

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA
September 18 , 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 18th day of September 2024.

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

ABSENT: Charles Peck Councilman

PUBLIC PRESENT: Anne Brown, Steve Roys

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:
None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Collins read Sections 8 & 9 of Town Law.

RESOLUTION 47- 2024

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Dowd, Russell, Wright
 Nays 1 Collins

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of August 21, 2024, be adopted with changes.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION 48- 2024

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Dowd, Russell, Wright
 Nays 1 Collins

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #9 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 82 - 85	\$ 9,259.75
General Fund Part Town	voucher #'s	
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 36 - 38	6,333.31
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 56 - 61	7,509.04

Questions were asked on the vouchers for Clinton Tractor and Milton Cat. Milton Cat is to be paid but Clinton Tractor is to be held until answers are given to the Board.

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:
SUPERVISOR:**

Assets	Total
Truck MMM 3249	\$ 69,005.07
Full Town Highway Checking 2126	21,200.46
Full Town Highway Savings 9241	179,910.44
Full Town General Savings 9058	125,264.37
Full Town General Checking 1780	11,693.53
Part Town General Checking 2134	6,040.92
Part Town General Savings 9228	32,924.09
Part Town Highway Checking 2460	53,327.43
Part Town Highway Savings 9137	281,534.92
Trust and Agency 2867	0.00
Indian Land Claim Savings 0115	136,247.28
Building Fund CD 9015	105,525.60
Reval MMM 3281	33,944.35
GARP 9736	49,014.69
Mower MMM 3362	356.43
Loader 3346	40,742.35
Town Hall 6289	118,408.95
NYSLRS 3453	97,482.99
Special Districts	9,234.20
CDBG Funds	14,584.33
Total Current Assets	\$1,386,442.40
Total Assets	\$1,386,442.40
Total Liabilities	0.00
Equity	0.00
Net Income	\$ 47,024.36
Unresolved Equity	\$ 1,339,418.04
Total equity	\$ 1,386,442.40
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,386,442.40

RESOLUTION 49- 2024

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

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

Resolved that the Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

JUDICIAL: No Concerns

CODES: No Report Submitted

ASSESSOR: Report Submitted

Assessor Roys spoke about the 2024 School taxes and reasons as to why they have inflated.

As his report stated, he has been in communication with Bobbi Stone, Assessor of Granville and Whitehall. The Board has requested that the Assessor set up meeting and have Ms. Stone attend.

DCO: Reports Submitted for July and August.

Dog Control Officer gave an update on the round table discussion that was held on Sept. 12th. and answered questions regarding the changes in Ag and Markets. +

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

No Concerns

TOWN CLERK:

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

Asked the Town Board to allow Trunk or Treat out in the Municipal Parking Lot. All approved with a date to be determined.

SUPERVISOR:

Permission was asked to dispose of a keyboard.

RESOLUTION 50- 2024

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Collins. Dowd, Russell, Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that equipment be disposed of and removed from the inventory listing.

Procurement Policy

RESOLUTION 51- 2024

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Collins. Dowd, Russell, Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that the Procurement Policy be approved and adopted as written.

Fall Festival Donation

RESOLUTION 52- 2024

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Collins. Dowd, Russell, Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that \$300 be donated towards the Fall Festival with money from GARP.

Supervisor Collins will not be available for the October Meeting. It was agreed to change the October Town Board meeting to October 23rd.

Supervisor Collins advised that the 2025 Budget will be late.

Supervisor Collins gave the Board members 2 letters for review. Oneida County Finance Dept. and IRS.

Request to write a new Grant

Deidre Purdy requested that she be given permission to write another grant for Creative Arts to extend the program and to add a children's art portion.

RESOLUTION 53- 2024

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dowd, Russell, Wright
 Nays 1 Collins

Resolved that permission be given to Deidre Purdy.

BOARD:

Councilman Dowd gave an update on the SWOCO meeting.

They are in need of a new mower at an approximate cost of \$21,000. This cost would be split between all municipalities involved.

They are expecting the Release of Leech Testing from every year to every 3 years. If this should happen, savings from the testing will help pay for the mower.

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 6:58 PM, seconded by Councilman Wright to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Medical, Financial, Credit or Employment history of a particular person or persons leading to appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal.

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

The Supervisor made a motion to consider the price line bill, she thought it would be acceptable to remove the sales tax and allow the fees towards the hotel bill. The Board was pooled and all members that were present thought the entire amount should be continue to be declined, it was noted that when most schools are held the application form advises the attendee where and what hotels are available, and the town would not make allowances for more than the government rate without taxes included. The choice to use price line was up to the employee.

The Supervisor has been instructed to look into the possibility of returning the Codes Enforcement position back into the two separate positions that it used to be. The possibility of having one person issue permits and the second position to handle enforcement.

The Supervisor is to have a town resident contacted and advise him that he is not to be mowing any town property. She may do this herself or it would be preferred that she contact the attorney to handle this matter.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Wright seconded by Councilman Dowd the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,
Sonya Furness