

May 05, 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 Dean Morgan led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council

Present: Supervisor Gary Hellmers, Dean Morgan, Craig Jochum, Emily McClintock and Jonathan Marks

Absent: None

Department Heads

Present: Irene Graven, Town Attorney
Pamela Brown, Town Clerk & Tax Receiver
Peter Gordon, Town Historian
Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator

Absent: Mark Clark, Highway Superintendent
Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor
Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities
Phil Baker, Park Maintenance Supervisor

B. Minutes of the previous meeting -

The minutes of the April 21, 2026 meeting will stand as presented.

C. Consideration of bids – none

D. Public Hearing - none

E. Reports of Department Heads –

Peter Gordon, Town Historian – no report

Irene Graven, Town Attorney – no report

Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator- Trees that were purchased with a grant presented by Soil & Water are now scheduled to start being planted on May 8, 2026. The areas where planting will take place include McFall Road, Wayside Lane, and Circle Dr.

Pam Brown, Town Clerk & Tax Receiver – My Warrant to collect Town and County Taxes expired on April 30, 2026. We are waiting two weeks for any taxes that come by mail to be received. The tax envelope must have a postmark April 30, 2026 or prior to be processed. We will then settle with the Treasurer's office. All else, business as usual.

Mark Clark, Highway Supervisor-Report on file in the Clerk's office.

F. Privilege of the floor – Rose Howard, Tioga Terrace, A resident had a question about an easement and Mark came right out and met with the resident. There is some confusion about the brush pickup. I will discuss that tomorrow when I meet with Mark Clark at his open- door Wednesday.

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

1. LL No. C 2026 Request withdrawn- Request withdrawn for Public Hearing concerning LL No. C 2026.

H. Abstracts –.

1. 04-17-2026- **a motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to approve the abstract dated 04-17-2026. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

A0 – General Fund	1,890.00
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2. 05-05-2026- **a motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to approve the abstract dated 05-05-2026. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

A0 - General Fund	\$8,800.72
B0 - General Fund-Town Outside	5,306.83
DB - Highway-Town Outside	74,973.08
F0 - Water Districts	9,875.18
FA - Route 38 Water	1.76
G0 - Sewer Districts	215,167.04
	314,126.34

I. Unfinished Business – none

J. Reports of Standing Committees –

Councilmember McClintock – no report

Councilmember Morgan – no report

Councilmember Marks – no report

Councilmember Jochum– I was in Tioga Terrace today and had several nice conversations with residents. Spoke with Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, a contract is coming any day for the fireworks on July 01, 2026 at Hickories Park. There is an event on May 17, 2026 also at the Hickories Park supporting Mental Health and Suicide Awareness. It is the Take My Hand Mental Health Walk hosted by the Julia Zepkowski memorial foundation. It is from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. It is nice to see taxpayers using their park.

K. Presentation of Resolutions, Motions and New Business –

1.Highway Promotion- Romeo

A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to approve the following resolution promoting Charles Romeo from a MEO I position to a MEO III position. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS, Charles Romeo, currently in a MEO I position, has obtained his CDL and is available and willing to be promoted to the MEO III position effective April 20, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Charles Romeo is promoted to the position of MEO III, effective April 20, 2026, at an hourly wage of \$21.12 per hour and a promotional probationary period of 26 weeks.

2. Highway Promotion- Garnsey

A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to approve the following resolution promoting Michael Garnsey from a MEO I position to a MEO III position. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS, Michael Garnsey, currently in a MEO I position, has obtained his CDL and is available and willing to be promoted to the MEO III position effective April 20, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Michael Garnsey is promoted to the position of MEO III, effective April 20, 2026, at an hourly wage of \$21.12 per hour and a promotional probationary period of 26 weeks.

L. Second Privilege of the floor - none

M. Executive session - none

At this time Supervisor Hellmers requested Attorney/Client.

N. Adjournment

Councilmember Morgan moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Brown, Town Clerk & Tax Receiver

