

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA
August 21 , 2024

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 21st day of August 2024.

PRESENT: James Dowd Councilman
 Charles Peck Councilman
 Mark Russell Councilman (Deputy Supervisor)
 Travis Wright Councilman
 Sonya Furness Clerk

ABSENT: Suzanne Collins Supervisor

PUBLIC PRESENT: Phil Eaton

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:
None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 40 – 2024

Councilman Dowd would like No Concerns removed under Highway Superintendent. On a motion of Councilman Wright, seconded by Councilman Peck, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of July 17,2024 be adopted with changes.

RESOLUTION 41 - 2024

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 the Public Hearing Minutes of June 19, 2024, CDBG Grant Application and Local Law #1 of 2024 (Bingo and Games of Chance) be adopted.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

Questions were asked by Councilman Dowd regarding Clerks personal check being used at County Clerks Office for Mortgage Release filings. He would like to have a Town issued check used instead of Clerk being replenished from personal account.

RESOLUTION 42- 2024

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #8 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 68 - 81	\$ 2,392.51
General Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 21 - 24	619.86
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 28 - 35	3,423.92
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 48 - 55	11,611.95

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:
SUPERVISOR:**

Assets	Total
Truck MMM 3249	\$ 68,829.70
Full Town Highway Checking 2126	3,643.61
Full Town Highway Savings 9241	204,910.44
Full Town General Savings 9058	127,556.16
Full Town General Checking 1780	24,989.84
Part Town General Checking 2134	7,310.87
Part Town General Savings 9228	32,505.41
Part Town Highway Checking 2460	22,600.64
Part Town Highway Savings 9137	387,655.03
Trust and Agency 2867	0.00
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs 5049	0.00
Indian Land Claim Savings 0115	136,247.28
Building Fund CD 9015	105,257.41
Reval MMM 3281	33,858.08
GARP 9736	50,025.11
Mower MMM 3362	271.17
Loader 3346	40,638.80
Town Hall 6289	118,965.83
NYSLRS 3453	96,365.53
Special Districts	9,468.98
CDBG Funds	7,377.06
Total Current Assets	\$1,478,476.95
Total Assets	\$1,478,476.95
Total Liabilities	0.00
Equity	0.00
Net Income	\$ 131,681.85
Unresolved Equity	\$ 1,346,795.10
Total equity	\$ 1,478,476.95
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$1,478,476.95

RESOLUTION 43- 2024

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that the Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

JUDICIAL: No Concerns

CODES: Reports Submitted for May, June, and July.

ASSESSOR: No Report

DCO: No Report Submitted

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Grant for Simmons Rd Bridge was again denied. Highway Superintendent will resubmit a new Grant application in 2025. Bridge will remain open at this time, until the Highway Superintendent or NYS deems it unsafe.

Permission was asked that Supervisor be able to pay bills immediately that concern the CHIPS funding.

RESOLUTION 44- 2024

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright
Nays 0

Resolved those bills involving road work that can be covered under CHIPS be paid immediately so the paperwork can be processed and submitted for payment.

TOWN CLERK:

Town Board signed a monthly reconciliation sheet for the Town Clerk Checking Account, verifying that the July 2024 bank statement and checkbook were in order.

CDBG Grant Discharge of Mortgage

Advised the Board that \$14,575.24 had been collected on 2 separate properties so that Mortgage discharges could be issued to the new homeowners. Supervisor Collins was instructed by THOMA to set a separate account for these funds to remain in for a period of 1 year.

Clerk was notified by NYS Lottery and Game of Chance. They received our Local Law, but they found it to be invalid due to not having it put on a ballot for the public to vote. Town Attorney never suggested that we had to, so a Local Law was filed with NYS as the usual process. Attempted to call Board of Elections to see if we could use 1st public hearing date and still have time to get it on ballot in Nov 2024. Still no response.

SUPERVISOR: No Concerns (Absent)

BOARD:

Councilman Dowd has heard concerns from a resident in regard to the Amish children walking on Augusta Solsville Road requesting that a Slower speed sign should be applied.

A poll was taken in regard to a State DOT Study and whether a Resolution be sent to NYS DOT. Russell, no Dowd, yes Peck, yes Wright, yes Collins, Absent

RESOLUTION 45 2024

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dowd, Peck, Wright
Nays 1 Russell

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Augusta hereby request the Department of Transportation to do a study, pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law to establish a lower maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed on Augusta Solsville Road (County Road) between NY 26 to the County line.

RESOLUTION 46 2024

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dowd, Peck, Wright
Nays 1 Russell

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Augusta hereby request the Department of Transportation to do a study, pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law to establish a lower maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed on Knoxboro Road (County Road) between NY 26 to the intersection with North Road in Knoxboro.

Councilman Wright met with the Board of Assessment Review and the discussed at great lengths the Reval and their opinions. The BAR seems to be on board in keeping in on the process and outcomes. Councilman Wright feels that this Reval needs to be done to equalize the resident's taxes on a more scale.

A request has been made that the Assessor gather some quotes from 2 to 3 companies for a Revaluation within Augusta. It is also requested that he look into finding some type of Grant if possible, to help with the cost.

Councilman Dowd asked who had given permission for Hometown Hero banners to be hung from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. This decision was made by Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent and the residents that purchase the banners. The Town Board has no control over this project, so permission was not needed.

Deputy Supervisor Russell made a motion at 6:40 PM, seconded by Councilman Wright to enter into Executive Session to discuss topics unknown to me. Highway Superintendent Eaton remained in the session.

Times the Board came out of Executive Session and Meeting Adjournment details are unknown to me as minutes were not taken.

Respectively Submitted,
Sonya Furness