

**TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA  
March 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 March 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

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION 13- 2023**

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of February 15,2023 be adopted.

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

None

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLUTION 14- 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 bills contained on Abstract #3 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 22- 30	\$ 29,906.63
General Fund Part Town	voucher # 5	153.97
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 6 - 10	5,183.41
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 12 -15	3,493.24

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:  
SUPERVISOR:**

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District 1537	\$ 3,464.27
Truck MMM 3249	135,856.40
Fire and Ambulance 1553	345.22
Full Town Highway Checking 2126	5,991.07
Full Town Highway Savings 9241	253,242.25
Full Town General Savings 9058	267,628.48
Full Town General Checking 1780	17,858.84
Knoxboro Lights 1545	4,860.98
Part Town General Checking 2134	338.56
Part Town General Savings 9228	137.35
Part Town Highway Checking 2460	7,001.17
Part Town Highway Savings 9137	492,003.75
Trust and Agency 2867	0.00
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs 5049	903.87
Indian Land Claim Savings 0115	76,862.90
Building Fund CD 9015	101,126.81
Reval MMM 3281	5,718.27
GARP 9736	78,722.06
Mower MMM 3362	40,096.61
Road Work MMM 3346	43,693.21
Town Hall 6289	15,485.52
Municipal Improvements (ILC) 3882	0.00
NYSLRS 3453	9,686.25
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,561,023.84
Total Assets	\$ 1,561,023.84
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Net Income	507,234.55
Unresolved Equity	\$ 1,053,789.29
Total Equity	\$ 1,561,023.84
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,561,023.84

**RESOLUTION 15 - 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 the 2012 Western Star radiator has been repaired and is back from Tracey Equipment.

The box to the 2004 Freightliner has collapsed. Superintendent Eaton and Councilman Peck looked at Town of Hamilton's 2015 International truck with 58,000 miles for \$50,000. It was decided to move on and look into different options.

Superintendent Eaton submitted a new price on the 2022 Pickup that he was given permission to order in 2021. 2022 Ford Super Duty F-350 Extended Cab \$23,601.00 from Friendly of Hamilton. After a long discussion it was decided that Superintendent contact Friendly's and check the availability of a 2023 or 2024 before a decision would be made.

Roll: Dowd, Yes Russell, No Opinion Peck, No

**TOWN CLERK:**

Asked authorized signors, in regard to THOMA to authorize Drawdown # 11 in the amount of \$15,700.00. Councilmen Russell and Peck signed.

The Conflict of Interest decision was made in favor of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Wright. The Wrights have applied for the CDBG grant and the approval request was approved totaling an estimated cost of \$ 32,000.

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

April Fair Housing Month

**PROCLAMATION MONTH OF APRIL**

"WHEREAS, in accordance with the Title VIII Fair Housing Policy of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and, WHEREAS, the month of April 2023 has been designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity as Fair Housing Month. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Augusta hereby declares and proclaims April as Fair Housing Month in the Town of Augusta.

Suzanne M. Collins Town Supervisor

**RESOLUTION 16 - 2023**

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 Month of April 2023 be declared Fair Housing Month in the Town of Augusta.

Town Clerk spoke with Board of Elections and James Wester of the Oriskany Falls Fire Department in regard to having voting in our new municipal hall for town residents. Board of Elections will not split up the districts as in the past and the Fire Department feels that at this time, they would like to keep the elections at the firehouse.

**SUPERVISOR:**

Supervisor Collins stated that she would be on vacation for 1 week and if any problems should arise Deputy Supervisor Wright would be available.

Supervisor Collins received 4 resignations from Sheila Staelens for her positions of BAR member, Secretary to the BAR, Secretary to the Planning Board and Secretary to the Zoning Board.

**RESOLUTION 17 - 2023**

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 with regrets, the resignations of Sheila Staelens be accepted effective March 31, 2023.

Town Clerk will place an Ad in the Waterville Times and apply to the website a Vacancy ad.

Flood Mitigation Grant check has been received in the amount of \$190,000. This will be disbursed to the Building Fund and the Indian Land Claim Fund.

**TOWN BOARD:**

Councilman Dowd asked what the status was on Request for Proposals in regards to Broadband.

Councilman Dowd said the Assessor has not attending meetings nor do his reports indicate the status on any new or updated assessments.

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 6:56 PM, seconded by Councilman Dowd 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 7:12 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

There was some additional discussion on the pickup truck purchase and Councilman Peck wants Highway Superintendent to check on the 23-24 situation. If that is not an option, then he is in favor of the 2022 purchase. After Phil checks it out, a special Board Meeting may be called to take a vote on the pickup.

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

Respectively Submitted,  
Sonya Furness