

July 07, 2026
6:30 p.m.
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July 07, 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; Deputy Clerk Hogan called the roll and Councilmember Morgan led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council

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Absent: None

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