

December 03, 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 Councilmember Jochum led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council

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

Absent: None

Department Heads

Present: Mike Roberts, Highway Superintendent
Peter Gordon, Town Historian
Rick Pedro, Assessor
Irene Graven, Town Attorney
Pam Brown, Deputy Clerk

Absent: Mary Kennedy, Town Clerk & Tax Receiver
Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities
Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor
Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator

B. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the November 19, 2024 Meeting will stand as presented, but allowing the Town Clerk to add detail to one section of privilege of the floor.

C. Consideration of bids - None

***At this time the board decided to act On K2-WHPP 2-2024

Councilmember Morgan reviewed the application and stated this is the first step to compliance. Councilmember marks reported that Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities had no comment or concern regarding this application. **Councilmember Morgan made a motion to approve Wellhouse Protection Permit #2 of 2024 for Sweeny's Plaza. This motion was seconded by councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried.**

D. Public Hearings – None

E. Reports of Departments Heads

Mike Roberts, Highway Superintendent-Finished with leaf pick up and everything went well.

Men did a very good job and streets looked clean. Recommends purchasing leaf truck for next year.

Peter Gordon, Town Historian- Gave an update on Evergreen Cemetery. He then reported that he will be giving an oral history to members of Whittemore Hill United Methodist Church.

Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor-Reported his office is ahead on exemption renewals which will allow his office more time to submit. He also stated that tax bills will be printed next week.

Lastly, he said County Mapping is working hard to get sales processed before bills are printed.

Irene Graven, Town Attorney-No Report

Supervisor Castellucci- Will not be at next TBM but will have end of year Appropriation Transfers ready.

Councilmember Marks for Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities- Requested Attorney/Client Privilege.

Councilman Marks for Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor-Ice rink at Hickories Park is filled and should be up and running weather permitting.

F. Privilege of the floor- None

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	64,183.80
BO-General Fund-Town Outside	53,266.41
DB-Highway-Town Outside	175,461.41
FO-Water Districts	68,538.07
FA-Route 38 Water	2,901.75
GO-Sewer Districts	76,118.71
GA-Route 38 Sewer	<u>2901.75</u>
	\$ 443,371.90

I. Unfinished Business - none

J. Reports of Standing Committees -

Councilmember Hellmers - no report

Councilmember Morgan – Made a motion to reappoint Lisa Baileys to the Town of Owego Planning Board for a seven year term beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2032, and Jack

Legg to Town of Owego Zoning Board to five year term beginning 01/01/25 and ending 12/31/2030. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hellmers and unanimously carried.

Councilmember Jochum - no report

Councilmember Marks – Requested Owego Town board meetings be available to watch VIA Zoom.

K. Presentation of Resolutions, Motions and New Business

1. New Hire-

Councilmember Gary Hellmers made a motion to adopt the following Resolution hiring Christopher E. Lykens as Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator trainee position contingent upon completion of pre-employment testing. The motion seconded by Jonathan Marks and unanimously carried.

WHEREAS, the approved 2024 budget for the Town of Owego Utilities Department has budgeted for and includes a full time Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator trainee position; and

WHEREAS, Christopher E. Lykens, a new applicant, has been selected to take this full time position, effective December 2, 2024, at an hourly rate of \$22.00 per hour, 40 hours per week, as a permanent appointment with up to 52 weeks probationary period from date of hire;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that such full time position shall be filled by Christopher E. Lykens at an hourly rate of \$22.00 per hour, 40 hours per week, as a permanent appointment with up to 52 weeks probationary period from date of hire subject to satisfactory license/background check and meeting all requirements of pre-employment drug testing.

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

M. Executive Session -none

N. Adjournment

Councilmember Morgan motioned to adjourn at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Brown
Deputy Town Clerk