

**TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA
November 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 November 2024.

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

ABSENT: Mark Russell Councilman

PUBLIC PRESENT: David Barnett, GAR

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:
None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 59– 2024

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of October 23, 2024 and Budget Hearing minutes of November 6, 2024 be adopted.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION 60– 2024

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

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

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #11 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 100 – 101	\$ 1,667.90
General Fund Part Town	voucher #'s	
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 49 -55	47,997.17
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 66 - 71	3,757.94

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:
SUPERVISOR:**

Assets	Total
Truck MMM 3249	\$ 94,346.73
Full Town Highway Checking 2126	24,499.86
Full Town Highway Savings 9241	154,920.22
Full Town General Savings 9058	88,115.74
Full Town General Checking 1780	19,771.43
Part Town General Checking 2134	3,927.00
Part Town General Savings 9228	23,735.37
Part Town Highway Checking 2460	65,828.40
Part Town Highway Savings 9137	122,897.22
Trust and Agency 2867	0.00
Indian Land Claim Savings 0115	86,254.33
Building Fund CD 9015	56,048.09
Reval MMM 3281	134,112.42
GARP 9736	39,702.01
Mower MMM 3362	358.20
Loader 3346	65,944.08
Town Hall 6289	116,676.48
NYSLRS 3453	97,738.71
Special Districts	8,759.01
CDBG Funds	14,618.53
Total Current Assets	\$1,218,253.83
Total Assets	\$1,218,253.83
Total Liabilities	0.00
Equity	0.00
Net Income	\$ (121,164.21)
Unresolved Equity	\$ 1,339,418.04
Total equity	\$1,218,253.83
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$1,218,253.83

RESOLUTION 61- 2024

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

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

Resolved that the Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

JUDICIAL: No Concerns

CODES: No Report Submitted

ASSESSOR: Report Submitted

DCO: September and October Reports Submitted

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Absent - No Concerns

TOWN CLERK:

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

Asked Permission to destroy 2018 6-year retention documents, 1969 Payroll.

RESOLUTION 62– 2024

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Wright
Nays

Resolved that Pursuant to the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule LGS-1, all records mentioned above shall be disposed of either by shredding or burning.

SUPERVISOR:

Procurement Policy

RESOLUTION 63– 2024

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Wright
Nays

Resolved that submitted Procurement Policy be adopted as written.

A Fleet Inventory was proposed to be conducted free of charge by Mohawk Valley Edge.

RESOLUTION 64– 2024

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Wright
Nays

Resolved that the Town of Augusta engage in the Fleet Inventory to be conducted by Mohawk Valley Edge.

Supervisor Collins gave an update on the municipal building roof. Still no decision as to what should be done to preserve and/or repair.

Supervisor Collins stated that the Oneida County Snowplowing contract for 2024-25 has been signed and delivered to Oneida County. She also stated that if the contract does **NOT** work out for the town, that there is a option to stop the plowing with 30 day's notice.

Supervisor Collins updated the Board as to the \$51,000 revenue shortage .

1.\$29,000 Pilot payment information was incorrectly provided by Assessor/County, they are suppose to be on the 2025 tax roll.

2.\$22,000 loss in CHIPS money not being approved in 2024

BOARD:

Board members asked if there had been any response from the Assessor and Codes on their requests of answers to proposed questions.

GAR – Reassessment Company

Mr. David Barnett from GAR gave a update on his company and to as what is actually covered should a contract be signed for a Revaluation of the Town.

Questions were asked by the Supervisor and Town Board.

Mr. Barnett will advise Supervisor Collins on

1. Amount of scheduled billing and final payment hold
2. Cost of the mailing to the residents (through the contract vs. inhouse)
3. Assessor help and guidance provided after completion for a time frame specified to help in keeping the Valuation % at a higher level.

Mr. Barnett explained that the Board of Assessment Review acts independently and therefore, appearing for Grievances with residents is not part of the project. They will entertain informal meetings with residents if needed.

3 Stages of the Revaluation process:

1. Data Collection
2. Valuation
3. Challenging of Assessments.

Supervisor Collins polled the board on interest to carryout the Revaluation.

Collins- Yes Peck - No

Dowd - Yes Wright - Yes

Decision tabled until the December meeting.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Wright seconded by Councilman Dowd the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,
Sonya Furness