

June 4, 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 –

The Supervisor called the meeting to order, the Town Clerk called the roll Tyson Stiles led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council

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

Absent: None

Department Heads:

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

Absent: Mike Roberts, Highway Superintendent  
Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor  
Peter Gordon, Town Historian

B. Minutes of the previous meeting –

The minutes of the April 16, 2024 Regular Meeting will stand as presented.

C. Consideration of bids –

1. Crestview Heights Groundwater Wellhouse Replacement

Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities, reviewed the results of the bid opening as well as the recommendation of Hunt Engineers.

**Councilmember Morgan made a motion to award the Crestview Heights Wellhouse Replacement General Contracting to Procon Contracting at \$987,777. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hellmers and unanimously carried.**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to award the Electrical work on the Crestview Heights Wellhouse Replacement to Blanding Electric at \$129,779. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.**

**Councilmember Morgan made a motion to award the plumbing work on the Crestview Heights Wellhouse Replacement to Procon Construction at \$122,000. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hellmers and unanimously carried.**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to set aside up to \$200,000 for a future HVAC bid for the Crestview Heights Wellhouse Replacement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hellmers and unanimously carried.**

D. Public Hearings – none

E. Reports of Department Heads –

Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities – no report

Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor – reported that the Grievance Day determination letters will be sent next week. Lastly, he stated that he is preparing the Permanent Roll.

Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator – reported that Wendy Walsh, Soil & Water Conservation District, has reviewed and commented on the Farmer Brown Solar project, but the SWPPP is yet to be issued. Next, he stated that the Barton Solar SWPPP fee has been paid. He then thanked Supervisor Castellucci for attending the SkyWarn Storm Spotter class. Lastly, he reported that the fuel tank for the Shared Services Building is expected to be delivered next week.

Mary Kennedy, Town Clerk and Tax Receiver – no report

Irene Graven, Town Attorney – no report

Supervisor Castellucci – reported that the Town Clerk and Planning & Zoning monthly reports are on file in his office. Next, he stated that Tioga Park courts have been milled and corrected, and the line painting should be completed soon, weather permitting. The Supervisor then reported that work on the sinkhole on Griffin Drive will begin tomorrow. Next, he stated that he has started interviews with companies that responded to the RFP for the Deferred Compensation plan. Lastly, he reported that June 10<sup>th</sup> is the return date for the Foster Valley Culvert replacement RFP, and he has begun work on the Valley Road RFP.

F. Privilege of the floor –

Beth Saroney Paro, Debra Lee Drive, asked if all of Griffin Drive will be closed during the work on the sinkhole. The answer was no.

Ken Mantei, Waterman Avenue, voiced concerns about Riverside Cemetery. He's worried that the upkeep of the cemetery is becoming too much for the volunteers and asked for assistance so they won't have to abandon it (and therefore obligate the Town to maintain it). The Supervisor stated he would discuss options of enlisting local groups/clubs for help. Lastly, Mr. Mantei requested blue-tooth technology for Town Board Meetings to help those with hearing impairments.

G. Presentation of Petitions, Communications, Notices and Transfers – None

H. Abstracts -

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

AO-General Fund	14,629.20
BO-General Fund-Town Outside	7,054.57

DB-Highway-Town Outside	103,441.49
FO-Water Districts	33,402.65
FA-Route 38 Water	1.74
GO-Sewer Districts	24,641.37
GA-Route 38 Sewer	1.74
	<u>\$ 183,172.76</u>

I. Unfinished Business – none

J. Reports of Standing Committees –

Councilmember Hellmers – no report

Councilmember Morgan – reported that there will be a Flag Day Ceremony at the Elk’s Club Friday at 6 PM. He also stated that there will be no Primary Elections for our area this June. Lastly, he reported that there will be a meeting tomorrow to evaluate the Youngs Road bridge

Councilmember Jochum – no report

Councilmember Marks – no report

K. Presentation of Resolutions, Motions and New Business

1. Codification Services Proposal

Councilmember Morgan reviewed that the Town Code needs evaluation and legal analysis to verify it is up to date. **A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to approve the contract with General Code for Codification Services at \$13,795 and authorize the Supervisor to sign it. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried.** The contract is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office.

2. Barton Solar

**Councilmember Jochum made a motion to approve the PILOT for Barton Solar and authorize the Supervisor to sign it. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried.**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to approve the Decommissioning Agreement for Barton Solar and authorize the Supervisor to sign it on behalf of the Town Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried.**

L. Second Privilege of the floor – none

M. Executive Session – none

N. Adjournment

**Motion by Councilmember Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

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