

April 15, 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 -

Supervisor Castellucci called the meeting to order, the Clerk called the Roll and Councilmember Hellmers 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: Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor
Michael Roberts, Highway Superintendent
Irene Graven, Town Attorney
Pam Brown, Town Clerk
Peter Gordon, Town Historian

Absent: Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities
Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor

B. Minutes of the previous meetings -

Due to illness in the Clerk's office, the minutes of the April 1, 2025 meeting will be presented at the next meeting.

C. Consideration of bids - none

D. Public Hearings - none

E. Reports of Department Heads -

Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor- Campground is open. Seasonal sites are filled.

Mike Roberts, Highway Superintendent – Cleaning the damage from today's wind storm. Residents MUST call if they have brush to be picked up.

Irene Graven, Town Attorney – no report

Pam Brown, Town Clerk – Eight-eight percent of tax warrant collected. Second notices for unpaid taxes have been sent out.

Peter Gordon – Interviewing longtime residents of Whittemore Hill Rd to get an oral history of the area for the book The Voices of Whittemore Hill.

Jonathan Marks for Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities – No report

Supervisor Castellucci – Had a meeting with Kyle Fleming, Dog Control Officer, and Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning to discuss the new dog ordinances and new laws for kennels. Planning & Zoning monthly report on file in the Supervisor’s office. A resident brought in a water bill today to ask for a possible payment plan. The bill normally averaged \$200.00 a month, this month the bill was \$4,000 due to a broken water pipe in the home. Supervisor Castellucci will be in Albany next week attending finance school.

F. Privilege of the Floor -

Rose Howard, Sequoia Lane, wanted to know if the port-a-potty on Tioga Blvd. could be put out early for the Tioga Terrace Garage Sales. Phil Baker, Park Maintenance Supervisor, assured her that it was already there.

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 Hellmers and unanimously carried on a Roll Call.

A0 - General Fund	27,695.41
B0 - General Fund-Town Outside	21,896.50
DB - Highway-Town Outside	72,799.75
F0 - Water Districts	19,970.57
FA - Route 38 Water	1,853.27
G0- Sewer Districts	78,258.74
GA – Route 38 Sewer	177.24
L1 – Lighting District 1	63.82
L2 - Lighting District 2	249.16
L3 – Lighting District 3	123.81
L4 - Lighting District 4B	66.72
L5 – Lighting District 5	80.97
L6 - Lighting District 6	296.09
L7 - Lighting District 7	64.33
L8 - Lighting District 8	52.19
L9 - Lighting District #9	17.47
LA – Lighting District 4A	21.12
LX – Lighting District 10	27.02
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I. Unfinished Business – none

J. Reports of Standing Committees -

Councilmember Jochum - no report

Councilmember Marks - no report

Councilmember Hellmers - no report

Councilmember Morgan - Bill Carrigg sent out a memo to the Town Board with two estimates to replace the front sidewalk at town hall. He recommends that we accept McKnights's bid for the amount of \$10,565.00.

A motion was made at this time by Councilmember Morgan to accept the bid from McKnight Custom Concrete for the amount of \$10,560 to replace the concrete sidewalk in front of Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried.

A second memo from Bill Carrigg, stating that due to an uptake in confrontational citizens at our counters, he obtained a quote from TSS Bulletproof in the amount of \$25,464.00 to reinforce security measures in the Planning and Zoning, Assessor's, and Town Clerk's office for the amount of \$25,464.00.

A motion was made at this time by Councilmember Morgan to accept the Capital Project bid from TSS Bulletproof in the amount of \$25,464.00 to install bulletproof glass in the Planning & Zoning, Assessor, and Town Clerk's offices. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hellmers and unanimously carried.

Councilmember Morgan continued his report by stating Kiwanis Day is upcoming.

A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to declare April 25, 2025 Kiwanis Day. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

TOWN OF OWEGO PROCLAMATION

Honoring Owego Kiwanis Club

WHEREAS, the Owego Kiwanis Club is celebrating their 100th Anniversary of the club on April 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Owego wishes to recognize and applaud the Owego Kiwanis Club members for their service to our community and the contributions to the quality of life of our citizens over the last 100 years; and

WHEREAS, throughout their many years of service and giving, they have demonstrated and contributed to the community spirit and quality of life present in this community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Owego Town Board, on behalf of the Town of Owego and all its residents, wish to express their sincere appreciation to the many contributions made by the Owego Kiwanis Club within our community on an ongoing basis;

AND BE IT

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Owego Town Board hereby declare Friday April 25, 2025 as "Owego Kiwanis Club Day" in the Town of Owego.

Saturday's yard waste drop off on Kuenzli Rd. in Apalachin went well. Bill wanted to thank everyone that gave their time at the tire drop off. Also, wanted to thank the Highway Department for having the tire drop off inside.

K. Presentation of Resolutions, Motions and New Business -

1. Employee upgrade - Highway

A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to promote Jeremy Eno, HEO I, to HEO II for the Town of Owego Highway Department. This 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 an HEO II position which is currently vacant; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Eno, currently in a HEO I position, is available and willing to be promoted to the HEO II position effective March 10, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Jeremy Eno is promoted to the position of HEO II, effective March 10, 2025, at an hourly wage of \$24.17 per hour and a promotional probationary period of 26 weeks.

2. Inter-municipal agreement - Dog Control

A motion was made by Councilmember Hellmers to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement for Providing Dog Control Services to the Town of Nichols. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

A copy of the agreement is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

3. Declare truck as surplus - Parks

A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to table action on declaring a Parks truck as surplus. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

4. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)- re-training services-

A motion was made by Councilmember Hellmers to approve the MOU re-training services. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

A copy of the MOU is on file at the Town Clerks Office.

- L. Second Privilege of the floor -

Rose, Sequoia Lane, asked if Vestal Asphalt will return to fix some issues with last year's projects.

- M. Executive Session - None

- N. Adjournment -

Motion by Councilmember Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Brown
Town Clerk