

October 01, 2024
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 Castellucci called the meeting to order, the deputy town clerk called the roll and Supervisor Castellucci led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council

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

Department Heads

Present: Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities
Mike Roberts, Highway Superintendent
Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor
Peter Gordon, Town Historian
Rick Pedro, Assessor
Irene Graven, Town Attorney

Absent: Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Mary Kennedy, Town Clerk & Tax Receiver

B. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the September 17, 2024 meeting will stand as presented.

C. Consideration of bids -

1. 2025 Heavy Duty Tandem Axle Dump Truck

Only one bid, Burr Truck for \$289,617. Following a brief discussion **Councilman Gary Hellmers made a motion to accept the bid from Burr Truck in the amount of \$289,617. Councilman Jonathan Marks seconded, all aye, passed, carried.**

D. Public Hearings-None

E. Reports of Department Heads

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Mike Roberts-Several roads have been completed with resurfacing. He then said there will be no need to bag leaves this year, just rake to edge of your property (do not rake onto road) and

Highway Leaf Sucker will make rounds starting with communities. There will be a press release for this matter. Jonathan Marks commented on what a good job they did on Dutchtown Road.

Rick Pedro-The Utility Relevy has been run and will be worked on over the next several weeks. He and Julie Howrilka, Assessment Clerk attended conference held in Rochester. They completed their required training for next year. The NYS Office of Real Property has reimbursed the town 75% of cost for my training for last year. Two BAR re-appointment resolutions are ready to be reviewed at the 10/15/2024 Board Meeting. Public hearing on Water/Sewer Districts scheduled to the 10/15/2024 Board Meeting. Resolutions for the Districts/Extensions will be presented at that time.

Phil Baker – Pickle Ball Court is finished, planting trees in Hickories Park, there will be some trees left over for Campville Commons to replace the Ash Trees that had to be removed.

Tyson Stiles – Will need a brief Attorney Client meeting.

Don Castellucci – Scheduling Workshops for Oct. 9, 2024 @1 PM, Oct. 15, 2024 @ 1 PM & Oct. 16, 2024 @ 9 AM. Planning & Zoning report on file in his office. The TV’S are set up in the Shared Service building and weather station is available (public to have access soon).

Apalachin Library thank you card for the town’s contribution. Working on Waterman Summer Grant Program. Youngs Road progress update. Retiree insurance will increase \$14.20 per month. **Dean Morgan made a motion to allow Supervisor Castellucci to sign contract with Humana Health Insurance, seconded by Gary Hellmers. All aye, motion carried, passed.**

F. Privilege of the floor -

Matt Karpel from Value Auto would like more support from the Town utilizing his towing business. Highway Superintendent uses Wilcox Towing because they have reasonable pricing and he knows what he will be charged with no additions. Board suggested that Mr. Carpel and Mike Roberts have a conversation concerning this matter.

Rose Howard from Sequoia Lane commented that the nets look good and inquired about storm drain repair.

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

H. Abstracts –

Councilman Morgan made a motion to approve the following abstracts. Councilman Marks seconded the motion and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.

AO-General Fund	48,898.50
BO-General Fund-Town Outside	5,757.46
DB-Highway-Town Outside	128,513.54
FO-Water Districts	30,792.78
FA-Route 38 Water	1.75
GO-Sewer Districts	23,266.62
GA-Route 38 Sewer	15,851.22
L1-Lighting District 1	9.40
L2-Lighting District 2	23.17
L3-Lighting District 3	17.90

L4-Lighting District 4B	5.98
L5-Lighting District 5	11.71
L6-Lighting District 6	29.50
L7-Lighting District 7	5.35
L8-Lighting District 8	5.21
L9-Lighting District 9	1.26
LA-Lighting District 4A	1.59
LX-Lighting District 10	<u>2.22</u>
	\$ 253,195.16

I. Unfinished Business - none

J. Reports of Standing Committees

Councilman Hellmers-no report

Councilman Marks-no report

Councilman Jochum-no report

Councilman Morgan- Shared the passing of Larry Happle former Zoning Board Chairman and, recipient for the Chairman of the Year from NYS Planning Association.

Dean Morgan made a motion to prohibit future hunting on Town property, Gary Hellmers seconded. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 nay (Craig Jochum). It was discussed that 2 law enforcement officers were already given permission to hunt behind Town Hall Building this year. Further discussion with lawyer suggested hunters be able to hunt big game this year only, and after signing a Hold Harmless Affidavit with the Town. **Motioned by Supervisor Castellucci to allow John Massis and Kevin Lisak to hunt behind the Town Hall for the current deer season only. The motion passed with 3 ayes and 2 nays (Dean Morgan/Gary Hellmers), carried.**

Request and thank you from Wendy Walsh for showing them the meeting room at the Shared Service for their 4-H Ranch Riders Club meetings.

Request and thank you from Jim McFadden (Tioga County Treasurer) for allowing Manasse Auctions to hold the property tax auction for Tioga County at the Shared Service Building on Monday October 21, 2024 from 3PM-9PM.

Bill Carrigg submitted a request for a new Large Format Printer, their current printer is out of date and can't get parts for repairs. He is requesting permission to purchase a Ricoh IMCW2200 for \$5,965.00 along with a maintenance agreement includes all parts, labor. **Dean Morgan made a Motion to purchase Ricoh IMCW2200 for \$5,965.00 with maintenance agreement, Gary Hellmers seconded all aye, passed carried.**

The Reeves signed easement for the Generator Project behind WWTP #1.
Attorney/Client after the meeting.

K. Presentation of Resolutions, Motions and New Business

1. Declare 2006 Jeep as surplus-Parks Department

Craig Jochum made a motion to Declare Parks Department 2006 as surplus no longer serving Town purposes, Jonathan Marks seconded, all aye, carried, passed.

2. Presentation of the 2025 Tentative Budget

The 2025 Tentative Budget was received on September 30, 2024 and was presented to the board at this meeting by the Deputy Town Clerk.

3. Appoint Deferred Compensation provider

Craig Jochum made a motion to Appoint Cerity Partners as Deferred Compensation Policy Holders, seconded by Jonathan Marks, all aye, carried passed.

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

M. Executive Session -none

N. Adjournment

Supervisor Castellucci made a motion to adjourn @7:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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