

**TOWN OF AUGUSTA
TOWN BOARD
SEPTEMBER 17, 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 17th day of September 2025.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Phil Eaton, Highway Superintendent
Steve Roys, Assessor

PUBLIC PRESENT: Brett Reiter, Doug and Lisa Winn, Mark Benoit, Rebecca Wittman, Amy and Glen Stevens. David Smith arrived at 6:35 PM.

Supervisor Collins called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

MINUTES:

The submitted Town Board Minutes of August 20, 2025 were ADOPTED with no changes.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright
Nays 0
Absent
Motion Carried 5:0

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Conversation carried over from the Public Hearing in regards to the Reval, where more questions were asked and answered. Residents were assured that there would be a public session to have this process explained to all from GAR.

Criticisms were directed at the way the roads are being done and the money that is being spent for roadwork that is not acceptable.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION 44- 2025

It was brought to the clerks attention that HFFT voucher #38 should be Clinton Tractor instead of Clinton Collision.

Question was asked as to why May 2025 invoices are not being submitted until September.

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

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

Nays 0

Absent

Motion Carried 5:0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #8 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 72- 79	\$ 772.74
General Fund Part Town	voucher # s 17 - 18	189.25
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 38 - 41	2,290.18
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 43 - 46	3,187.90

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:

SUPERVISOR:

Supervisor Collins submitted the monthly report of the Towns finances for the month of August 2025.

Assets	Total
Special Districts 1537	\$ 10,703.74
Truck MMM 3249	126,336.09
Full Town Highway Checking 2126	7,253.38
Full Town Highway Savings 9241	101,939.15
Full Town General Savings 9058	151,498.95
Full Town General Checking 1780	8,006.52
Part Town General Checking 2134	7,634.83
Part Town General Savings 9228	41,807.67
Part Town Highway Checking 2460	36,023.25
Part Town Highway Savings 9137	287,922.00
Trust and Agency 2867	0.00
Indian Land Claim Savings 0115	71,267.25
Building Fund CD 9015	57,285.44
Reval MMM 3281	110,304.15
Loader 3346	67,300.44
Town Hall 6289	131,875.30
NYSLRS 3453	112,857.48
CDBG	33.37
Total Assets	\$1,330,049.01
Net Income	124,004.00
Unresolved Equity	1,206,045.01
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$1,330,049.01

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RESOLUTION 45– 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
 Absent
 Motion Carried 5:0

Resolved that the Monthly Supervisors report for August 2025 be accepted as submitted.

CODES: No Report for Submitted

ASSESSOR: No Report Submitted

Stated that Reval process is progressing nicely with GAR. They have requested a link so that they can access our tax rolls.

DCO: Report Submitted

JUDICIAL: No Concerns

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Stated that he has received a resignation from Lance Bassett, MEO. An ad for hiring a employee has been posted but if someone is not hired in a timely manner, it is possible that Augusta may not be able to plow County roads this year.

Truck #26 may have to be fixed in order to be used this winter.

Superintendent expressed his frustration with the most recent mower transmission failure.

Cargill took the bid for sand and Buell Fuels has been locked into state bid.

Furnaces at the town Highway Garage need to be replaced. Further discussion will take place at budget time.

TOWN CLERK:

Town Board signed the monthly reconciliation sheets for the Town Clerk Checking Account, verifying that the month of August 2025 bank statement and checkbook were in order

Asked the Board to please start considering who was going to be hired to work on .Gov mandate for a website. Supervisor Collins would like to work this cost into the 2026 Budget.

RESOLUTION 46– 2025

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

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

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Nays 0

Absent

Motion Carried 5:0

Resolved that Town of Augusta not change to a .GOV website until after they see how and what other municipalities have done.

SUPERVISOR:

Reapprove Claim/Voucher Policy

RESOLUTION 47– 2025

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

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

Nays 0

Absent

Motion Carried 5:0

Resolved that submitted Claim/Voucher Policy be reapproved as written.

Donation for Fall Festival 2025

RESOLUTION 48– 2025

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

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

Nays 0

Absent

Motion Carried 5:0

Resolved that \$150.00 be donated to Maridee Dukett for the Fall Festival.

SWOCO Board

It was agreed that Travis Wright, Councilman act as Augusta's representative on the SWOCO Board, replacing Councilman James Dowd effective January 1, 2026.

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 6:41 PM, seconded by Councilman Dowd to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Medical, Financial, Credit or Employment history of a particular person or persons or matters leading to the appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or persons.

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

On a motion of Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Peck, David Smith will be Appointed as Codes/Zoning Officer effective 10/1/2025.

Current Codes Officer, Will Anderson will be advised that we have found someone who is willing to do both parts of the job. The Board is appreciative that he remained past his resignation date to help us issue building permits and they are hopeful that he will continue until October 1, 2025.

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Local Law #1 of 2025 Override of Tax Levy Limit

RESOLUTION 49- 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

 Absent

 Motion Carried 5:0

Resolved that this be passed and Local Law 1 of 2025 be submitted to Dept. of State for filing.

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

Respectively Submitted,
Sonya Furness