

March 03, 2026  
6:30 p.m.  
2354 State Route 434  
Apalachin, New York

Regular Meeting of the Owego Town Board

A. Call to order, roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance –

The Supervisor called the meeting to order, the Town Clerk called the roll and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council

Present: Supervisor Hellmers, Dean Morgan, Craig Jochum, and Emily Rush-McClintock

Absent: Jonathan Marks.

Department Heads:

Present: Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor  
Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor  
Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator  
Pam Brown, Town Clerk & Tax Receiver  
Irene Graven, Town Attorney  
Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities

Absent: Mark Clark, Highway Supervisor

B. Minutes of the previous meeting –

Minutes of the March 03, 2026 meeting.

C. Consideration of bids – Two bids were received for the 2012 Ford F-250 red pickup truck. **At this time, a motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to award the truck to the highest bidder, Fritz Rudin with a bid of \$805.25. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried.**

D. Public Hearings – None

E. Reports of Department Heads –

Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities- No report  
Phil Baker, Park Maintenance Supervisor-The seasonal sites are almost all full.  
Mark Clark, Highway Supervisor- Report read by Councilmember Jochum.  
Report on file in the Clerk's office.  
Irene Graven, Town Attorney- No report  
Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator- On May 14, 2026 at 1:00 there will be an Introduction to Floodplain class designed for board members at the Shared

Service Building. Waiting for an estimate from RAPP signs to turn into the insurance company for the sign that burned out front. Bill would like the board members to contact him to check the new web site and see if there is anything they would like to change.

Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor- Taxable status day has come to an end. We are unable to accept any more exemptions by real property law. The exemptions will be processed over the next two months.

Supervisor Hellmers-Myself, Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor, and Councilmember Morgan are meeting every two weeks with the accountant. The accountant has stated that everything is caught up and we are right where we should be. Supervisor Hellmers received an email from Mark Clark, Highway Supervisor stating that the new trucks will not be ready in February but, hopefully by mid March.

F. Privilege of the floor – Casey Eiklor, Anderson Hill, Candor- Business Manager for the Laborers Union. Our office is in Ithaca and we represent nine counties with Tioga County being one of them. In regards to Valley Solar on the Montrose Tpke., what is the status of that project? I represent about one third of the work force that should be working now. Are there any updates? We thought we were going to be back to work the first of February.

At this time, Councilmember Morgan moved K 11. , Benefit Concert, to this spot. David Ferris requested use of the band shell at the Hickories Park for a benefit concert on Saturday, August 22, 2026. The concert is for Right Beside You and is a nonprofit organization that benefits Hospice. **A motion was made at this time by Councilmember Morgan to approve the concert in the park to benefit Right Beside You on Saturday, August 22, 2026. This is contingent upon a contract and insurance being provided. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried.**

G. Presentation of Petitions, Communications, Notices and Transfers –

H. Abstracts -

**Councilmember Morgan made a motion to approve the following abstracts as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried on a Roll Call Vote.**

AO-General Fund	277,715.15
BO-General Fund-Town Outside	7,934.78
DB-Highway-Town Outside	84,542.60
FO-Water Districts	79,980.58
FA-Route 38 Water	.55
GO-Sewer Districts	76,791.76
GA-Route 38 Sewer	43.40
	<b>\$ 341,560.90</b>

I. Unfinished Business – none

J. Reports of Standing Committees –

Councilmember Jochum- none

Councilmember Morgan- none

Councilmember McClintock- none

K. Presentation of Resolutions, Motions and New Business-

1. Moody's Water Supply Services- **A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to approve the emergency repairs for well house #1 in Crestview Heights in accordance with letter from Moodys Water Supply Service, LLC dated February 19, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried.**

2. Koester Associates- **A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to approve the equipment purchase for a Grit Classifier for Apalachin S2 Waste Water Treatment Plant. The cost of \$71,715.00 was approved at budget time. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried.**

3. Highway Promotion- Ryan Kline

**A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to approve the following Resolution promoting Ryan Kline from an HEO II position to a Working Supervisor position retroactive to February 17,2026. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McClintock and unanimously carried.**

WHEREAS, the approved 2026 budget for the Town of Owego Highway Department has budgeted for and includes Working Supervisor position which is currently vacant; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Kline, currently in a HEO II position, is available and willing to be promoted to the Working Supervisor position retroactive to February 17, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Ryan Kline is appointed to the position of Working Supervisor, retroactive to February 17, 2026, at an hourly wage of \$27.50 per hour and a promotional probationary period of 26 weeks.

4. Highway Promotion- Tyler Boland

**A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to approve the following Resolution promoting Tyler Boland from an HEO I position to an HEO III position retroactive to February 17, 2026. The motion was seconded Councilmember McClintock and unanimously carried.**

WHEREAS, the approved 2026 budget for the Town of Owego Highway Department has budgeted for and includes an HEO III position which is currently vacant; and

WHEREAS, Tyler Boland, currently in a HEO II position, is available and willing to be promoted to the HEO III position retroactive to February 17, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Tyler Boland is appointed to the position of HEO III, retroactive to February 17, 2026, at an hourly wage of \$25.00 per hour and a promotional probationary period of 26 weeks.

5. Highway Promotion- Gary Agan

**A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to approve the following resolution promoting Gary Agan from an MEO III position to an HEO I position retroactive to February 17, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried.**

WHEREAS, the approved 2026 budget for the Town of Owego Highway Department has budgeted for and includes an HEO I position which is currently vacant; and

WHEREAS, Gary Agan, currently in a MEO III position, is available and willing to be promoted to the HEO I position retroactive to February 17, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Gary Agan is appointed to the position of HEO I, retroactive to February 17, 2026, at an hourly wage of \$23.36 per hour and a promotional probationary period of 26 weeks.

6. Highway Promotion- Pat King

**A motion was made by Councilmember McClintock to approve the following resolution promoting Pat King from an MEO III position to an HEO I position. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried.**

WHEREAS, the approved 2026 budget for the Town of Owego Highway Department has budgeted for and includes an HEO I position which is currently vacant; and

WHEREAS, Pat King, currently in a MEO III position, is available and willing to be promoted to the HEO I position retroactive to February 17, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Pat King is appointed to the position of HEO I, retroactive to February 17, 2026, at an hourly wage of \$23.36 per hour and a promotional probationary period of 26 weeks.

7. LGSS Contract- Contract with accountants

**A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to approve Supervisor Hellmers signing the agreement with LGSS for accounting services. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried.**

8. Utilities- 2005 Ford F550 Auction

**A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to declare a Ford F-550 dump truck with plow, and in as is condition, from the Utilities department, as surplus. The truck will go to Auction International with a minimum bid of \$6000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried.**

9. Utilities- 1984 Ford Dump Truck surplus

**A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to declare a 1984 Ford dump truck as surplus. The 1984 Ford dump truck will be put up for bid with the minimum bid starting at \$800.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried.**

10. Utilities- 2013 Ford F-150 Truck surplus

**A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to declare a 2013 Ford F-150 pick up as surplus. The 2013 Ford F-150 pick up will be put up for bid with the minimum bid starting at \$500.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McClintock and unanimously carried.**

11. August 22, 2026 Concert in the Park- Moved to after Department Head Reports.

L. Second Privilege of the floor – none

M. Executive Session – none

\* At this time, Supervisor Hellmers requested Attorney/Client Privilege\*.

N. Adjournment

**Motion by Councilmember Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Brown  
Town Clerk & Tax Receiver