

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA
March 20 , 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 20th day of March 2024.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Paul Sykes, Keith Williams, Phil Eaton

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 10 - 2024

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 Town Board Minutes of February 21, 2024, be adopted.

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:

None

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION 11 – 2024

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 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 16 – 33	\$ 4,672.88
General Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 5 - 7	329.03
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 6 - 10	9,873.87
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 17 - 25	6,237.31

Questions were asked by the Board regarding Cylinder Purchases, Northern Supply and Demo Saw.

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:
SUPERVISOR:**

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District 1537	\$ 4,128.75
Truck MMM 3249	68,143.82
Fire and Ambulance 1553	362.22
Full Town Highway Checking 2126	11,431.98
Full Town Highway Savings 9241	252,125.18
Full Town General Savings 9058	256,995.29
Full Town General Checking 1780	7,054.14
Knoxboro Lights 1545	6,125.27
Part Town General Checking 2134	1,012.44
Part Town General Savings 9228	9,081.84
Part Town Highway Checking 2460	113,058.88
Part Town Highway Savings 9137	362,536.42
Trust and Agency 2867	0.00
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs 5049	903.87
Indian Land Claim Savings 0115	141,883.55
Building Fund CD 9015	104,208.53
Reval MMM 3281	26,067.33
GARP 9736	53,755.97
Mower MMM 3362	35,394.45
Loader 3346	40,233.84
Town Hall 6289	156,910.63
Municipal Improvements (ILC) 3882	0.00
NYSLRS 3453	41,766.53
Total Current Assets	\$1,693,180.93
Total Assets	\$1,693,180.93
Total Liabilities	0.00
Equity	0.00
Net Income	\$354,369.04
Retained Earnings	(25.00)
Unresolved Equity	\$1,338,836.89
Total equity	\$1,693,180.93

RESOLUTION 9- 2024

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 the Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

CODES: No Report Submitted

ASSESSOR: Report Submitted

DCO: Report Submitted

JUDICIAL: No Concerns

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent reported that the Snowblower and 2003 Freightliner Truck have been sold by International Auctions. He is awaiting payment in the amount of \$1775. For snowblower and \$13,400 for the Freightliner.

Highway Superintendent said there is old blades (cutting edges) that can no longer be used at the Town Garage, and he is going to try to sell them to other towns to recover some of the cost.

TOWN CLERK:

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

Advised Town Board that there are several Discharges of Mortgages coming due in early 2025 from the Thoma Grant. According to Oneida County, \$50.50 is charged for each filing, which falls onto the town as an expense. A copy of the filing has been given to Supervisor Collins so that she can check with Attorney Parker and verify if the format that used to process is correct one for Oneida County.

Attended a class of Charitable Gaming in NYS. If at any point, any church, organization or persons in the Town of Augusta want to hold a raffle, bingo or any gambling related event, they would be denied a license from NYS as we do not have a Local Law filed with the Commission along with an approval of filing from NYS. Clerk will look for sample copy of such law or ordinances.

SUPERVISOR:

Highway Superintendent submitted 2 bills to be paid.

Bobs Doors \$ 8,895.00

Bldg. Work 16,590.78

RESOLUTION 10- 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 \$25,485.78 be taken from the Indian Land Claim to pay these bills.

Stated that she would like to keep Garp money available for the Cemeteries.

Budget Adjustment

Work that is done on the NYSLRS needs to come out of a Clerk or Secretary account not the NYSLRS which is a fiduciary account.

RESOLUTION 11- 2024

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 \$1,700.00 be moved from A1990.4 to A 1220.12. A9030.8 will not be adjusted now but revisited later.

Creative Arts has made a request for \$500.00 from available Garp funding.

RESOLUTION 12- 2024

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 \$500. Be given to Creative Arts for art classes of town residents.

Tarpon Cell Tower

Town attorney is reviewing to further advise the Town and Zoning Boards of proper procedures.

Zoning Board members Paul Sykes and Keith Williams had a long discussion on what they think and to get thoughts on what the Board wants. Sykes suggested that Mr. Yager be hired to review the contract. Tabled until further information has been received.

Zoning Board has changed their meeting nights from the 2nd Wednesday of each month to the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

BOARD:

No Concerns

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 7:05PM, seconded by Councilman Peck to enter into Executive Session to discuss:

Proposed, pending or current litigation and Matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person.

At 7:30 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

Budget Adjustment

RESOLUTION 13- 2024

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 \$1,000.00 from A1990.4 to A1355.12. Further discussion will be held at budget time.

The Board would like to see a camera focused on the Mailboxes in the Board Room.

The Board will continue to wait for Mr. Parker to get some answers on the property issue, but they do not agree with the suggestion made so far. The Town Supervisor will follow up with the Town Clerk on the items again.

The Town will administer the funding given for the Creative Arts Grant to be sure all of the money is accounted for.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Russell seconded by Councilman Peck the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,
Sonya Furness