

**TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA
September 27, 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 27th day of September 2023. (Rescheduled meeting of September 20, 2023)

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Ray Gardner

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 53- 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 Town Board Minutes of August 16 ,2023 be adopted.

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Resident asked whether money that was allotted to Augusta for the Internet improvements had been received or what area the improvements have been approved for. Supervisor Collins explained that the news article was confusing and the town has not heard of the details or approved the funds.

Resident asked about Codes legality of a person living in their garage and having 2 mailboxes at 1 address.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION 54- 2023

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

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

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #9 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 92- 103	\$ 1,911.59
General Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 34 - 36	1,042.41
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 41- 45	8,722.48

Highway Fund Part Town voucher #'s 55 -64 5,555.12
 Questions were asked by the board regarding 5 batteries purchased at Yorkville Battery and
 whether or not the tire purchased from Otis Marshall Farms were bought under State bid.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:

SUPERVISOR:

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District 1537	\$ 3,131.43
Truck MMM 3249	75,771.26
Fire and Ambulance 1553	372.22
Full Town Highway Checking 2126	7,973.81
Full Town Highway Savings 9241	176,452.17
Full Town General Savings 9058	164,606.63
Full Town General Checking 1780	7,726.71
Knoxboro Lights 1545	4,072.33
Part Town General Checking 2134	3,342.38
Part Town General Savings 9228	31,727.79
Part Town Highway Checking 2460	19,329.40
Part Town Highway Savings 9137	203,655.70
Trust and Agency 2867	0.00
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs 5049	903.87
Indian Land Claim Savings 0115	114,371.21
Building Fund CD 9015	102,402.29
Reval MMM 3281	5,790.40
GARP 9736	65,770.13
Mower MMM 3362	5,122.80
Road Work MMM 3346	97.94
Town Hall 6289	172,254.63
NYSLRS 3453	52,090.87
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,216,965.97
Total Assets	\$ 1,216,965.97
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Net Income	162,639.94
Retained Earnings	6.20
Unresolved Equity	\$ 1,054,319.83
Total Equity	\$ 1,216,965.97
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,216,965.97

RESOLUTION 55 – 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 Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

CODES: Report Submitted

ASSESSOR: No Report Submitted

DCO: Report Submitted

JUDICIAL: Judge Cook is requesting authorization from the Town Board to apply for funding from the Justice Court Assistance Program during the upcoming grant cycle.

RESOLUTION 56– 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

Be it RESOLVED that the Board of the Town of Augusta authorizes the Augusta Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2023-2024 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

With the absence of Highway Superintendent Eaton, Councilman Peck submitted additional info on 2 Loaders

John Deere - \$34,000 Trade in 3-year warranty 12-14 mo. delivery \$ 266,767.20
Cat \$50,000 Trade in \$227,165.00

After a long discussion, it was agreed to get a few more details and discuss further at the Budget Workshop.

A small discussion was had on the plow of the Highway men's pickup. This too will be discussed with Highway Superintendent.

TOWN CLERK:

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

SUPERVISOR:

Request from Maridee Dukett for donation to Knoxboro Fall Festival.

RESOLUTION 57 – 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 \$150 be donated for 2023.

Salt Shed

Highway Superintendent indicated that he wanted to wait until the beginning of 2024 to pursue the Grant. Russell -yes, Wright -yes, Peck -yes and Dowd -No.

Roof

Needs to be inspected before Winter to see what needs to be addressed. \$65,000 remains in GARP and needs to be obligated by 12/31/24.

Councilmen Wright, Peck and Russell will examine the roof and report the findings.

County Snowplowing contract will be discussed at Budget Workshop when Highway Superintendent is present.

Budget Adjustment is needed due to a wrong code being used on payroll
Move \$2,980.24 Unexpended balance to B8160.1

RESOLUTION 58 – 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 money be moved to cover account code error.

Budget is late due to sickness, travel and other jobs. Budget Workshops have been scheduled.

TOWN BOARD:

Councilman Wright attended the Zoning Board meeting and received answers that the board had regarding the Solar Law.

He expressed that a Capacity Cell Storage Law needs to be written and submitted as a Local Law along with Accountability for Clean up.

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 7:40PM, seconded by Councilman Peck 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. The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body

At 8:20 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

The Board wishes for the Codes Inspector to inspect both properties owned by resident of question. They want a full writeup of both properties and the issues involved. It has been confirmed by another town employee that the property on Rt 26 does contain 3 separate apartments.

Reduction in Pay

RESOLUTION 59 – 2023

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

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

Resolved that Suzanne Collins pay related to Bookkeeping be reduced by \$250.00 a month from September through the end of the year.

Supervisor Collins is to check with the County on the Codes questions and with Richard Parker on the sale of property.

Councilman Dowd spoke about the Ambulance services.

A budget workshop will be held in the Supervisors office Wed. 10/4 at 5:30 pm. Codes Officer and Highway Superintendent will be invited to attend. Second workshop will be 10/11 and a public hearing to over ride the tax cap will be held 10/18 prior to the regular town board meeting.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Russell seconded by Councilman Peck the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,

Sonya Furness