

**TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA**  
**May 17, 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 17th day of May 2023.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Phil Eaton

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION 23- 2023**

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of April 19,2023 be adopted.

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

None

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLUTION 24- 2023**

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

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

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract # 5 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 42- 62	\$ 12,275.01
General Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 9 - 13	10,677.18
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 21 - 25	14,454.29
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 23 -28	34,296.81

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:  
SUPERVISOR:**

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District 1537	\$ 3,378.91
Truck MMM 3249	75,030.05
Fire and Ambulance 1553	372.22
Full Town Highway Checking 2126	13,457.10
Full Town Highway Savings 9241	201,442.62
Full Town General Savings 9058	214,701.05
Full Town General Checking 1780	13,281.73
Knoxboro Lights 1545	4,526.34
Part Town General Checking 2134	14,784.86
Part Town General Savings 9228	48,248.67
Part Town Highway Checking 2460	22,594.37
Part Town Highway Savings 9137	435,493.08
Trust and Agency 2867	0.00
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs 5049	903.87
Indian Land Claim Savings 0115	114,366.34
Building Fund CD 9015	101,400.57
Reval MMM 3281	5,733.75
GARP 9736	76,244.54
Mower MMM 3362	40,205.16
Road Work MMM 3346	43,811.50
Town Hall 6289	178,172.62
Municipal Improvements (ILC) 3882	0.00
NYSLRS 3453	9,556.27
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,617,705.62</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,617,705.62</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
Net Income	563,385.79
Unresolved Equity	\$ 1,054,319.83
Total Equity	\$ 1,617,705.62
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,617,705.62

**RESOLUTION 25 – 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 Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

**CODES:** No Report Submitted

**ASSESSOR:** No Report Submitted

**DCO:** Report Submitted

**JUDICIAL:** No Concerns.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:** Highway Superintendent Eaton requested permission to order a Western Star 10-Wheeler that would not be available for 2 years at a cost of \$ 348,174.

**RESOLUTION 26 - 2023**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Wright  
Nays 1 Russell

Resolved that a 2025 Western Star 10 Wheel be ordered, with an understanding that upon delivery, at least 1 10-wheel truck be removed from the fleet.

Expenditure of Highway Moneys

Agreement was signed for 1.41 miles Knoxboro Rd. to Skyline Dr. using Hot Nova Pave.

Superintendent said that the 2012 Western Star is again out of commission due to the harness being down. They are looking for possibly a broken wire.

A program is available for \$1700 to monitor the trucks computer chips allowing the ability to change the vehicles settings when needed.

Superintendent Eaton is working to obtain a grant for a Salt Bldg. Will further update when more details are available.

**TOWN CLERK:**

Asked authorized signors, in regard to THOMA to authorize Drawdown # 13 in the amount of \$55,382.45. Councilmen Peck and Councilman Dowd signed.

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

Town Clerk asked the opinion of the Board if the possibility of a Farmers Market could be held on municipal property. A sample Memorandum of agreement was passed out and Clerk was advised to contact the Oneida County Health Department to verify permits and licenses.

Town Board completed the annual Tax Collection Audit of 2023.

It was inadvertently left out in the minutes of the March 15, 2023, meeting that an Opinion of Counsel had been received from Richard Parker, Town Attorney regarding the Conflict of Interest of Robert Hyde and the Housing and Rehabilitation Grant.

**RESOLUTION 27 - 2023**

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

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

Resolved that it is the determination of legal counsel that the conflict of interest with Robert Hyde due to his daughter Erica Hutchins being a town employee has no bearing on Mr. Hyde receiving or being awarded the CDBG Grant.

Supervisor Collins stated that the roof on the new municipal hall is in need of repair. There is an opportunity of receiving a grant. Councilman Russell stated that he would meet with individuals regarding the MVEED Grant.

Sexual Harassment policy was reviewed.

**RESOLUTION 28 - 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 Sexual Harassment Policy remain in effect as written.

Supervisor Collins requested that the Board members stop and review Bookkeeping records for her audit.

Standard Work Day Resolution for NYSLRS.

**RESOLUTION 29 - 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 submitted Standard Work Day Resolution for NYSLRS be passed.

Supervisor said that there has been no response to the employment ads for the Planning Board. Town Clerk was asked to run the ad another time in the month of June.

Question was posed again regarding a town credit card. All Board members remain NO.

Fund Balance policy was reviewed.

**RESOLUTION 30 - 2023**

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

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

Resolved that Fund Balance Policy remain in effect as written.

Request from Maridee Dukett for a donation for the Knoxboro Memorial Day celebration

**RESOLUTION 31 - 2023**

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

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

Resolved that \$200.00 be given to support the celebration.

A Budget Adjustment for CHIPS and Brush & Weeds

**RESOLUTION 32 - 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 \$10,000. DB 5142.1 to DB 5110.1 to better assign Brush and Weed Work

JCAP Grant

**RESOLUTION 33 - 2023**

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

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

Nays 0

Resolved that \$8,825.00 be moved from Trust and Agency to Full Town General for payment of the Judicial Bench built for the JCAP Grant.

Budget Adjustment of \$28,990.00 from Unexpended Balance to Improvements.

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

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

Nays 0

Resolved that \$28,990.00 be moved from Unexpended balance to DB 5112.2 for change in State Funding of CHIPS Appropriations.

Augusta Presbyterian Church will be celebrating their 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Supervisor Collins will write something on behalf of the Town for their May 21st celebration.

There will be a Public Hearing at 5:45 PM at the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting for a CDBG Audit.

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 7:15 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.
- B. Discussion regarding proposed, pending or current litigation.
- C. The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or securities when publicity would substantially affect the value.

At 8:15 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

Sue will follow up with the Attorney on letters to property owners. Supervisor will contact the Highway Superintendent on the current D&A testing program.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Peck seconded by Councilman Russell the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,

Sonya Furness