

June 18, 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 -

Deputy Supervisor Morgan called the meeting to order and Councilmember Marks led all in the Pledge of Allegiance, after the Clerk called the Roll.

Council:

Present: Dean Morgan, Craig Jochum, and Gary Hellmers

Absent: Supervisor Castellucci and Jonathan Marks

Department Heads:

Present: Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor
Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor
Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Irene Graven, Town Attorney
Mary Kennedy, Town Clerk & Tax Receiver

Absent: Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities
Peter Gordon, Town Historian
Michael Roberts, Highway Superintendent

B. Minutes of the previous meetings -

The minutes of the June 4, 2024 Regular Meeting will stand as presented.

C. Consideration of bids – none

D. Public Hearings – none

E. Reports of Department Heads –

Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor – reported that almost all of the diseased ash trees have been cleaned out of the park. Next, he stated that the recent events at Hickories Park are going well, and about 200 cars were parked there for the Strawberry Festival. Lastly, he requested Attorney/Client privilege after the meeting.

Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator – reported that this year’s fireworks show will be July 3rd at dark (after the Concert in the Park). The company, American Fireworks, does not have a current license. However, the NYS Department of Labor confirmed that the company is in good standing and the Town can continue to use them. **Councilmember Hellmers**

made a motion to authorize Supervisor Castellucci to sign the agreement with American Fireworks for the show on July 3, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried. Next, Carrigg reported that the vacant Code Enforcement Officer position has been advertised in several places. He then stated that Eyota Nation Softball would like to expand the concession stand at Muth Park at no cost to the Town. Lastly, he reported that the pavement paint (2 pickle ball courts, a basketball court and parking lot) have been completed at Tioga Park.

Mary Kennedy, Town Clerk – reported that the contract for Codification Services has been submitted to General Code, and the Legal Editor assigned to the Town will be in contact soon.

Irene Graven, Town Attorney – no report

Deputy Supervisor Morgan – reported that the Catfish Derby went well with almost 600 people entering. The Town collected over \$18,000 in camping fees during the Derby. He thanked Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, and his crew for a great job. Councilmember Hellmers stated that Bill Chandler of the VFW, also wanted to thank Phil and his crew.

F. Privilege of the Floor – none

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

1. Monthly Report of the Supervisor –

The May 2024 Report of the Supervisor is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office.

H. Abstracts-

Councilmember Jochum made a motion to approve the following abstracts as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hellmers and unanimously carried on a Roll Call.

A0 - General Fund	9,995.72
B0 - General Fund-Town Outside	20,507.31
DB - Highway-Town Outside	29,050.10
F0 - Water Districts	6,066.30
FA - Route 38 Water	1,139.55
G0- Sewer Districts	45,112.25
GA – Route 38 Sewer	179.00
L1 – Lighting District 1	70.23
L2 - Lighting District 2	222.14
L3 – Lighting District 3	102.94
L4 - Lighting District 4B	59.91
L5 – Lighting District 5	67.36
L6 - Lighting District 6	261.56
L7 - Lighting District 7	57.99
L8 - Lighting District 8	46.07

L9 - Lighting District #9	15.90
LA – Lighting District 4A	19.30
LX – Lighting District 10	<u>24.44</u>
	\$112,998.07

I. Unfinished Business –

J. Reports of Standing Committees –

Councilmember Hellmers – no report

Councilmember Morgan – reported that he will be running the next Planning Board meeting while Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator is holding the Storm Spotter class. He also showed one of the completed highway signs for Hickories Park and the 9/11 Memorial.

Councilmember Jochum- no report

Councilmember Marks – no report

K. Presentation of Resolutions, Motions and New Business –

1. Town Hall window replacement project

Bill Carrigg reviewed the two estimates for the windows and recommended awarding to the low bidder. **A motion was made by Councilmember Hellmers to accept the estimate from Lowe’s (\$7,957.94) for replacement windows at the Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried.** Deputy Supervisor Morgan also added that the installation will be completed by Town employees.

L. Second Privilege of the floor – none

M. Executive Session - none

N. Adjournment -

Motion by Councilmember Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kennedy, Town Clerk