

September 15, 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 Clerk called the Roll and Councilmember Jochum led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council:

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

Absent: none

Department Heads:

Present: Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities
Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor
Irene Graven, Town Attorney
Pam Brown, Town Clerk & Tax Receiver

Absent: Peter Gordon, Town Historian
Mark Clark, Highway Supervisor
Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor

B. Minutes of the previous meetings -

The minutes of the September 1, 2026, meeting will stand as presented.

C. Consideration of bids – none

D. Public Hearings – none

E. Reports of Department Heads –

Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities – No report

Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor- No report

Irene Graven, Town Attorney- No report

Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator- The new sign out front is up and working. Starting to work on Halloween at Hickories Park. We will be getting coupons from Taco Bell, and we are still working with Texas Roadhouse for coupons. So far businesses participating are Lopke Gravel, ZMK, and Guthrie One.

Pam Brown, Town Clerk & Tax Receiver- No report

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

F. Privilege of the floor- Rose Howard, Tioga Terrace- The garbage pick up in the Terrace starts around 3:00 a.m. and is disturbing residents. Who would be responsible for contacting the garbage company to request they start garbage pick- up later, the town or the residents?

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

1. Highway Department – Change in hours- Beginning Tuesday, October 13, 2026, the Highway Department will return to a five-day, eight-hour work week, Monday through Friday, from 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

H. Abstracts-

Councilmember Morgan made a motion to approve the following abstracts as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.

A0 - General Fund	4,026.99
B0 - General Fund-Town Outside	9,625.95
DB - Highway-Town Outside	143,152.10
F0 - Water Districts	13,364.50
FA - Route 38 Water	834.01
G0- Sewer Districts	45,799.17
GA – Route 38 Sewer	90.15
L1 – Lighting District 1	47.89
L2 - Lighting District 2	220.71
L3 – Lighting District 3	103.70
L4 - Lighting District 4B	59.92
L5 – Lighting District 5	61.25
L6 - Lighting District 6	257.80
L7 - Lighting District 7	58.59
L8 - Lighting District 8	45.17
L9 - Lighting District #9	16.22
LA – Lighting District 4A	19.74
LX – Lighting District 10	24.61
	<u>\$217,808.47</u>

I. Unfinished Business – None

J. Reports of Standing Committees –

Councilmember Marks – No report

Councilmember McClintock – No report

Councilmember Morgan – requests attorney/client

Councilmember Jochum – Meet with Mark Clark, Highway Superintendent, to discuss Hunt Engineering issues.

Supervisor Hellmers- **At this time Councilmember Morgan made a motion to except sealed bids for the Foster Valley Road Culvert Replacement Project, P.I.N. 9755.60, LD041396 to be opened at 10:00 a.m. on October 22, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.**

K. Presentation of Resolutions, Motions and New Business –

1. Utilities- New Hire

A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to approve the following resolution hiring Robert Nugent in a full-time Wastewater Operator position starting October 5, 2026, at \$34.00 per hour with up to a 52 working week probationary period. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried.

WHEREAS, the approved 2026 budget for the Town of Owego Utilities Department has budgeted for and includes a Chief Wastewater Operator position; and

WHEREAS, Robert Nugent has been selected to take this full-time position, effective October 5, 2026, at an hourly rate of \$34.00 per hour, 40 hours per week, as a permanent appointment with up to 52 work weeks probationary period from date of hire;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that such full-time position shall be filled by Robert Nugent at an hourly rate of \$34.00 per hour, 40 hours per week, as a permanent appointment with up to 52 work weeks probationary period from date of hire.

2. Maintenance Agreement for Town Generators-

A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to approve the Upstate Generator & Power LLC. Agreement for the Town of Owego. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried.

L. Second Privilege of the floor – Rose Howard, Tioga Terrace, would like to know when electric will be installed at the Tioga Blvd. pavilion and the basketball hoops replaced.

M. Executive Session - none

N. Adjournment -

Motion by Councilmember Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Brown, Town Clerk & Tax Receiver