

August 6, 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 Deputy Town Clerk called the roll and Peter Gordon 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
Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor
Mike Roberts, Highway Superintendent
Irene Graven, Town Attorney
Laura Burt, Deputy Town Clerk

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

B. Minutes of the previous meeting –

After a discussion the minutes of the July 16, 2024 Regular Meeting will stand as presented.

The minutes of the July 19, 2024 Special Meeting will stand as presented.

C. Consideration of bids – None

D. Public Hearings – None

E. Reports of Department Heads –

Mike Roberts, HWY Superintendent – Lots of trees down, working on Valley Road.
Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor – 3 out of 5 concerts were transferred to the Elks.
Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities – No report
Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor – No report
Irene Graven, Town Attorney – No report
Dean Morgan, for Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator - Fuel tank instruction will be August 8th, 2024.

Supervisor Castellucci –

1. **Monthly Report of the Planning and Zoning Administrator and Town Clerk are on file in my Office.**
2. **Meeting with NYSDOT- Foster Valley Road**
Barring any unforeseen issues the project is expected to be completed by Dec 2025
Will solicit bids for construction in early mid-winter timeframe.
3. **Gaga -Pit**
Eagle Scout Project
4. **Upstate Assn of Towns-** Needs to be paid in between meetings
5. **Nelcorp Bill-** for the generator project needs to be paid in between meetings.
6. **Sewer Plant 1 project** – CPL applied for further funding to help offset the cost of the project. The awards are expected in December.
7. **Temporary Employee-** to help move historical Data to the new vault. 50 years of information in my office

F. Privilege of the floor –

K4 was heard at this time. Wellhead Protection Permit #1, 2024

Ansar Miah – Petitioned to open a restaurant in the vacant Apalachin Pharmacy.

Mr. Miah explained it would be Indian food with Liquor served. **Motion to approve Wellhead Protection Permit #1, 2024 by Councilmember Hellmers seconded by Councilmember Morgan, all aye carried.**

Ann Townsend, Youngs Road. Has concerns with integrity of the bridge & what will be repaired. She was advised that item is with engineers. Councilmember Jochum explained the temporary overlay bridge will be sound.

William Gana, Middle Road. Inquired about repairs to the road and timeline. He has water draining onto his property and has had to repair his wife's automobile. Has tried to speak to Highway Supervisor but doesn't return his calls. HWY Superintendent Roberts reported that weather was playing a big factor.

Fred Wales, lives in the new housing on South Side Drive. He is asking for help with street lighting issues. He was advised that this is Village of Owego territory. Supervisor Castellucci stated he would look into it.

Barb Craig, Valley Road. Wants to know completion date of bridge work. Also inquired about other bridges on Valley Road. HWY Superintendent stated that NYS Bridge Inspectors have to fail any bridge before repairs can be scheduled.

G. Presentation of Petitions, Communications, Notices and Transfers

1. Monthly Report of the Supervisor – June.

This report is on file in the Town Clerks Office.

H. Abstracts -

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

AO-General Fund	43,240.36
BO-General Fund-Town Outside	13,698.52
DB-Highway-Town Outside	539,445.79
FO-Water Districts	34,704.41
FA-Route 38 Water	8.33
GO-Sewer Districts	37,671.79
GA-Route 38 Sewer	46.62
	<u>\$ 668,815.82</u>

I. Unfinished Business – none

J. Reports of Standing Committees –

Councilmember Hellmers – Request for Julie Howrilka and Rick Pedro to attend the New York State Assessors Training and Conference on 9/23/2024-9/26/2024 in Fairport, NY, with all reasonable expenses paid. The scholarship/grant covers all expenses. **Councilmember Hellmers made the motion for Julie Howrilka and Rick Pedro to attend training in Fairport, NY with grant coverage seconded by Councilmen Jochum. The board all agreed, all aye, passed.** Lastly he stated a need for executive session.

Councilmember Morgan – no report

Councilmember Jochum – no report

Councilmember Marks – no report

K. Presentation of Resolutions, Motions and New Business

1. Agreements to Spend (5)

Single Chip Seal/Fog Seal

Powell Road (.73 mi)	\$14,025
Lindloff Road (.17 mi)	\$3,175

TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS OF PROJECTS: \$17,200

Scope, amount and distance subject to change with index and inflation.

Councilmember Morgan made a motion to approve the agreement to spend shown above. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried

The following is a list of additional paving projects to be completed in the year 2024:

Double Chip Seal/Fog Seal

Ford Road (2.45 mi)	\$99,050
Welch Road (.60 mi)	\$45,503
Patton Road (.28 mi)	\$11,575

TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS OF PROJECTS: \$156,128

Scope, amount and distance subject to change with index and inflation.

Councilmember Jochum made a motion to approve the agreement to spend shown above. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hellmers and unanimously carried.

The following is a list of additional paving projects to be completed in the year 2024:

Microseal

West Glann Road	\$11,500
Dorothy Road	\$10,700
Hillside Drive (west end)	\$3,000
Elmwood Drive	\$30,500
Griffin Drive	\$24,000
Tioga Blvd.	\$10,000
Brookside Avenue W.	\$36,000

TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS OF PROJECTS: \$125,700

Scope, amount and distance subject to change with index and inflation.

Councilmember Morgan made a motion to approve the agreement to spend shown above. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

The following is a list of additional paving projects to be completed in the year 2024:

Double Chip Seal/Fog Seal

Lainhart Road (.38 mi)	\$14,500
Cafferty Lane (.24 mi)	\$12,000

TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS OF PROJECTS: \$24,500

Scope, amount and distance subject to change with index and inflation.

Councilmember Jochum made a motion to approve the agreement to spend shown above. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hellmers and unanimously carried.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Owego Highway Department is authorized to purchase a 2024 Ford F-150 pick-up truck from Friendly Ford, at a cost of \$44,473.38.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to adopt the above resolution approving the purchase of the F-150 Pickup Truck. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hellmers and was passed with the vote 4 aye, 1 no, Supervisor Castellucci.

4. Wellhead Protection Permit #1, 2024

Was heard during F. Privilege of the floor.

L. Second Privilege of the floor – none

M. Executive Session –

Councilmember Morgan motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:27 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hellmers and unanimously carried

A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to exit Executive Session at 7:51pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hellmers and unanimously carried.

N. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Burt, Deputy Town Clerk