

**TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA
December 20, 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 20th day of December 2023.

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

ABSENT : Charles Peck Councilman
 Travis Wright Councilman

PUBLIC PRESENT: Adam Shaver, Thom Coon

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 81- 2023

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 Town Board Minutes of November 15,2023 be adopted, amending statement in regard to Veteran Banners.

A follow up discussion was held on the banners. Board members feel that although they support the banners, they do not feel as though they should be stored on Town property as they are actually owned by the residents that have purchased them.

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Thom Coon stated that a vacant property on North Road is infested with rodents due to the excessive garbage. Codes Officer explained that he has unable to contact the owner of record. Thom Coon will file a complaint form with Codes.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION 82- 2023

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

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 129 - 140	\$ 1,237.39
General Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 44- 45	495.44
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 55	150.00
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 88 -102	23,286.76

Questions were asked by the board as to whether the Highway Superintendent was still within his contractual amounts.

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:
SUPERVISOR:**

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District 1537	\$ 2,941.62
Truck MMM 3249	76,345.66
Fire and Ambulance 1553	372.22
Full Town Highway Checking 2126	10,035.83
Full Town Highway Savings 9241	125,173.31
Full Town General Savings 9058	108,951.23
Full Town General Checking 1780	9,824.82
Knoxboro Lights 1545	3,618.73
Part Town General Checking 2134	1,342.56
Part Town General Savings 9228	19,561.34
Part Town Highway Checking 2460	17,044.14
Part Town Highway Savings 9137	81,636.88
Trust and Agency 2867	0.00
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs 5049	903.87
Indian Land Claim Savings 0115	123,127.17
Building Fund CD 9015	103,178.57
Reval MMM 3281	5,834.29
GARP 9736	64,309.55
Mower MMM 3362	5,167.49
Road Work MMM 3346	0.00
Town Hall 6289	166,967.91
NYSLRS 3453	43,414.53
Total Current Assets	\$ 969,751.72
Total Assets	\$ 969,751.72
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Net Income	(84,574.31)
Retained Earnings	6.20
Unresolved Equity	\$ 1,054,319.83
Total Equity	\$ 969,751.72
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 969,751.72

RESOLUTION 83– 2023

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

Codes Officer showed the Board programs that he has compiled for Codes records. All data entry is saved for each property in a file creating less paper. His new Google Phone system was also described and explained.

ASSESSOR: Report Submitted

DCO: Report Submitted

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 November 2023 bank statement and checkbook were in order.

SUPERVISOR:

Re Org meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Investment Policy

RESOLUTION 84– 2023

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Russell
Nays

Resolved that this Policy be Adopted as written.

Code of Ethics Policy

RESOLUTION 85– 2023

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Russell
Nays

Resolved that this Policy be Adopted as written.

Reappointment of Keith Williams

RESOLUTION 86– 2023

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Russell

Nays

Resolved that Keith Williams be reappointed to a 5 Year term on the Zoning Board.

Submitted bill for attorney services

RESOLUTION 87– 2023

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Russell

Nays

Resolved that bill in the amount of \$1500.00 be paid for Attorney fees.

Scott Davis has shown interest in the mowing again of the municipal hall. The Board would like to review a contract of services first before they revisit the topic.

Adding to MMM's with excess Part Town Highway money.

RESOLUTION 88– 2023

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Russell

Nays

Resolved that \$30,000 be added to Mower CD
30,000 be added to Truck CD
40,000 be added to Loader

There still has been NO contact from County Legislator Colin Idzi in regard to the Indian Gaming Contract.

Notifications to property owners surrounding Town Hall will be sent by Attorney after the holidays.

As of 12/20, there has been NO contact from anyone in regard to the financing of the new Loader.

Budget Adjustments

RESOLUTION 89– 2023

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Russell

Nays

Resolved that the attached Budget Adjustments be made.

TOWN BOARD:

Councilman Russell inquired about how much the Retirement system has cost thus far.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Dowd seconded by Councilman Russell the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,

Sonya Furness