

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA
February 19 2025

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 19th day of February 2025.

PRESENT:	Suzanne Collins	Supervisor
	James Dowd	Councilman
	Charles Peck	Councilman (Left at 7:30)
	Mark Russell	Councilman
	Travis Wright	Councilman
	Sonya Furness	Clerk

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

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

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 6:03PM, seconded by Councilman Russell 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 6:21 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 5 - 2025

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell ,Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of January 22, 2025 be adopted.

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:

None

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION 6 – 2025

Questions were asked about the Assessors new TDS line/phones and his Verizon line/phone

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 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 7 – 17	\$ 1,502.76
General Fund Part Town	voucher # 2	44.19
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 5 - 9	3,293.41
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 6 - 9	3,762.81

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:
SUPERVISOR:

Assets	Total
Special Districts 1537	\$ 12,593.14
Truck MMM 3249	94,712.16
Full Town Highway Checking 2126	11,895.61
Full Town Highway Savings 9241	188,299.50
Full Town General Savings 9058	65,266.48
Full Town General Checking 1780	13,038.71
Part Town General Checking 2134	4,884.87
Part Town General Savings 9228	9,965.18
Part Town Highway Checking 2460	23,260.63
Part Town Highway Savings 9137	257,725.25
Trust and Agency 2867	24,186.50
Indian Land Claim Savings 0115	86,254.33
Building Fund CD 9015	56,340.85
Reval MMM 3281	134,556.66
GARP 9736	28,942.40
Loader 3346	66,190.72
Town Hall 6289	104,616.00
NYSLRS 3453	59,941.15
CDBG	14,714.85
 Total Assets	 \$1,257,384.99
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$1,257,384.99

RESOLUTION 7- 2025

On a motion of Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Dowd, 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 (October and November 2024 and January 2025 have still not been received.)

Resignation dated 2/19/2025 was received from Adam Shaver, Codes Officer.

RESOLUTION 8- 2025

On a motion of Councilman Peck, seconded by Councilman Dowd, the submitted resignation was accepted with regret.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell ,Wright
 Nays 0

ASSESSOR: No Report Submitted

DCO: No Report Submitted

JUDICIAL: No Concerns

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: No Concerns

TOWN CLERK:

The Town Clerk 2024 annual audit was conducted. Town Board audited the clerk's records and finances of the Clerk's office

Town Board signed the monthly reconciliation sheets for the Town Clerk Checking Account, verifying that the months of December 2024 and January 2025 bank statements and checkbook were in order.

Clerk asked permission for the following events to be held at the Municipal Hall.
A Cursive Writing class to be held for the children that would like to learn how to write in cursive.

Red Cross Bloodmobile to be held March 26, 2025

2025 Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Sunday April 13.

Permission was granted by all Board Members.

SUPERVISOR:

Permission was asked to pay 4 bills that were submitted to late to add to the February Abstract

Airgas \$417.00, Steel Sales \$3,030.00, Salt \$8,763.33 and Waterville Times \$91.28

RESOLUTION 9- 2025

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that bills be paid.

Donations requests

Fireworks over Falls \$200.00

Memorial Day Celebration \$200.00

RESOLUTION 10- 2025

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that \$200.00 be submitted to each.

Supervisor Collins notified the Board that in a discussion with Richard Englebretch, he has expressed interest in:

Buying the Town Dump.. Board asked the Supervisor to check with Town Attorney to see if that is possible.

Helping with the Bicentennial Celebration and

Possibly holding a Boces Class at Town Hall for 10 students or less.

Mowing of Cemetery

After calling the Office of State Comptroller, it was confirmed that NO payment can be made before services are rendered.

Town Clerk was ordered to place 2 separate adds in the Waterville Times

1. Lawncare at Municipal Hall, 2470 North Road
2. Care of the Cemeteries that the State requires the Town to tend too.
 - A. Thistle Hill (Cole) - Skyline Drive 108 Graves
 - B. O'Tooles - Knoxboro Road 40 Graves
 - C. Amos Parker – Anderson Road 171 Graves
 - D. Hubbard – Kimball Road 59 Graves

3 Town Policies were brought up for adoption and or reapproval.

RESOLUTION 11- 2025

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 the Notice of Defect be reapproved as written.

RESOLUTION 12- 2025

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell ,Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that the Employee Related FOIL Policy be approved and adopted as written.

RESOLUTION 13- 2025

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell ,Wright
Nays 0

Resolved that Vision Mission Statement be reapproved as written.

A long discussion regarding the Town Reval was had

Councilman Wright described the differences that he has found between ENPN and GAR relating to cost, accountability and support with overall project.

He will contact GAR once again to revisit the negotiation of price.

RESOLUTION 14- 2025

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Wright
Nays 1 Russell

Resolved that the Augusta Town Board is going to begin a Revaluation of property which includes the reduction of 50% of the Assessors salary, which will go towards the Reval payment when the contract is signed with GAR this year.

The Town Supervisor was advised to look into the proceedings for changing to a sole appointed Assessor. The Board does not feel that the Assessor is doing all he can do to keep the values where they should be.

TOWN BOARD :

The Town Board would like to extend to the Highway Department their appreciation in the exceptional job and dedication that they shown during this extreme winter.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Russell seconded by Councilman Wright the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,
Sonya Furness