

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF AUGUSTA
April 17 , 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 17th day of April 2024.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Phil Eaton , Thom Coon

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 14 - 2024

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

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

Resolved that the Town Board Minutes of March 20, 2024, be adopted.

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Thom Coon stated that it may be more effective to talk to a resident in certain circumstances before having a legal letter sent from an Attorney, it would be more accepting and less expensive.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLUTION 15 – 2024

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 #4 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 34– 40	\$ 1,904.00
General Fund Part Town	voucher # 8	250.00
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 11 - 17	3,898.46
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 26 - 29	4,019.90

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:
SUPERVISOR:**

Assets	Total
Augusta Light District 1537	\$ 4,054.63
Truck MMM 3249	68,143.82
Fire and Ambulance 1553	362.22
Full Town Highway Checking 2126	37,361.67
Full Town Highway Savings 9241	195,081.42
Full Town General Savings 9058	201,948.64
Full Town General Checking 1780	17,603.09
Knoxboro Lights 1545	5,956.73
Part Town General Checking 2134	6,113.32
Part Town General Savings 9228	61,431.52
Part Town Highway Checking 2460	33,691.93
Part Town Highway Savings 9137	362,628.04
Trust and Agency 2867	0.00
Knoxboro Flooding Repairs 5049	903.87
Indian Land Claim Savings 0115	116,397.77
Building Fund CD 9015	104,208.53
Reval MMM 3281	26,067.33
GARP 9736	34,715.97
Mower MMM 3362	35,394.45
Loader 3346	40,233.84
Town Hall 6289	146,425.58
Municipal Improvements (ILC) 3882	0.00
NYSLRS 3453	43,520.97
Total Current Assets	\$1,542,245.34
Total Assets	\$1,542,245.34
Total Liabilities	0.00
Equity	0.00
Net Income	\$203,433.45
Retained Earnings	(25.00)
Unresolved Equity	\$1,338,836.89
Total equity	\$1,542,245.34

RESOLUTION 16- 2024

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 Supervisors SORES reports be accepted as submitted

CODES: No Report Submitted

ASSESSOR: Report Submitted

DCO: Report Submitted

JUDICIAL: No Concerns

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent asked for a payment be made to Town of Marshall in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the purchase of a box for truck #26 with a sander unit.

RESOLUTION 17- 2024

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

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

Resolved that payment be made to Town of Marshall.

Excavator has been returned from repairs. Cost was approx. \$16,000. Councilman Wright suggested that the check from the Insurance Co. be submitted and see if we can claim more.

TOWN CLERK:

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

Clerk asked the board to sign a letter to Oneida County Election Commissioners in an effort of obtaining 2 voting polls in Augusta. One for town residents at the municipal hall and leaving the village residents at the Oriskany Falls Fire Dept.

SUPERVISOR:

Memorial Day Celebration

RESOLUTION 18- 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 \$300.00 be donated to the Knoxboro Memorial Day Celebration.

Fireworks over Oriskany Falls

RESOLUTION 19- 2024

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

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

Resolved that \$350.00 be donated to the Fireworks over Oriskany Falls celebration.

No bids were received for the Cemetery work. Discussion will resume after advice is received from NYS Dept. of Cemeteries.

2 bids were received for the Mowing at Town Hall.

Thom Coon \$ 2,600.00

Scotts Lawn Care \$ 2,520.00

RESOLUTION 20- 2024

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 Scotts Lawn Care be hired for 2024 due to coming in at the lowest price.

Bingo/Games of Chance

Lawyer has reviewed proposed Local Law. Town Clerk is to set up a Public Hearing for the June meeting.

A Thank you card was submitted from Town of Augusta Creative Arts participants for money that was recently donated.

Tarpon Industries

RESOLUTION 21- 2024

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 Zoning Board has been granted the power and authority to start review of the site plan of proposed Towers since there is no acting Planning Board at this time. Attorney's recommendations will be provided to the Zoning Board.

BOARD:

A long discussion was had on the Revaluation, cost and outcomes from other municipalities. Councilman Wright will follow up with BAR Chair and Supervisor Collins will follow up with Assessor.

The Board would like to hear from the Town of Western regarding their recent experiences.

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 7:01PM, seconded by Councilman Wright to enter into Executive Session to discuss:

1. Proposed, pending or current litigation and Matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person.
2. Discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation.

At 7:35 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

The Town Supervisor is to return the land/property issue to the attorney for a follow up letter.

The Board is going to visit restructuring the reimbursement rate for the Zoning Board.

No action to be taken on personnel issue at this time, it was requested by the Supervisor for Board members to do a drive by.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Russell seconded by Councilman Wright the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,
Sonya Furness