

**TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA**  
**January 18, 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 18th day of January 2023.

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

Speaker from Cha Companies spoke at 5:30 PM on the topic of Commercial Solar. PUBLIC PRESENT Allen Yager, Anne Brown and Thom Coon.

Mr. Yager spoke about Use Fees, Farmland Protection, Setbacks and Road Frontage issues to be considered when it comes to writing a local law concerning Solar Farms.

Councilmen asked questions such as the decommissioning of, Battery Energy Storage, whether or not these sites are State inspected, taxation through Pilot programs and whether or not there are benefits to all taxpayers or just the landowner. Councilman Dowd spoke of the SWOCO property and its prime territory.

The Town Board meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Supervisor Collins

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION 1 - 2023**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5      Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright  
                  Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of December 21, 2022, Public Hearing Minutes of December 21 2022 and Reorganization Minutes of January 2, 2023 be adopted.

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

None

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLUTION 2 – 2023**

Questions were asked on the \$121.00 cupholder invoice from Tracey Road Equipment and the Clinton Collision Bill for \$575.00. Board members feel that it should be reported every time there is an incident concerning a town vehicle.

On a motion of Councilman Wright, seconded by Councilman Peck, the following resolution was  
**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright  
 Nays 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #1 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 1 - 8	\$ 1,312.10
General Fund Part Town	voucher #	
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher # 1	12.31
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 1 - 8	3,521.54

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:  
 SUPERVISOR:**

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District 1537	\$ 1,946.09
Truck MMM 3249	135,586.95
Fire and Ambulance 1553	343.38
Full Town Highway Checking 2126	0.00
Full Town Highway Savings 9241	90,423.84
Full Town General Savings 9058	63,203.61
Full Town General C 1780	0.00
Full Town General Old 7386	0.00
Knoxboro Lights 1545	1,576.76
Part Town General Checking 2134	0.00
Part Town General Savings 9228	4,524.51
Part Town Highway Checking 2460	0.00
Part Town Highway Savings 9137	397,334.97
Trust and Agency 2867	0.00
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs 5049	903.87
Indian Land Claim Savings 0115	58,110.42
Building Fund CD 9015	100,926.24
Reval MMM 3281	5,707.60
GARP 9736	87,138.45
Mower MMM 3362	40,018.18
Road Work MMM 3346	43,617.61
Town Hall 6289	11,010.04
Municipal Improvements (ILC) 3882	0.00
NYSLRS 3453	8,481.00
Total Current Assets	\$1,050,853.52
Total Assets	\$1,050,853.52
Total Liabilities	0.00
Net Worth	\$1,050,853.52

\*\*\* Year end % not Included...

**RESOLUTION 3- 2023**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Collins, 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:** No Concerns

**TOWN CLERK:**

Asked authorized signors, in regards to THOMA to authorize Drawdown # 9 in the amount of \$2,490.00. Councilmen Russell and Peck signed.

**SUPERVISOR:**

On February 15, 2023, there will be a Public Hearing at 5:45PM for the purpose of Code Enforcement Updated Law.

Asked the board if they would like to offer the fire fighter exemption.

Collins Yes                      Russell Yes

Peck Yes                         Wright Yes

Dowd Abstain

Public Hearing will be scheduled when law has been clarified.

SWOCO bill was received too late for abstract

**RESOLUTION 4- 2023**

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

**ADOPTED**    Ayes 5        Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright  
                     Nays 0

Resolved that \$120.00 be paid to SWOCO.

DASNY Grant has been completed and sent.

Town of Augusta Dog Shelter passed the Inspection.

Codes Officer supplied Supervisor Collins with information regarding Asbestos Abatements on buildings that are deemed structurally unsound and built after 1974. He will provide where this information may be found on NY States site.

**ALL CONTRACTS** in any department **may only be signed by the Town Supervisor.**

Supervisors are the only party to have legal authority to enter into any contract either binding or nonbinding.

The Rotary has asked if Highway Department would put up the lights that were bought for Knoxboro, possibly to be done when Hometown Hero Banners come down.

They also would like to donate 25 – 50 trees to be planted along the fence line at the new Municipal Hall. Councilman Wright offered to assist with the project with his excavator.

Oneida County has said that without a resignation of one last person for the Planning Board, nothing can be done.

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 6:39 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, At 7:40 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

Town Property to be labeled.

**RESOLUTION 5- 2023**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that Town Property will be labeled with tags and inventory numbers to better track existence. Each department will be responsible to do this, if they choose not to, it will be completed by someone so assigned.

Cameras at the Highway Department

**RESOLUTION 6- 2023**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Supervisor will be granted access to the cameras located in the Highway Department for monitoring purposes.

Town Attorney will be contacted for follow up on other issue.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Dowd seconded by Councilman Wright the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,  
Sonya Furness