

**TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA**  
**June 21, 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2023.

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

ABSENT:    Charles Peck         Councilman  
              Mark Russell       Councilman

PUBLIC PRESENT: Phil Eaton, Ben Smith, Keith Williams, Paul and Tina Sykes

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION 35- 2023**

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

**ADOPTED**   Ayes 3     Collins, Dowd, Wright  
              Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of May 17,2023 be adopted.

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

Ben Smith spoke regarding a strip of land (right of way) located on what appears to be town property as a result of a recent survey. Mr. Smith presented interest in owning and/or maintaining the property. Supervisor Collins explained the options that are being considered between the Town Attorney and the Insurance Co. and said she will contact him as soon as a decision is made.

Paul Sykes spoke on the excessive speed on McLaughlin Road and the fact that the Amish use this road daily. Requested that maybe new speed limits could be set through that area. Superintendent Eaton will check on the process and get back to Mr. Sykes

As Chair for the Zoning Board, Mr. Sykes asked the board if they had any questions or concerns on the proposed new Solar Law that need to be looked into with Mr. Yager. Supervisor Collins asked about Fees such as permits  
Councilman Wright asked about the battery long term effects, such as cleanup, decommission and Hazmat.

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:  
RESOLUTION 36- 2023**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract # 6 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 63- 77	\$ 1,912.72
General Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 14 - 20	5,196.52
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 26 - 31	3,614.45
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 29 -36	23,336.23

Questions were asked by the board regarding the Broom expense from Tracey Road Equip. and the 5 Star invoice.

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:  
SUPERVISOR:**

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District 1537	\$ 3,316.40
Truck MMM 3249	75,201.18
Fire and Ambulance 1553	372.22
Full Town Highway Checking 2126	21,858.39
Full Town Highway Savings 9241	176,442.62
Full Town General Savings 9058	185,237.24
Full Town General Checking 1780	17,770.13
Knoxboro Lights 1545	4,419.00
Part Town General Checking 2134	11,637.04
Part Town General Savings 9228	30,539.96
Part Town Highway Checking 2460	28,376.31
Part Town Highway Savings 9137	381,516.77
Trust and Agency 2867	0.00
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs 5049	903.87
Indian Land Claim Savings 0115	95,616.34
Building Fund CD 9015	101,631.85
Reval MMM 3281	5,746.83
GARP 9736	73,769.35
Mower MMM 3362	40,296.86
Road Work MMM 3346	43,911.43
Town Hall 6289	178,428.79
NYSLRS 3453	8,154.87
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,483,147.45
Total Assets	\$ 1,483,147.45
Total Liabilities	
Equity	428,827.62
Net Income	\$ 1,054,319.83
Unresolved Equity	\$ 1,483,147.45
Total Equity	\$ 1,483,147.45
Total Liabilities and Equity	

**RESOLUTION 37 – 2023**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, 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:**

Superintendent said that the Loader is again out of commission , with a approximate cost of \$51,000 in repairs. Whitestown has loaned us one for now and Phil will contact the Board when he receives more details.

Highway Superintendent Eaton spoke of the roads that he intends to work on this year and what should be received from CHIPS.

**RESOLUTION 38 - 2023**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that the \$43,911.43 in the Road Work CD be moved to DB 5112.2

Superintendent Eaton is still awaiting a response from Bridge NY concerning the Red Flagged Bridge on Simmons Road.

**TOWN CLERK:**

Asked authorized signors, in regard to THOMA to authorize Drawdown # 14 in the amount of \$24,385.00. Councilmen Russell and Councilman Dowd signed.

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

Town Clerk asked opinions on the Farmers Market and what day they felt would work Friday or Saturday.

Permission was asked to dispose the 2018 Tentative Assessment Roll

**RESOLUTION 39 - 2023**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that Pursuant to the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule LGS-1, all records mentioned above shall be disposed of either by shredding or burning.

**SUPERVISOR:**

2 bills were received too late for Abstract and Supervisor Collins is requesting permission to pay so that they may be submitted for CHIPS reimbursement.

**RESOLUTION 40 - 2023**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that \$127,336.00 be paid to Garmin for the paving of Egan Road.  
\$690.85 be paid to Hanson for Crusher Run.

Sexual Harassment policy was reviewed.

**RESOLUTION 41 - 2023**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that Sexual Harassment Policy be adopted as written.

Voter Identification Process

**RESOLUTION 42- 2023**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 3 Collins, Dowd, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved the attached Resolution be Adopted and submitted to the proper Officials within NY State Government.

**TOWN BOARD:**

Councilman Wright would like to Thank everyone that has been involved with all the work that has been done on the grounds of our new Municipal Hall.

Councilman Dowd made a motion at 6:45 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.

At 7:04 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Wright seconded by Supervisor Collins the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,

Sonya Furness

RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR  
KATHY HOCHUL TO DRAFT AND ENACT LEGISLATION REGARDING A  
VOTER'S IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

Resolution for Town Board Meeting Dated: June 21, 2023

The following resolution was offered by: Councilman Wright

and seconded by: Councilman Dowd

WHEREAS, this country was formed on the principles of democracy and our forefathers fought for our right to elect our representation; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the states in the U.S. require a voter's identification to increase the public's confidence and ensure a fair election process; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections may not get notification of a voter registering in another location or of a death of a registered voter; and

WHEREAS, in an economy where the Board of Elections may not have sufficient funding or staffing to purge voters rolls of individuals who no longer live in each election district or county, as required; and

WHEREAS, in a day and age where the ability to work does not necessarily need to be where you live, this allows for more individuals to be transient in nature and the addition of voter's identification will assist in keeping all voter rolls current; and

WHEREAS, in the State of New York the requirement is to compare the signature on file, this doesn't necessarily help maintain current voter registration, as name and address changes are not necessarily communicated in the current process, also this would assist in the purging of the roles of individuals who are no longer active voters in that county; and

WHEREAS, the subject of the resolution is not an action as defined by 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §617.2 (b), and therefore no further SEQRA review is required.

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE TOWN BOARD

HEREBY REQUESTS the New York State Legislature and Governor Hochul to draft and enact legislation to allow for a voter's identification process to assist with maintaining voter's registration rolls; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this Resolution to Governor Hochul, Assemblyman Miller, Assemblywoman Buttenschon, State Senator Griffo, Senators Schumer and Gillibrand and State Representative Tenney.

VOTE: AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSTENTIONS:

Supervisor Suzanne M. Collins	AYE
Councilman James W. Dowd	AYE
CouncilMAN Charles Peck	ABSENT
Councilman Mark Russell	ABSENT
Councilman Travis Wright	AYE

THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED

I, Sonya M. Furness, Town Clerk, Certify that this is a true and correct copy of Resolution 42-2023 of the Town of Augusta as adopted by the Town Board on the 21 day of June, 2023

Sonya M. Furness  
Town Clerk

Dated June 28, 2023