

March 17, 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 Craig Jochum led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council: Supervisor Hellmers, Dean Morgan, Craig Jochum, Emily Rush McClintock

Absent: Jonathan Marks

Department Heads:

Present: Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor
Pam Brown, Town Clerk & Tax Receiver
Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor
Peter Gordon, Town Historian

Absent: Irene Graven, Town Attorney
Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Mark Clark, Highway Supervisor
Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities

B. Minutes of the previous meetings -

1. Minutes of the February 17, 2026 meeting will stand as present with an amendment to the Resolution for the Highway Department which should read as; Highway Department will be trading in equipment totaling \$200,00 not \$190,00 as previously stated. **At this time a motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to approve the amendment to the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried.**

2. Minutes of March 03, 2026 will stand as presented.

C. Consideration of bids – none

D. Public Hearings – none

E. Reports of Department Heads –

Phil Baker, Park Maintenance Supervisor - The ice rink at Hickories Park is now done for the year.
Peter Gordon, Town Historian- Peter is speaking at a Lyceum class about Jasper Rhodes, an Apalachin native.

Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor- Currently have been working on exemptions. Also, working with Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator, on several grants for the Town.

Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator- Website will be ready to go live on March 24, 2026. The town is having Tire Event this year on April 18, 2026 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Bill would like to thank Tina Tamaro for her hard work on the new website.

Pam Brown, Town Clerk & Tax Receiver- A large portion of the tax warrant has been collected.

F. Privilege of the Floor- Rose Howard, Tioga Terrace, The snow removal has been great. The roads look wonderful. Talked with Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, about a tipping tree in the park. Also, I have an appointment with Mark Clark Wednesday, March 18, to discuss issues that were not addressed here tonight.

G. Presentation of Petitions, Communications, Notices and Transfers – none

H. Abstracts-

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

A0 - General Fund	40,155.07
B0 - General Fund-Town Outside	13,678.86
DB - Highway-Town Outside	86,809.06
F0 - Water Districts	17,930.16
FA - Route 38 Water	1,618.97
G0- Sewer Districts	38,984.92
GA- Route 38 Sewer	167.98
L1 – Lighting District 1	81.72
L2 - Lighting District 2	304.22
L3 – Lighting District 3	158.29
L4 - Lighting District 4B	81.30
L5 – Lighting District 5	103.43
L6 - Lighting District 6	363.76
L7 - Lighting District 7	77.65
L9 - Lighting District #9	20.73
LA – Lighting District 4A	25.28
LX - Lighting District 10	<u>32.45</u>
	\$200,657.96

I. Unfinished Business – none

J. Reports of Standing Committees – Councilmember Morgan – no report
Councilmember McClintock- no report
Councilmember Jochum- no report

K. Presentation of Resolutions, Motions and New Business –

1. Floyd Hooker Foundation Grant application

A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to authorize Supervisor Hellmers to sign the application for the Floyd Hooker Grant which will fund the summer recreation camp at Waterman Center in Apalachin. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried.

2. Environmental Facilities Corporation-

A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to approve Supervisor Hellmers signing the contract with Environmental Facilities Corporation. This is a three-year extension to the original agreement which will expire on May 16, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried.

3. Schedule Public Hearing-

A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to schedule a Public Hearing to amend Chapter 98 of the Code of the Town of Owego. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried.

4. Highway – Purchase Diamond mower rotary head

A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to authorize the Highway Department to purchase a Diamond mower rotary head. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried.

WHEREAS, the Town of Owego Highway Department wishes to purchase a Diamond mower rotary head; and

WHEREAS, said head can be purchased from Stephenson Equipment Inc., 6018 Drott Drive, East Syracuse, NY 13057, Sourcewell Contract #070821-DMM, for a total of \$17,698.00; and

WHEREAS, funds will be appropriated as follows: \$17,698.00 from DB 5130.2000 (Equipment);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Owego Highway Department is authorized to purchase a Diamond mower rotary head from Stephenson Equipment Inc, at a cost of \$17,698.00.

5. Highway- Hire

A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to table the hiring of a part-time MEO II position for the Highway Department. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried.

6. Highway- Hire

A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to table the hiring of a part-time MEO II position for the Highway Department. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried.

L. Second privilege of the floor- Bill Chandler, Owego, On March 27, 2026 at the courthouse square in Owego, there will be a wreath laying ceremony to honor all Vietnam Veterans. Also, at 12:00 at the VFW Post in Owego, there will be a ceremony to honor all Vietnam Veterans who died and served in Vietnam and the sacrifices they made and still make.

Beth Pero, Apalachin, Would like to remind the Highway Department about the potholes on Academy St. in Apalachin. She is excited about the new website and asked will people be able to email questions?

M. Executive Session – none

N. Adjournment -

Motion by Councilmember Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Brown, Town Clerk & Tax Receiver