

August 05, 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 Town Clerk called the roll and Councilmember Gary Hellmers led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Supervisor Donald Castellucci Jr.
Council: Dean Morgan, Craig Jochum, Jonathan Marks, Gary Hellmers
Absent: None

Department Heads:

Present Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor
Hank Hines, Deputy Highway Superintendent
Irene Graven, Town Attorney
Pam Brown, Town Clerk
Phil Baker, Park Maintenance Supervisor

Absent: Mike Roberts, Highway Superintendent
Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities

B. Minutes of the previous meeting -

The minutes of the July 01, 2025 Regular Meeting will stand as presented.

C. Consideration of bids –

1. Parks surplus truck 2008 Ford F150

A motion was made by Councilmember Hellmers to accept a bid from Chad Harris in the amount of \$653.50 for the 2008 Ford F150 truck from the Parks Department. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

D. Public Hearings - None

E. Reports of Department Heads –

Peter Gordon, Town Historian- No report
Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator-July monthly statement is on file in the Supervisor's office. Requests Attorney/Client
Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor- Things are running good. New part-time employee is working out well.

Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor-The water and electric needs to be hooked up and the concrete pad still needs to be poured at the Tioga Blvd. pavilion.

Pam Brown, Town Clerk-Hunting Licenses are on sale now.

Irene Graven, Town Attorney- Attorney Client

Supervisor Castellucci-Received a letter from a town resident about damage done to their vehicle by a pothole. Also, a letter from a resident looking for a credit on their water bill. Their usage was 660 gallons and they were billed for 6000. Department head budgets start August 25th and are due September 12th. The 2023 audit is now finished. The 2024 audit will start in the fall and be completed by the end of the year. There will be a Memorial Ceremony on 9/11 at the Hickories Park. The Easton family and Raftis families have been asked to speak. Justin Hulslander has been asked to repair and clean the 9/11 Memorial. A line has been put in the budget for repairs. Justin is going to work with Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, and teach him and the park employees how to clean the memorial. This will save money in the future.

At this time, Bill Carrigg, Planning and Zoning Administrator, Reported him and Richard Gorman flew a drone over the town to get pictures for the new website. They have some great aerial images that will be used for the background.

F. Privilege of the floor –

Rose, Sequoia Ln. The park on Tioga Blvd. is heavily used. Are there any plans for road work in the Terrace?

Emily, Owego, Would like to know if there are any other monuments that need to be washed.

Bill, South Owego, Complained about the poor quality of the roads and the amount of money wasted.

Barb, Valley Rd., The highway department did a great job mowing along the side of Valley Rd. and Sanford Hill Rd. Barton Rd. is a disaster and full of potholes.

G. Presentation of Petitions, Communications, Notices and Transfer - 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	21,165.71
BO-General Fund-Town Outside	11,396.17
DB-Highway-Town Outside	184,642.49
CM Fund	8750.00
FO-Water Districts	146,672.92
FA-Route 38 Water	2.30
GO-Sewer Districts	46,175.13
GA-Route 38 Sewer	<u>194.40</u>

\$418,999.12

I. Unfinished Business - None

J. Reports of Standing Committees –

Councilmember Jochum – Sixth and final concert at Hickories Park on Aug. 06, 2025

Councilmember Morgan - no report, Attorney/Client

Councilmember Marks - no report

Councilmember Hellmers - no report

K. Presentation of Resolutions, Motions and New Business-

1. Highway Department-New hire

A motion was made by Councilmember Hellmers to adopt the following resolution hiring Luke Bumbalough as a full time MEO II in the Highway Department. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried.

WHEREAS, the approved 2025 budget for the Town of Owego Highway Department has budgeted for and includes a full time MEO II position; and

WHEREAS, this full time position is vacant and it is necessary to fill this position; and

WHEREAS, Luke Bumbalough has been offered and has accepted such position as of August 11, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$19.89 per hour, 40 hours per week, as a permanent appointment with a probationary period of 26 weeks; and

WHEREAS, Luke Bumbalough has a CDL-B.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, such full time position shall be filled by Luke Bumbalough at an hourly rate of \$19.89 per hour, 40 hours per week, with full time benefits, effective August 11, 2025, with a probationary period of 26 weeks from date of hire, subject to meeting all requirements of pre-employment drug testing.

2. Resignation-Town of Owego Zoning Board

A motion was made by Councilmember Hellmers to accept the resignation letter from Dan Myers, board member for the Town of Owego Zoning Board of Appeals, effective October 1, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks.

3. Pump replacement for Water District 4, Well #1 pumping equipment- Utilities

A motion was made by Councilmember Hellmers to allow Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities, to accept a bid from Moodys Water Supply Service, LLC. without bidding, as this is an emergency situation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

L. Second Privilege of the floor-

Supervisor Castellucci wished to add that on September 19, 2025 VOYA, the new deferred comp company, will be here to meet with employee's that may have any questions. Also, the Utilities/Highway Department have Sexual Harassment training on September 26, 2025.

M. Executive Session – not needed

N. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Morgan to adjourn at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Brown, Town Clerk