

June 16, 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 -

Supervisor Hellmers called the meeting to order, Councilmember Marks led all in the Pledge of Allegiance, the Clerk called the Roll.

Council:

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

Absent: none

Department Heads:

Present: Pamela Brown, Town Clerk & Tax Receiver
Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor
Irene Graven, Town Attorney

Absent: Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities
Peter Gordon, Town Historian
Mark Clark, Highway Superintendent
Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor

B. Minutes of the previous meetings -

The minutes of June 2, 2026, Regular Meeting will stand as presented.

C. Consideration of bids -

1. Bid for a 2011 Western Plow

A bid of \$251.26 was made by Jeff Trafzer for the 2011 Western plow. **A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to accept the bid of \$251.26 made by Jeff Trafzer for the 2011 Western snowplow. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously passed.**

D. Public Hearings – none

E. Reports of Department Heads –

Irene Graven, Town Attorney- No report

Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor- No report
 Pamela Brown, Town Clerk & Tax Receiver- No Report
 Mark Clark, Highway Superintendent-report on file in the Clerk's office
 Supervisor Hellmers-Reported on the upcoming lane and exit closures for Interstate 86 for the years 2026, 2027, and 2028. This weekend is Strawberry Fest and the Town Board and Supervisor will be walking in the parade. The board will have a banner and candy. In December 2025 the board was advised that there was an issue with the budget and a short fall in a couple of areas. One area was with the IRS. We had the money; it was just not put in the right spot. With interest we had to pay back \$3,070,533.26. We found this ourselves, contacted the IRS, and now they are working with us. A check has been mailed to the IRS.

F. Privilege of the floor- Bill Chandler, I would like to thank the Parks Department for the use of their bays for the Catfish Derby. There were 491 participants. Fish were small this year. The biggest fish was 11 lbs. It was a great year. The Vets took 24 watermelons to the Oxford VA home, and we are buying \$1000.00 worth of canned goods for TCRM.

Derek Gilbert, Barton Rd., the property located at 513 Barton Rd. still looks like it did the day it burned. Multiple cars without plates. One person still resides there. Whether it is a mental health issue or drugs; my wife will not walk in the direction of that house. I am afraid to have my kids walk on the road. He has made repugnant remarks to my wife and son. He will also throw things at your car when you drive by him. I have spoken to local Police. Are there any nuisance laws for the Town of Owego? If the property were taken care of, he may not be there.

Meredith Bocek, Glann Rd., Will the electric be installed at the Tioga Terrace Park on Tioga Blvd. by August? Would like permission to plant another Oak tree at the park.

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 McClintock and unanimously carried on a Roll Call.

A0 - General Fund	3,051,446.42
B0 - General Fund-Town Outside	10,499.03
DB - Highway-Town Outside	138,957.68
F0 - Water Districts	226,227.05
FA - Route 38 Water	971.03
G0- Sewer Districts	25,369.55
GA – Route 38 Sewer	169.86
L1 – Lighting District 1	29.40
L2 - Lighting District 2	175.20
L3 – Lighting District 3	58.77

L4 - Lighting District 4B	48.14
L5 – Lighting District 5	38.31
L6 - Lighting District 6	199.70
L7 - Lighting District 7	48.03
L8 - Lighting District 8	35.01
L9 - Lighting District #9	13.81
LA – Lighting District 4A	16.55
LX – Lighting District 10	<u>20.33</u>
	\$3,454,323.87

I. Unfinished Business –

J. Reports of Standing Committees -

Councilmember McClintock - no report

Councilmember Morgan- no report

Councilmember Jochum- no report

Councilmember Marks – Spoke with Tyson, this is one of the few weeks that there has not been a major water leak. Phil said the park is full and everything is going well.

K. Presentation of Resolutions, Motions and New Business – none

1. Vote on Teamsters Contract- **A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Town of Owego and Unions Local 317 January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2028. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried.**

2. Rabies Procedure Policy- **A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to approve the Town of Owego Employee Animal Bite Procedure. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McClintock and unanimously carried.**

3. Dog Control Officer Resolution- **A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to approve the following Resolution that Kyle Flemming, Dog Control Officer, will receive a raise of \$0.48 per hour, effective January 1, 2026, the motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.**

WHEREAS the approved 2026 budget for the Town of Owego Dog Control has budgeted for and includes raises for employees upon approval of the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, Kyle Fleming has shown he is willing to perform above and beyond his job duties as Dog Control Officer for the Town of Owego: and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Town of Owego Planning & Zoning Administrator, Kyle Fleming warrants a raise of \$0.48 per hour;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Kyle Fleming dog Control Officer will receive a raise of \$0.48 per hour, effective January 1, 2026

4. Soil and Water Contract- **A motion was made by Councilmember Marks to approve the Skilled Services Agreement Contract with Soil and Water. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried.**

L. Second Privilege of the floor – No one wished to speak at this time.

At this time Supervisor Hellmers requested Attorney/Client

M. Executive Session - none

N. Adjournment -

Motion by Councilmember Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Brown Town Clark & Tax Receiver