

**TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA**  
**August 16, 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 16th day of August 2023.

PRESENT:     James Dowd             Councilman  
              Charles Peck            Councilman  
              Mark Russell            Councilman  
              Travis Wright          Councilman (Deputy Supervisor)  
              Sonya Furness          Clerk

ABSENT:     Suzanne Collins         Supervisor

PUBLIC PRESENT: No public present.

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION 48- 2023**

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes and Public Hearing Minutes of July 19,2023 be adopted with correction.

**PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:**

None

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLUTION 49- 2023**

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

**ADOPTED**   Ayes 4     Dowd, Peck, 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 84- 91	\$ 794.94
General Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 28 - 33	391.95
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 36- 40	3,321.59
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 41 -54	96,045.09

Questions were asked by the board regarding the 5 Star voucher.

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:  
SUPERVISOR:**

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District 1537	\$ 3,193.06
Truck MMM 3249	75,578.69
Fire and Ambulance 1553	372.22
Full Town Highway Checking 2126	16,304.76
Full Town Highway Savings 9241	176,452.17
Full Town General Savings 9058	167,569.01
Full Town General Checking 1780	19,807.61
Knoxboro Lights 1545	4,195.80
Part Town General Checking 2134	4,365.72
Part Town General Savings 9228	31,777.99
Part Town Highway Checking 2460	32,882.18
Part Town Highway Savings 9137	266,253.74
Trust and Agency 2867	0.00
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs 5049	903.87
Indian Land Claim Savings 0115	114,371.21
Building Fund CD 9015	102,142.04
Reval MMM 3281	5,775.68
GARP 9736	66,320.10
Mower MMM 3362	40,499.15
Road Work MMM 3346	44,131.86
Town Hall 6289	173,132.44
NYSLRS 3453	53,069.23
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,399,098.53
Total Assets	\$ 1,399,098.53
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Net Income	344,772.50
Retained Earnings	6.20
Unresolved Equity	\$ 1,054,319.83
Total Equity	\$ 1,399,098.53
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,399,098.53

**RESOLUTION 45 – 2023**

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

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

Resolved that the Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

**CODES:** Report Submitted

**ASSESSOR:** Report Submitted

**DCO:** Report Submitted

**JUDICIAL:** No Concerns.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

Highway Superintendent Eaton advised the Board that of the 2 Grants that were applied for, the Town was granted one. The Bridge NY grant was not granted for the Red Flagged Bridge on Simmons Road but, 1.5 million dollars was approved for the culvert of the Tributary to the Sconodoga Creek.

4 quotes were presented for the purchase of a new 2023 Loader to replace the older 2005 John Deere - \$34,000 Trade in 3-year warranty 12-14 mo. delivery \$ 266,767.20

Cat \$50,000 Trade in \$227,165.00

Tracey Road –(Hyundai) \$50,000 Trade in 3-year warranty 12 – 14 mo. delivery \$163,625.60

Mid Country – (Sany) \$46,500 Trade in 5-year warranty 2 mo. delivery \$156,490.66  
This was tabled to September’s meeting. Board asked for more information be gathered and asked that the Duson be looked at before a decision be made.

Salt Shed Grant paperwork is still being worked on.

Highway Superintendent Eaton requested permission from the Board so that Bookkeeper may pay any bills that are CHIP related as POST PAY

**RESOLUTION 46 – 2023**

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

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

Resolved that any bill used for submission of Chips be paid as soon as possible.

**TOWN CLERK:**

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

Suitcases, Travel bags, Duffel bags, etc. that were collected from the residents will be transferred to Northern Rivers Foster Care.

**Cemeteries:**

Advised the Board that 4 written complaints and/or letters have been received regarding Thistle Hill Cemetery and the condition that it remains in.

Board was also made aware that a complaint had been received on the Desecration of a cemetery located in the town, whereas all monuments and remains have been bulldozed and buried throughout. Being that there is no Town record of this cemeteries deed, it is in the tax roll as an Augusta owned property.

Councilman Wright will contact persons within his profession to get advice, Clerk will contact the NYS Cemetery Board, Maridee Dukett and recontact person that made the complaint to get additional facts and Councilman Russell will contact the Assessor to get the Town owned properties correctly identified.

Clerk is attempting to request funds from NYS to help with the maintenance of abandoned cemeteries but needs Tax map #s, addresses and names of cemeteries to be recorded correctly on the tax roll.

**SUPERVISOR:**

Board members were given copies of Procurement to review. If they would like any changes, notification must be made to Supervisor by September 11, 2023.

Resolution for Adoption of NYS Unified Solar Permit

**RESOLUTION 47 – 2023**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright

Nays 0

Resolved that Resolution be sent to Town Attorney for finalization.

Our estimate for this years Retirement is \$13,478 and does not include arrears. Permission was asked for a Budget Move.

**RESOLUTION 48 – 2023**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright

Nays 0

Resolved that \$1000.00 be moved from Unexpended balance to Retirement to start a little extra for the arrears, from all funds A,B,DA and DB.

The Mower payment was paid from the Mower CD

**RESOLUTION 49– 2023**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright

Nays 0

Resolved that the CD be closed out as Interest % is greater from regular savings.

Budget Adjustment for Deputy Town Clerk.

Move \$500.00 Unexpended balance to A1410.12

**RESOLUTION 50 – 2023**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright

Nays 0

Resolved that \$500. Be moved to use if needed until end of year 2023. Amount will be determined and placed in 2024 Budget.

In the Supervisors absence 2 Resolutions were tabled until September meeting as the Board needed more information from Supervisor Collins

**TOWN BOARD:**

Councilman Dowd mentioned Short Term Rentals (Air B&Bs) and what another municipality is discussing about them. May be another matter for future discussion.

Deputy Supervisor Wright made a motion at 7:30PM, seconded by Councilman Peck 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.

At 7:40 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

As stated in letter dated 8/12/23, This is a Codes issue and Codes Officer is to proceed and perform inspections of properties.

Letter received from Anne Brown showing interest in Planning and Zoning Secretary.

**RESOLUTION 51 – 2023**

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

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

Resolved that Anne Brown be appointed as Secretary of the Planning and Zoning Board to fulfill term vacated by Sheila Staelens.

Unemployment

**RESOLUTION 52 – 2023**

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

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

Resolved that Claim continue to remain Unpaid pending final answers pertaining to claim are answered.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Dowd seconded by Councilman Wright the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,

Sonya Furness