

May 2, 2023
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, Hank Hines led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council:

Present: Supervisor Castellucci, Dean Morgan, Craig Jochum, Jonathan Marks, Gary Hellmers

Absent: None

Department Heads:

Present: Peter Gordon, Town Historian
Irene Graven, Town Attorney
Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor
Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities
Scott Vasisko, Parks Maintenance Supervisor
Laura Burt, Deputy Town Clerk
Hank Hines, Deputy Highway Superintendent

Absent: Mary Kennedy, Town Clerk and Tax Receiver
Joann Lindstrom, Planning and Zoning Administrator
Mike Roberts, Highway Superintendent

B. Minutes of the previous meeting -

The minutes of the April 18, 2023 regular meeting were presented. **Councilmember Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Councilmember Marks seconded, all aye, carried.**

C. Consideration of bids – None

D. Public Hearings –

1. Supervisor Castellucci opened the public hearing for EYOTA Nation Franchise Agreement. There was no one wishing to speak.

Motion to close public hearing made by Councilman Morgan, seconded by Councilman Jochum, all aye motion carried.

Motion to accept EYOTA agreement by Councilman Morgan, seconded by Councilman Jochum, all aye, carried.

Motion to allow Supervisor Castellucci to sign EYOTA agreement and License agreement was made by Councilman Marks, seconded by Councilman Morgan, all aye passed, carried.

E. Reports of Department Heads

Hank Hines reporting for Mike Roberts – reported that they have begun work on road projects and preparing the trucks for summer work.

Scott Vasisko: reported that the cold storage building at Hickories Park has been started, Bill Carrigg helped. Hickories Park flooded recently, Hank will be sending over the brush truck (from Highway Department) to help with clean up. EE Root estimate for directional drilling of electric lines, Town Board would like a second estimate. Rapid Rivers Disc Golf would like to hold a tournament at Campville Commons on May 20, 2023.

Supervisor Castellucci stated that Scott Smith and Sons will be closing May 8, 2023, we have the new gas cards for Mirabito. Suggests that we should fill up at Scott Smith and Sons Friday, May 5, 2023. They have been looking at chairs for Shared Service Building.

Tyson Stiles: reported that his crews are completing springtime work. Next he submitted a quote for Water District 1 from Turnkey repairs. **Councilman Morgan made a motion to acquire 2 estimates, Councilman Marks seconded, all aye, carried.**

Peter Gordon: None

Rick Pedro: reported that the Tentative roll is done, and he will not need a replacement for Mr. Murphy on the Board of Assessment Review

Irene Graven: None

Laura Burt: None

Supervisor Castellucci: reported that he has the monthly reports from Planning and Zoning and Town Clerk. He also requested Attorney/Client privilege after meeting.

F. Privilege of the floor

Teresa Dole, Casterline Road, asked if she could speak off record, request was denied by Supervisor Castellucci. She declined to speak at this time.

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

H. Abstracts

Councilman Jochum made a motion to approve the abstracts as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Marks and unanimously carried with a Roll Call Vote.

A - General Fund	\$11,462.41
B - General Fund-Town Outside	\$6,070.45

DB - Highway-Town Outside	\$21,663.07
F - Water Districts	\$4,782.18
FA - Route 38 Water	\$677.29
G - Sewer Districts	\$6,466.13
GA - Route 38 Sewer	<u>\$703.05</u>
	\$51,824.58

I. Unfinished Business –

1. Resolution to rename East River Road.

Councilman Marks made a motion to approve Resolution seconded by Councilman Jochum. Discussion followed, Town Board voted 0-5, denied.

J. Reports of Standing Committees

Councilman Marks – No report

Councilman Morgan –Reported that the Tire Event went very well, we filled 1 ½ trailers and the Village filled the second trailer. Electronic recycle equipment was successful and their trailer was full by the end of the event.

Many thanks go to members of the Town Highway Department, community volunteers Rod Stoddard, Rob Fenner from Utilities, Bryan Winters & Chad Harris from Parks Department and Bill Carrigg and Brenda Burrell from Planning & Zoning.

Councilman Jochum –.No report

Councilman Hellmers – No report

K. Presentation of Resolutions, Motions and New Business

1. Employee promotion – Utilities

Councilman Morgan made a motion to adopt the following resolution promoting Robert Fenner to Water Treatment Plant Operator seconded by Councilman Marks, all aye, passed carried.

WHEREAS the approved 2023 budget for the Town of Owego Utilities Department has budgeted for and includes a Water Treatment Plant Operator position; and

WHEREAS Robert Fenner, a Laborer in the Utilities Department, having taken and passed the Water Treatment Plant Operator Exam and acquiring the certification, is willing, able and qualified to take this position, retroactive to March 27, 2023, at the hourly rate of \$22.00 per hour;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED such position shall be filled by Robert Fenner at the hourly rate of \$22.00 per hour retroactive to March 27, 2023 and a promotional probationary period of 52 weeks.

2. Fundraising event at Campville Commons-Tioga County Chamber of Commerce.
Event to be held July 22, 2023 from 11:00AM to 4:00PM. Food trucks and Beer/Wine by donation. Scott Vasisko, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, has no issues with the liquor however, Board members are concerned, need stricter control/monitoring. Tabled to May 16, 2023 meeting. **Councilmen Morgan made a motion to table item to May 16, 2023 Town Board Meeting, Councilmen Jochum seconded.**

3. Town Hall parking lot pavement.
Estimate over budget. Supervisor Castellucci wants to go forward with project. **Councilman Jochum made a motion to go forward with paving project, Councilmen Marks seconded, all aye, carried.**

4. Tioga Park Walkway pavement.
Estimate \$28,860, we have a \$25,000 grant, Councilman Morgan wants the Hooker Grant used and balance from ARPA. **Motion to approve grant funding made by Councilman Marks, seconded by Councilman Jochum, all aye, carried.**

Supervisor Castellucci mentioned a Welcome Sign on Tobey Road. Tyson Stiles, Utilities Director, has no problem with sign interfering with infrastructure. Sign will be on Route 434.

5. Board Room sound system
Councilman Morgan is revisiting using KV at an estimate of \$15,000. This includes Thumb Drives, new speakers. Tabled to next meeting.

L. Second Privilege of the floor
Teresa Dole, Casterline Road, voiced concerns regarding the Public Hearing for Solar Farms. She requested to view existing Local Law and was instructed to access Town of Owego Code Book on our web site. She also wanted to see the new amendment under consideration.

M. Executive Session – None needed.

N. Adjournment -
Motion by Councilman Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Burt, Deputy Town Clerk