

June 17, 2025
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 Clerk called the roll, and Tyson Stiles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council:

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

Absent: Supervisor Donald Castellucci

Department Heads:

Present: Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities
Irene Graven, Town Attorney
Pam Brown, Town Clerk
Peter Gordon, Town Historian

Absent: Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor
Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor
Mike Roberts, Highway Superintendent

B. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the June 03, 2025 stand as presented.

C. Consideration of bids-None

1. Utilities

2000BMC Flusher Truck-

A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to accept a bid from Auctions International in the amount of \$6,100.00 for the 2000 GMC Flusher Truck. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hellmers and unanimously carried.

1998 Chevy Box Truck-

A motion was made by Councilmember Hellmers to accept a bid from Auctions International in the amount of \$1,925.00 for the 1998 Chevy Box Truck. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

1981 Ford 1310 Tractor A-

A motion was made by Councilmember Marks to accept a bid from Auctions International in the amount of \$3,250.00 for the 1981 Ford 1310 Tractor A. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hellmers and unanimously carried.

1981 Ford 1310 Tractor B-

A motion was made by Councilmember Hellmers to accept a bid from Auctions International in the amount of \$3500.00 for the 1981 Ford 1310 Tractor B. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

John Deere 1600 Mower-

A motion was made by Councilmember Marks to accept a bid from Auctions International in the amount of \$5400.00 for the John Deere 1600 Turbo Mower. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hellmers and unanimously carried.

2008 Kohler Generator-

A motion was made by Councilmember Hellmers to accept a bid from Auctions International in the amount of \$560.00 for the 2008 Kohler Generator. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

D. Public Hearings- None

E. Reports of Department Heads

Deputy Supervisor Morgan reported that the mulch pick up on Kunzil Rd. in Apalachin went very well. People were pleased and it would be a good idea to do it again.

Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities- The A&W service line is now repaired. The water leak at the campground bathroom at Hickories Park is now fixed. Attorney/Client

Peter Gordon, Town Historian, No report

Irene Graven, Town Attorney, No report

Pam Brown, Town Clerk, The new hire, Jess, is doing great. Very happy with her. Mary has approximately two weeks until she re-locates to Georgia.

Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor-Via Councilmember Marks- No report.

.F. Privilege of the floor-

Rose, Tioga Terrace Civic Association, inquired about the Pavilion on Tioga Blvd. and when it will be finished.

Bill Chandler, Sulpher Springs Rd., inquired why the green area in front of the Highway building looks so bad. The grass needs to be mowed.

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

H. Abstracts-

After a brief discussion a motion was made by Councilmember Marks to approve the following abstract as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried on a Roll Call Vote.

AO-General Fund	30,059.67
BO-General Fund-Town Outside	21,487.69
DB-Highway-Town Outside	23,421.04
FO-Water Districts	260,757.06
FA-Route 38 Water	832.00
GO-Sewer Districts	349,314.89
GA-Route 38 Sewer	246.01
L1 - Lighting District 1	42.64
L2 – Lighting District 2	197.05
L3 – Lighting District 3	83.63
L4 – Lighting District 4B	53.47
L5 – Lighting District 5	54.68
L6 – Lighting District 6	229.74
L7 – Lighting District 7	52.25
L8 – Lighting District 8	40.45
L9 – Lighting District #9	14.58
LA – Lighting District 4A	17.60
LX – Lighting District 10	<u>22.08</u>
	\$686,926.53

I. Unfinished Business-

1. Agreement to Spend Highway- No action

J. Reports of Standing Committees-

Councilmember Jochum- thanked the Parks Department for the excellent work they did for the Catfish Derby. Bill Chandler reported that the Catfish Derby had over 500 participants registered. Under age 13 there was no entry fee, only a canned good or monetary donation was requested. There was more than 70 pounds of canned goods collected and \$540.00 in cash. The money goes to various organizations in the community and the Veterans.

Councilmember Morgan-None
Councilmember Marks-None
Councilmember Hellmers-None

K. Presentation of Resolutions, Motions and New Business-

1. Special Franchise Agreement- EYOTA

A motion was made by Councilmember Hellmers to allow Supervisor Castellucci to sign the Special Franchise Agreement with EYOTA Nation to use Muth Park in Apalachin for their 2025 softball season. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried. A copy of this agreement is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

2. Revocable License Agreement- EYOTA

A motion was made by Councilmember Hellmers to allow Supervisor Castellucci to sign the Revocable License Agreement between EYOTA Nation and the Town of Owego to allow EYOTA to erect advertising signs on the outfield fences of the ball diamonds at Muth Park in Apalachin, Town of Owego as a fund raising effort. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried. A copy of this agreement is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

3. Proclamation- Town Clerk

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Morgan to approve the following resolution honoring Mary Kennedy, Town of Owego Clerk & Tax Receiver. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously passed.

WHEREAS, Mary Kennedy, Town of Owego Clerk & Receiver of Taxes, will be leaving her position with the Town of Owego, after more than thirteen years of dedicated and commendable service to the Town of Owego and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Owego, Mary's coworkers and staff, as well as all of the Town of Owego residents have greatly benefitted from her vast knowledge, experience, dedication, helpfulness and integrity; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many years of service, Mary Kennedy has served the people of the Town of Owego as Owego Town Clerk, Tax Receiver, Town Registrar and Records Management Officer; has been a member of the New York State Association Tax Receivers and Collectors; and the Tioga County Town Clerks Association;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Owego Town Board, on behalf of the Town of Owego and all its residents, does hereby extend its sincere and grateful appreciation for the dedicated service Mary Kennedy has provided to the Town of Owego and its citizens, and offer its best wishes for her continued success, happiness and good health in the years to come.

L. Privilege of the floor-

Rose, Sequoia Ln., When will Vestal Asphalt be returning to make repairs.

M. Executive Session (if needed)

N. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilmember Morgan to adjourn at 6:56 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Brown, Town Clerk