

August 04, 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; the Town Clerk called the roll and Emily McClintock led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council:

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

Absent: none

Department Heads:

Present:

Pam Brown, Town Clerk & Receiver of Taxes
Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor
Irene Graven, Town Attorney
Peter Gordon, Town Historian

Absent: Mark Clark, Highway Supervisor
Phil Baker, Park Maintenance Supervisor
Bill Carrigg, Planning and Zoning Administrator

B. Minutes of the previous meetings -

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

C. Consideration of bids –

1. Boom Lift- **At this time a motion was made by Councilmember Marks to accept the bid for a Boom Lift from United Rentals in the amount of \$27,567.31. This was the only bid. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried.**

D. Public Hearings – none

E. Reports of Department Heads –

Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor – no report
Peter Gordon, Town Historian – no report
Irene Graven, Town Attorney- no report

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

Pam Brown, Town Clerk & Tax Receiver- no report

F. Privilege of the floor

Cliff Sherwood, Owego, are golf carts allowed at Hickories Park, in Owego?
Cliff has a list of parks that allow golf carts. All the parks are within an hour's drive of Hickories Park.

Perry Prentice, Owego, the town's grader had been on Hake's Rd for 4-6 weeks, and now it is gone. Will it be back to fix the potholes. There are large holes that my wife and son are bottoming out in. Some of the potholes are 8ft long and 18in. deep.

Caylynn Gilbert, Apalachin, thank you for following up on my husband's complaint from a previous meeting. I tried to call the town today and my call did not go through. Finally, at the end of the day it went through. My concern today is with the Planning & Zoning office. I called to make a complaint and was told that I had to come in person to make a complaint. I did some research and found out that this is not the best practice. I am fortunate that I can take time off from work and also have a vehicle to get here. I just wonder what people who cannot leave work or do not have a vehicle do to make a complaint. I don't feel that it is easy to connect with the town. I would like to see the town become more community sensitive.

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

H. Abstracts-

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

A0 - General Fund	87,489.26
B0 - General Fund-Town Outside	10,309.35
DB - Highway-Town Outside	338,816.96
F0 - Water Districts	116,688.36
FA - Route 38 Water	500.64
G0- Sewer Districts	27,253.98
GA – Route 38 Sewer	26,089.68
	\$607,148.23

I. Unfinished Business-

1. Agreement to Spend-Guiderail **A motion was made by Councilmember Marks to approve the following Agreement to Spend for the Highway Department. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried.**

Below are the costs of labor and materials for the installation of guiderail by Chemung Supply Corporation, from DB.5110.4840, for the following areas:

Labor:	
Degroat Road-Culvert 1	\$2,210.40
Degroat Road – Culvert 2	2,210.40
South Apalachin Road	1842.00
Cafferty Lane	3,684.00
Materials	\$45,125.45
TOTAL MATERIALS AND LABOR	\$55,072.25

J. Reports of Standing Committees –

Councilmember McClintock – no report

Councilmember Morgan – no report

Councilmember Jochum – Received a call from a resident about the new Veteran exemptions for Town and County taxes. We will run numbers at budget time to see if we want to opt in. Opting in would give Veterans that are totally and permanently disabled a 100 percent exception on their town and county taxes. We will be scheduling a workshop in the future to discuss this. The highway department had a new hire, and I would like to thank Rick, Gary, Mark, and myself for participating in the interviews.

Councilmember Marks – no report

Supervisor Hellmers – read DOT report regarding lane closures on Interstate 86

K. Presentation of Resolutions, Motions and New Business –

1. Agreement to Spend, Highway – EE Root - At this time Supervisor Hellmers asked the board to declare a State of Emergency involving the catch basins that need repair. **A motion was made at this time by Councilmember Jochum to declare ten catch basins an emergency repair. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried. A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to approve the following Agreement to Spend for the Highway Department to fix the catch basins. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.**

Below are the costs of labor and materials for the installation of catch basins by E.E. Root, LLC (taken out of DB.5110.4825) as follows:

LABOR: (10 catch basins @ \$4,895.00 each)	\$48,950.00
MATERIALS: (purchased from Binghamton Precast)	\$4,218.73
TOTALS MATERIALS:	\$53,168.73

Scope, amount and distance subject to change with index and inflation.

2. Agreement to Spend, Highway – Academy St. **A motion was made at this time by Councilmember Jochum to approve the following Agreement to Spend to mill and pave Academy Street in Apalachin. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.**

The following is a list of additional paving projects to be completed in the year 2026 by Broome Bituminous.

MILL & PAVE ACADEMY STREET: (approx.. 13,178 sf)	
Work Procedure	\$41,553.05
Paving Crew & Equipment	\$ 6,840.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS OF PROJECTS:	\$48,393.05

Scope, amount and distance subject to change with index and inflation.

3. New Hire – Highway **A motion was made by at this time by Councilmember Marks to approve the following resolution hiring Nicole Marcocci in a full-time position as an Office Specialist II at a starting wage of \$23.32 an hour with a probationary period up to 52 work weeks. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously approved.**

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2026, the Office Specialist II position with the Town of Owego Highway Department will become vacant; and

WHEREAS, after conducting interviews with potential candidates, the Town feels confident in offering the position to Nicole Marcocci; and

WHEREAS, Nicole Marcocci has accepted this position, and said candidate has provided a two weeks' notice to their current employer; she will have a start date of August 17th and

WHEREAS, this position is full-time, 40 hours per week, and is a permanent appointment with up to 52 work weeks of a probationary period; and

WHEREAS, the starting wage will be \$ 23.32 an hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Office Specialist II position available with the Town of Owego Highway Department has been filled.

L. Second Privilege of the floor – Beth Paro, Apalachin, thank you so much for the plan to pave Academy St. Rose Howard, Apalachin, No complaints.

M. Executive Session - none

N. Adjournment -

Motion by Councilmember Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Brown, Town Clerk