

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA
February 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 February 2024.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Anne Brown, Phil Eaton

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 7 - 2024

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 the Town Board Minutes of January 17, 2024 be adopted.

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:

None

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION 8 – 2024

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 #2 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 10 – 15	\$ 1,130.94
General Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 3 - 4	424.28
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 2 - 5	4,280.01
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 5 - 16	4,138.96

Questions were asked by the Board regarding Daryll's Mobile.

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:
SUPERVISOR:**

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District 1537	\$ 4,311.41
Truck MMM 3249	106,756.04
Fire and Ambulance 1553	362.22
Full Town Highway Checking 2126	11,269.85
Full Town Highway Savings 9241	224,793.98
Full Town General Savings 9058	195,183.52
Full Town General Checking 1780	20,610.07
Knoxboro Lights 1545	6,270.05
Part Town General Checking 2134	3,523.11
Part Town General Savings 9228	9,249.04
Part Town Highway Checking 2460	10,737.75
Part Town Highway Savings 9137	365,260.42
Trust and Agency 2867	0.00
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs 5049	903.87
Indian Land Claim Savings 0115	123,133.55
Building Fund CD 9015	103,696.52
Reval MMM 3281	25,939.25
GARP 9736	53,870.11
Mower MMM 3362	35,220.55
Loader 3346	40,036.16
Town Hall 6289	160,185.42
Municipal Improvements (ILC) 3882	0.00
NYSLRS 3453	44,049.14
Total Current Assets	\$1,545,362.03
Total Assets	\$1,545,362.03
Total Liabilities	0.00
Equity	
Retained Earnings	(25.00)
Unresolved Equity	\$1,338,836.89
Total equity	\$1,545,362.03

RESOLUTION 9- 2024

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 Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

CODES: Report Submitted

ASSESSOR: No Report Submitted

DCO: Report Submitted

DCO Anne Brown asked permission if the situation arises, that the Town Hall be used to house a dog that has been retrieved instead of the town Kennel in the case of extreme temperatures. Dog would be kept in a portable kennel but contained in a area that is safe and warm. Board was all in agreeance.

JUDICIAL: No Concerns

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: An Insurance check has been received for the Excavator damages but, it is in the wrong amount. Check will remain uncashed until Insurance Co. resolves the issue.

Highway Superintendent reported that the Town Barn is rotting and eroding away at the foundation more than likely from the salt pile. The highway department is using old used steel and reinforcing the walls around the garage doors for additional strength within the walls.

Bridge Grant was completed and resubmitted for 2nd time. Should hear approximately around July if granted the award.

TOWN CLERK:

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

The Town Clerk 2023 annual audit was conducted. Town Board audited the clerk's records and finances of the Clerk's office

Told the Board that Augusta's 1st annual Easter Egg Hunt at Town Hall for all residents is scheduled for March 24 at 2:00.

Advised Town Board that there are 2 possible issues regarding the Thoma Grant that may need attention. Subject will be brought up again if issues are not resolved.

SUPERVISOR:

Culvert project papers have been signed.

Garage Doors that were ordered and installed at the Town Barn due to safety issues from Bob's Garage Doors in the amount of \$18,290.00 will be paid from GARP.

Cemeteries and Lawn Care were discussed again. Supervisor Collins will put together a RFP to include all 10 cemeteries and discussions will be tabled until they are received.

A descriptive reply from Ed Buccerio was read in regard to questions concerning the insurance policies for the events at or use of Municipal Hall.

Financial paperwork has been completed and submitted for the new Loader.

BOARD:

No Concerns

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 6:49 PM, seconded by Councilman Russell to enter into Executive Session to discuss:

Proposed, pending or current litigation.

Matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person.

Matters relating to Collective Negotiations under Taylor Law.

Acquisition, lease or sale of real property or securities when publicity would substantially affect the value.

At 7:45 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

Attached is Minutes submitted by Supervisor Collins.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Russell seconded by Councilman Peck the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,
Sonya Furness

The board came out of executive session at 7:45p.m..

The Town Supervisor is expected to follow up with the Town Attorney on the property issue, to see if letters were sent yet.

The Town Supervisor is expected to follow up with the Union Attorney on The wage issue. The board does not understand why its even in there, if the bargaining unit does not represent part timers and they pay no dues.

Mark Russell will follow up with Adam. Sue will follow up with Adam.

More research is needed on the clean air act, no action to be taken at this time.

Based on a motion by Travis, seconded by Jim a budgetary adjustment will be made moving \$2500.00 from contingency A1990.4 to Bookkeeping Clerk A1315.12. All in favor aye: Mark, Charles, Jim, Travis. Abstain: Sue.

Jim had one more question about Verizon Wireless in Knoxville, but nobody had an answer.