

August 19, 2025
6:30 p.m.
2354 State Route 434
Apalachin, New York

A. Call to order, roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance

Council:

Present Supervisor Donald Castellucci Jr., Dean Morgan, Craig Jochum,
Jonathan Marks, and Gary Hellmers

Absent: none

Department Heads:

Present: Mike Roberts, Highway Superintendent
Irene Graven, Town Attorney
Pam Brown, Town Clerk
Peter Gordon, Town Historian
Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities

Absent: Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor
Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor

The Supervisor called the meeting to order, the Clerk called the roll, and Dean Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the July 15, 2025 meeting stand as presented.

The minutes of the August 05, 2025 meeting stand as presented.

C. Consideration of bids-None

D. Public Hearings- None

E. Reports of Department Heads

Peter Gordon, Town Historian-Peter requested to allow the Tioga County Historical Society to store a large collection of area newspapers from the early 1800's to the present in the Town's vault. Memorandum of Agreement will be on file in the Clerk's office. **A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to allow Tioga County Historical Society to store their large collection of area newspapers dated from the early 1800's to present in the Town's vault. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.**

Mike Roberts, Highway Supervisor- No report
 Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities- No report
 Pam Brown, Town Clerk- No report
 Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor-No report via. Council Hellmers
 Irene Graven, Town Attorney-No report, Attorney Client
 Supervisor Castellucci- There will be a Memorial service on September 11, 2025 at Hickories Park. Supervisor's report for May, June, and July are on file in the Clerk's office. Planning & Zoning July report is on file in the Supervisor's office. Attorney/Client

F. Privilege of the floor-

Mark, Lane Ct., There is an ongoing issue with the pipe under his driveway. The pipe is not in good shape and has rusted edges. The pipe gets clogged with sand, dirt, and leaves. Water does not make it to the creek. The minimum he would like done is to have the clean out the pipe.

Tom, Brainard St., His property borders the Town Park in Campville. There are dogs non stop on his property roaming free. He has many pictures of dogs on his property. Inquired about the leash law. There needs to be something done to keep the dogs off his property.

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

H. Abstracts-

Councilmember Morgan made a motion to approve the following abstract as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried on a Roll Call Vote.

AO-General Fund	16,487.52
BO-General Fund-Town Outside	17,298.63
DB-Highway-Town Outside	157,607.98
FO-Water Districts	49,802.46
FA-Route 38 Water	1,121.68
GO-Sewer Districts	14,229.34
GA-Route 38 Sewer	172.76
L1 - Lighting District 1	39.73
L2 – Lighting District 2	189.45
L3 – Lighting District 3	77.96
L4 – Lighting District 4B	51.62
L5 – Lighting District 5	50.64
L6 – Lighting District 6	220.38
L7 – Lighting District 7	50.65
L8 – Lighting District 8	38.67
L9 – Lighting District #9	14.22
LA – Lighting District 4A	17.23
LX – Lighting District 10	<u>21.39</u>
	\$257,492.51

I. Unfinished Business- None

J. Reports of Standing Committees-

Councilmember Jochum-Watermans Café & Tasting Barn would like to host a 5K Run/Walk at Hickories Park on 10/11/2025 with all proceeds going towards Ukrainian scholarships and refugees. Race set up would be at 7am. The race would be over at 2pm and cleaned up. A pavilion will be needed, access to parking, and a paved road for the course. Waterman will rent portable toilets for this event. Anticipated attendance will be between 100-150 people. **A motion was made at this time by Councilmember Jochum to approve the Watermans Café & Tasting Barn's 5K Run/Walk at Hickories Park on 10/11/2025 with insurance provided and expenses paid by Waterman' Café & Tasting Bar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried.**

Councilmember Jochum also reported that Greg Steven's would like to host a celebratory Cruise-In to honor Walter Stevens, who passed away in July. Walter was an avid car enthusiast so in lieu of a funeral, it would be fitting tribute to him. They would like to reserve pavilion's five and six on Sunday, September 58, 2025. Also, there would be two food trucks there to provide food and non-alcoholic drinks. Proof of insurance, rental agreement form, and a copy of Walt's obituary have been provided. **A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to approve the Cruise-In at Hickories Park on September 28, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hellmers and unanimously approved.**

Councilmember Morgan-None

Councilmember Marks-None

Councilmember Hellmers-None

K. Presentation of Resolutions, Motions and New Business-

1. Mower purchase- Parks Department

A motion was made by Councilmember Hellmers to adopt the following resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously approved.

WHEREAS, the Town of Owego Parks Department wishes to purchase a 2025 Ferris IS2600 mower; and

WHEREAS, said mower can be purchased from CNY Farm Supply, 3865 US RT 11, Cortland, NY 13045, Buyboard Contract #611-20, at a cost of \$17,802.67, and the addition of mulch kit, Kenda Terra-Trac tires and flat-free front swivel wheels, said add-ons totaling \$1,100; and

WHEREAS, the Town will be trading in a 2019 mower for a credit of \$7,500;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Owego Parks Department is authorized to purchase a

Ferris IS2600 mower, with add-ons, from CNY Farm Supply, at a total cost of \$11,402.67, including trade in credit.

2. Schedule Public Hearing-Establishment of Extension No. 29 re. Water

A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to schedule a Public Hearing for the Establishment of Extension No. 29 re. Water. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hellmers and unanimously carried.

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Owego, in the County of Tioga, New York held at the Owego Town Hall on the 19th day of August, 2025.

PRESENT: Supervisor Donald Castellucci Jr.
Deputy Supervisor Dean Morgan
Councilman Craig Jochum
Councilman Jonathan Marks
Councilman Gary Hellmers

In the Matter of the

Establishment of Extension No. 29 of the

Consolidated Water District of the Town of Owego,
County of Tioga, and State of New York.

ORDER
CALLING
PUBLIC
HEARING

WHEREAS, a petition dated August 13, 2025 has been presented and filed in due form by Sea Mountain Ventures, LLC, 1100 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, NC 28204, containing the required signature, and a map, plan and report having been presented and placed on file with the Owego Town Clerk, County of Tioga and State of New York requesting the establishment of an extension to the Town of Owego Consolidated Water District, to be known as Extension No. 29, which is bounded and described in Schedule A and a map showing the proposed extension is set forth in Schedule B attached hereto and made a part hereof, and

WHEREAS the improvements proposed consist of the

construction and maintenance of an 8-inch fire service and 2-inch domestic line via set tap and valve from an existing 12-inch main. in accordance with certain plans made a part of such petition, now on file in the office of the Town Clerk of said Town; and

WHEREAS said water service extension will be constructed at the expense of the petitioner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

ORDERED that a public hearing be held by the Owego Town Board on the 2nd day of September, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Owego Town Hall, 2354 Route 434, Owego, New York to consider said petition including the environmental significance thereof and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof and for such and further action on the part of said Town Board with relation to the premises; and it is further

ORDERED that the Owego Town Clerk shall cause a certified copy of said order to be published at least once, not less than ten nor more than twenty days before the date set for the public hearing, and shall cause a copy thereof to be posted on the sign board of the Town not less than ten nor more than twenty days before the date designated for the hearing.

3. Agreement to Spend-Highway

After discussion **A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to table the Agreement to Spend by the Highway Department. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hellmers and carried on a 4-1(Supervisor Castellucci)-0 vote.**

4. Declare surplus truck- Highway

After a discussion **a motion was made by Councilmember Hellmers to table declaring the Highway Department International Dump Truck as surplus. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.**

5. Employee upgrade-Highway

A motion was made by Councilmember Marks to approve the upgrade for Derek Benjamin from an HEO I position to a MEO II position. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried.

WHEREAS, the approved 2025 budget for the Town of Owego Highway Department has budgeted for and includes an HEO I position which is currently vacant; and

WHEREAS, Derek Benjamin, currently in a MEO II position, is available and willing to be promoted to the HEO I position effective August 25, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Derek Benjamin is promoted to the position of HEO I, effective August 25, 2025, at an hourly wage of \$23.36 per hour and a promotional probationary period of 26 weeks.

6. Employee upgrade-Highway

After discussion a motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to table the employee upgrade for the Highway Department. The motion was carried on 4-1 (Supervisor Castellucci)-0 vote.

7. Employee upgrade- Highway

After discussion a motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to table the employee upgrade until clarification was resolved concerning the Civil Service requirements. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hellmers and carried on a 4-1 (Supervisor Castellucci)-0 vote.

8. Amended employee resolution- Highway

A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to approve the Amended Resolution for the hiring of Luke Bumbalough. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hellmers and unanimously carried.

WHEREAS, the approved 2025 budget for the Town of Owego Highway Department has budgeted for and includes a full time MEO II position; and

WHEREAS, this full time position is vacant and it is necessary to fill this position; and

WHEREAS, Luke Bumbalough has been offered and has accepted such position as of August 11, 2025, at an hourly rate of **\$20.59** per hour, 40 hours per week, as a permanent appointment with a probationary period of **52 weeks**; and

WHEREAS, Luke Bumbalough has a CDL-B.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, such full time position shall be filled by Luke Bumbalough at an hourly rate of **\$20.59** per hour, 40 hours per week, with full time benefits, effective August 11, 2025, with a probationary period of **52 weeks** from date of hire, subject to meeting all requirements of pre-employment drug testing.

L. Second Privilege of the floor

Brenda, Owego, Stated that she is having issues with her personal insurance through the town. Supervisor Castellucci told her to contact him and he will assist with the situation.

M. Executive Session if needed

N. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilmember Morgan to adjourn at 7:22PM

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Brown, Town Clerk

