

**TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA**  
**February 15, 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 15th day of February 2023.

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

ABSENT:     Travis Wright     Councilman

PUBLIC PRESENT: Phil Eaton

5:30 PM The Judicial 2022 annual audit was conducted with Judge Cook. Town Board audited the court records and finances of the court.

The Town Clerk 2022 annual audit was conducted. Town Board audited the clerk's records and finances of the Clerk's office

5:45 PM Public Hearing was held on the Proposed Local Law #2 of 2023 entitled "Establishing a Local Government Code Enforcement Program"

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION 8 - 2023**

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of January 18, 2023, be adopted.

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

None

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLUTION 9- 2023**

Questions were asked as to why Worker's Comp bill was so high and what was included on the C&S Engineer bill for the red flagging on Simmons Road Bridge.

On a motion of Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Peck, the following resolution was  
**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell  
 Nays 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #2 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 9 – 13	\$ 7,571.67
General Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 1 - 4	1,758.10
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 2 - 5	7,307.49
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 9 -11	4,014.99

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:**

**SUPERVISOR:**

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District 1537	\$ 1,455.41
Truck MMM 3249	105,488.20
Fire and Ambulance 1553	220.11
Full Town Highway Checking 2126	6,528.69
Full Town Highway Savings 9241	49,469.10
Full Town General Savings 9058	56,541.14
Full Town General Checking 1780	16,958.74
Knoxboro Lights 1545	(107.63)
Part Town General Checking 2134	728.33
Part Town General Savings 9228	9,723.48
Part Town Highway Checking 2460	20,739.19
Part Town Highway Savings 9137	270,614.43
Trust and Agency 2867	0.00
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs 5049	909.87
Indian Land Claim Savings 0115	145,582.87
Building Fund CD 9015	50,850.43
Reval MMM 3281	3,506.32
GARP 9736	52,367.36
Mower MMM 3362	0.00
Road Work MMM 3346	0.00
Town Hall 6289	24,760.79
Municipal Improvements (ILC) 3882	0.00
NYSLRS 3453	3,028.65
 Total Current Assets	 \$ 819,365.48
Total Assets	819,365.48
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Net Income	(53,148.45)
Unresolved Equity	872,513.93
Total Equity	819,365.48
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 819,365.48
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**RESOLUTION 10 - 2023**

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

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

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 reported that since September of 2022, \$28,000 has been put into the 2012 Western Star for repairs. It is now back up to Tracey Equipment for repair to the radiator.

The box to the 2004 Freightliner has collapsed. Superintendent Eaton supplied a quote for a replacement from Tenco Industries at a price of \$46,232.00. He also said that Town of Hamilton has a 2015 International truck with 58,000 miles for \$50,000. After a long discussion, Board members are not willing to put another \$46,000 into a truck for repairs at this time. Eaton was asked to get more details on vehicle that is available in Hamilton and then have a further discussion.

Superintendent Eaton attempted to explain to the Board that in order to obtain reputable, capable and knowledgeable applicants for the vacancies within the Town that the board must offer some incentive for the towns employment to look attractive and prosperous. No interest is shown if there is NO incentives and limited benefits made available.

**TOWN CLERK:**

Asked authorized signors, in regard to THOMA to authorize Drawdown # 10 in the amount of \$18,381.00. Councilmen Dowd and Peck signed.

3 additional residents have applied for the CDBG grant and the approval requests were all approved totaling \$ 103,250. 1 is pending a Conflict of Interest decision.

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



Notification was rec'd from Edmunds Gov Tech regarding the increase in website cost. The annual cost for website Infrastructure is increasing to \$5,000/year effective 8/17/23. A quote was submitted by Charles Thompson that for a one time charge of \$1,250. For set up including design, programming and transferring all existing data and an annual maintenance fee of \$500. To be billed yearly.

**RESOLUTION 11 - 2023**

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

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

Resolved that Charles Thompson be hired as web designer for the Town of Augusta.

**SUPERVISOR:**

Supervisor Collins gave an update on Insurance rates that will take effect March 1, 2023.  
\$2,440.00 Increase with new building  
\$960.00 Increase with the 2023 Western Star  
\$880.85 Increase to the general lines due to inflation.

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 7:02 PM, seconded by Councilman Peck 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, At 7:15 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

When the Supervisor starts the Inventory Process, all town property that is in excess of \$300.00 worth of value is to be tracked through the new system.

Standard Work Day Resolution for Employees RS 2418

**RESOLUTION 12- 2023**

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

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

Resolved that the Standard Work Day Resolution for Employees RS 2418 be established for the Employee Retirement System.

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

Respectively Submitted,  
Sonya Furness