

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA
May 15 , 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 15th day of May 2024.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Steve Roys

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 22 - 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 Town Board Minutes of April 17, 2024, be adopted.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION 23 - 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 #5 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 40- 52	\$ 2,516.50
General Fund Part Town	voucher # 9 - 13	1,128.36
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 18 - 21	5,455.25
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 30 - 33	6,196.37

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:
SUPERVISOR:**

Assets	Total
Truck MMM 3249	\$ 68,317.45
Full Town Highway Checking 2126	28,312.26
Full Town Highway Savings 9241	198,080.51
Full Town General Savings 9058	199,216.57
Full Town General Checking 1780	900.82
Part Town General Checking 2134	3,677.23
Part Town General Savings 9228	61,232.43
Part Town Highway Checking 2460	8,673.92
Part Town Highway Savings 9137	394,565.47
Trust and Agency 2867	0.00
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs 5049	0.00
Indian Land Claim Savings 0115	135,154.22
Building Fund CD 9015	104,474.05
Reval MMM 3281	26,133.75
GARP 9736	33,957.03
Mower MMM 3362	35,484.63
Loader 3346	40,336.35
Town Hall 6289	140,998.97
NYSLRS 3453	42,767.80
Special Districts	12,471.01
Total Current Assets	\$1,534,754.47
Total Assets	\$1,534,754.47
Total Liabilities	0.00
Equity	0.00
Net Income	\$ 193,010.87
Unresolved Equity	\$ 1,341,743.60
Total equity	\$ 1,534,754.47

RESOLUTION 24- 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 Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

JUDICIAL: No Concerns

CODES: Reports for March and April received too late for distribution. Reports are due the Monday prior to the week of the Board meeting

ASSESSOR: Report Submitted

DCO: Report Submitted

JUDICIAL: No Concerns

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Received and Resolved

TOWN CLERK: Received and Resolved

In the Town Clerk's absence, Minutes were taken by Councilman Russell and Supervisor Collins and submitted as attached.

Jim wants it noted in the minutes that part of the process with residents and the removal of their property from our property has to involve the attorney for our protection and the residents protection.

Minutes: Mark made motion to accept with the above added, 2nd by Travis, who agreed with Jim because of liability issues. All in favor: AYE

Abstract #5: Mark made motion, 2nd by Travis. All in favor: AYE

Three bills turned in late by Phil were approved to pay 1st by Charles, 2nd by Jim. Phil's School tuition and hotel stay and tolls by mail. All in favor: AYE

Steve Roys arrived at 6:20

Property disposal for Steve, Brother Phone/Fax, Brother Copier, Dell Laptop. Motion made by Charles, 2nd Jim, with a note from Travis the hard drive had to be destroyed. All in favor: AYE

Approval was given to destroy Tentative Assessment Roll for 2019 as requested by Sonya, Motion by Mark, 2nd by Charles. Board signed off on Sonya's check reconciliation. All in favor: AYE

Much discussion was held on the cemetery issue, at budget time the board will remove some funding from the highway since they always did the cemetery and it was paid from there, even if incorrect. For this year on a motion from Jim, 2nd by Charles they will accept the bid from Jerry Millington, for \$3610.00, he must provide proof of insurance. The cemeteries that are the legal responsibility of the town will be done: Thistle on Skyline Dr., O'Tooles on Knoxboro Rd., Amos Parker on Augusta/Solsville, Hubbard on Kimball. Again, at budget time this will be discussed with a more permanent solution. Sue, Jim, Travis, Charles: Yes. Mark: No.

The equalization rate was discussed, it was noted that several towns are low in the county.

A hearing will be set up for the June meeting at 5:30 for the Bingo and Games of chance law.

The Town Supervisor will see to it that the ramp, the Gazebo in the back of the kitchen and back wall of building are repaired, this will come from the GARP funding.

Mr. Englebrecht made a visit to the Town Supervisor, concerning planning for a celebration in 2 years, to show case the building and area. He is also interested in purchasing the abandon dump area the town owns on Wells Gifford. The board is not interested in selling at this time.

Steve left the meeting at 6:30 to meet with the B.A.R..

A motion was made by the Supervisor, seconded by Jim to go into Executive Session at 6:40. For the purpose of possible litigation and personal in regards to pay, demotion, promotion. All in favor: AYE

The board came out at 6:50, any decisions will be held off until budget time.

Darrin Buchanan contacted the Town Clerk to see about borrowing chairs and tables for the weekend, the Town Board denied this request and suggest he contact the church on the point or the Fire Dept in Oriskany Falls.

John Blair provided an informational letter to the Board, the board feels it does not concern them and want it forwarded to the Highway Supt..

The Town Supervisor provided information on new Article 26 as passed for Regulations for Animal Shelters and a hand out for NYS Animal Protection Federation for Homeless Companion Animals, more to follow.

Travis left at 7:15 to meet with the B.A.R..

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The Town Supervisor provided copies of a lawsuit that several towns have filed against the state for the taxing methods on solar and wind turbines that they do not feel is fair to towns.

Discussion on the combination of the Special Districts. Discussion of Mosher and Crane properties, follow up will be done by codes liaison Mark Russell.

A motion was made by Charles, 2nd by Mark to end the meeting at 7:25 p.m.
All in favor: AYE (minus Travis)

Respectfully Submitted

Mark Russell
Deputy Supervisor

Sue Collins
Supervisor