

April 2, 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
Councilman Morgan 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
Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor
Peter Gordon, Town Historian
Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities
Irene Graven, Town Attorney
Laura Burt, Deputy Town Clerk
Pam Brown, Deputy Town Clerk

Absent: Mike Roberts, Highway Superintendent
Mary Kennedy, Town Clerk & Tax Receiver

B. Minutes of the previous meeting –

The minutes of the March 19, 2024 Regular Meeting will stand as presented.

C. Consideration of bids –

Bid opening on March 22, 2024 for a 2003 GMC Sierra. There were two bids, one from Ray Lantz Garage for \$1,128.75 and the other from David Coish for \$1,200.00

Councilman Morgan made a motion to accept the bid from David Coish in the amount of \$1,200.00, Councilman Marks seconded, all Aye motion carried.

D. Public Hearings – None

E. Reports of Department Heads –

Peter Gordon, Town Historian – No report

Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor – His office is closer to completing the tentative roll

Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor – They are cleaning parks and outside properties
Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities – No report

Irene Graven, Town Attorney – Will need attorney client meeting

Supervisor Castellucci – Planning and Zoning monthly report on file in his office.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Town of Owego Court office will be closed on Monday and Fridays until further notice. The drop box will be available. Councilman Morgan made a motion to accept change in Court Office hours, Councilman Hellmers seconded all aye, passed. Supervisor Castellucci will do the Press Release.

Councilmember Morgan – Request for forgiveness on late payment for Utility Payment, denied. Permission for Lynne Esquivel and Lisa Baileys from the Planning Board to attend the Annual conference April 7-9, 2024 in Saratoga Springs.

Councilman Morgan made a motion for Lynne Esquivel and Lisa Baileys to attend conference will all reasonable reimbursements, seconded by Councilman Jochum, all aye passed carried.

Veteran’s recognition luncheon went well. About 70 people attended.

Tioga County Veterans’ Services Agency would like to add an Ice cream Social using the Shared Service Building

April 20th, 2024 will be the Tire Drop Off along with electronics

Laura Burt, Deputy Town Clerk – No report

F. Privilege of the floor –

No one wished to speak at this time

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	\$37,946.16
BO-General Fund-Town Outside	\$2,321.71
DB-Highway-Town Outside	\$44,033.66
FO-Water Districts	\$34,847.77
FA-Route 38 Water	\$1.74
GO-Sewer Districts	\$37,182.26
GA-Route 38 Sewer	\$23,065.09
HN-NY Rising-Shared Services Building	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$ 179,398.39

I. Unfinished Business – none

J. Reports of Standing Committees –

Councilmember Jochum – no report
Councilmember Morgan – no report
Councilmember Marks – no report
Councilmember Hellmers – no report

K. Presentation of Resolutions, Motions and New Business

1. Declare mower, 2 tractors and pickup truck as surplus – Utilities

Also added generator from Main St. station

Motion from Councilman Jochum to accept surplus equipment that no longer serves Town purposes, seconded by Councilman Hellmers, all aye, passed.

2. Order of Public Hearing – Consolidated Sewer District facilities improvement – No action taken

3. 2023 Justice Court Audit

Councilman Marks made a motion to accept 2023 Court Audit and adopt the following resolution, Councilman Hellmers seconded, all aye, passed, carried.

WHEREAS the State of New York Court System requires Municipalities to conduct and audit/examination of the Town Justice Court's records; and

WHEREAS an audit/examination of the Town of Owego Justice Court's records for the fiscal year 2023 was conducted and completed of February 26, 2024;

NOW; THEREFORE, IT IS

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Owego acknowledge herein that an audit/examination of the Town of Owego Justice Courts records for the fiscal year 2023 was conducted and completed on February 26,2024.

L. Second Privilege of the floor – none

M. Executive Session – none

N. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Burt
Deputy Town Clerk