41	\$ 1,057.41
General Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 6 - 8	130.08
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 11 - 20	5,823.00
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 16 -22	8,518.75

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:
SUPERVISOR:**

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District 1537	\$ 3,438.85
Truck MMM 3249	74,871.71
Fire and Ambulance 1553	372.22
Full Town Highway Checking 2126	13,138.65
Full Town Highway Savings 9241	224,398.84
Full Town General Savings 9058	216,838.03
Full Town General Checking 1780	23,499.54
Knoxboro Lights 1545	4,673.59
Part Town General Checking 2134	807.92
Part Town General Savings 9228	63,431.11
Part Town Highway Checking 2460	38,277.47
Part Town Highway Savings 9137	437,785.81
Trust and Agency 2867	0.00
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs 5049	903.87
Indian Land Claim Savings 0115	95,612.90
Building Fund CD 9015	101,126.81
Reval MMM 3281	5,723.75
GARP 9736	76,160.94
Mower MMM 3362	40,135.06
Road Work MMM 3346	43,735.11
Town Hall 6289	185,210.54
Municipal Improvements (ILC) 3882	0.00
NYSLRS 3453	9,556.27
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,659,698.99
Total Assets	\$ 1,659,698.99
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Net Income	605,675.46
Unresolved Equity	\$ 1,054,023.53
Total Equity	\$ 1,659,698.99
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,659,698.99

RESOLUTION 15 - 2023

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 Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

CODES: Report Submitted

ASSESSOR: No Report Submitted

Assessor Roys asked if his Secretary Erica Hutchins could fill in as BAR Secretary if a replacement for previous secretary has not been filled at the time of Grievance Day. was advised that it was acceptable and not a conflict.

DCO: Report Submitted

JUDICIAL: JCAP Grant was awarded in the amount of \$8000. Judicial Bench is being built.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Highway Superintendent Eaton requested permission to order a Western Star 10-Wheeler that would not be available for 2 years at a cost of \$ 348,174. This purchase comes with the trade in within 5 years at a 50% value.

After a long discussion, Superintendent Eaton was asked to check comparative prices in other states and then contact the board.

Councilman Russell suggested that the matter be tabled until budget time.

Superintendent Eaton reiterated that if the issue was tabled, it is probable that the price will increase and the trade in deal is not guaranteed.

TOWN CLERK:

Asked authorized signors, in regard to THOMA to authorize Drawdown # 12 in the amount of \$73,415.00. Councilmen Russell and Dowd signed.

Town Board signed a monthly reconciliation sheet for the Town Clerk Checking Account, verifying that the March 2023 bank statement and checkbook were in order.

Town Clerk advised the Board of an email that had been received from Tarpon Towers in reference to a possible new telecommunications tower located at 114 Cottage Street in Oriskany Falls.

SUPERVISOR:

Supervisor Collins stated that Mega will be discontinued in July of 2023.

Supervisor Collins took a poll on the funding of internet with Oneida County. Amounts that they are willing to contribute are

Russell , Wright 0

Dowd \$50,000

Collins \$5,000 to \$10,000

Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers. All Board members agreed that to move forward, Local law should be sent to Town Attorney for review and that Clerk should publicize a Public Hearing for May 17, 2023 at 5:45.

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 6:42 PM, seconded by Councilman Wright to enter into Executive Session to discuss

- A. The matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person.
- B. Discussion regarding proposed, pending or current litigation.
- C. The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or securities when publicity would substantially affect the value.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Wright seconded by Councilman Russell, that Anne Brown will be paid the prior ZBA secretary pay until a secretary is located and only until that time. All in favor Dowd, Russell, Wright and Collins.

The Attorney will be contacted for letters to property owners.

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

Respectively Submitted,
Sonya Furness