

November 3, 2021
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 led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council:

Present: Supervisor Castellucci, Dean Morgan, and Jonathan Marks

Absent: Barbara Roberts and Craig Jochum

Department Heads:

Present: Cheri Grenier, Sole Assessor
Peter Gordon, Town Historian
Irene Graven, Town Attorney
Mary Kennedy, Town Clerk & Tax Receiver

Absent: Scott Vasisko, Parks Maintenance Supervisor
Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities
Joann Lindstrom, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Mark Clark, Highway Superintendent

B. Minutes of the previous meetings -

The October 19, 2021 Meeting minutes will stand as presented.

C. Consideration of bids – none

D. Public Hearings –

1. 2022 Preliminary Budget

Supervisor Castellucci opened the Public Hearing. He then explained that the hearing will be adjourned until November 11th and the public is welcome to attend and comment at that time.

Councilmember Morgan made a motion to adjourn the 2022 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing until November 11, 2021 at 6:30 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

2. Local Law to amend the Town Code re: penalties

Supervisor Castellucci opened the Public Hearing. Attorney Graven reviewed that currently the code imposes criminal repercussions and short stints in jail for certain offenses. New York State's recent Bail Reform Act would cause significant burden to the Town should the municipality try to

enforce jail time. The amendment would change penalties to civil fines only. There was no one wishing to speak at this time. **Councilmember Marks made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to adopt Local Law #2 of 2021 to amend the Town Code. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

LOCAL LAW NO. #2 OF 2021

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Owego the following amendments and repeals to the Town Code pertaining to penalties to be imposed for violations of provisions of the Code:

Amend Section 1-11 of Chapter 1 entitled "Penalties for tampering with Code books": as follows:

Any person who, without authorization from the Town Clerk, changes or amends, by additions or deletions, any part or portion of the Code of the Town of Owego, or who alters or tampers with such Code in any manner whatsoever which will cause the legislation of the Town of Owego be misrepresented thereby, or who violates any other provision of this local law shall be guilty of a civil offense and shall, upon a finding thereof, be subject to a fine of not more than \$250.

Amend Section 37-4(I) of Chapter 37 entitled "Bingo and Games of Chance" under Article 1 "Bingo" as follows:

I. The unauthorized conduct of a bingo game and any willful violation of any provision of this article shall constitute and be assessed as a violation.

Amend Section 37-6 of Chapter 37 entitled "Bingo and Games of Chance" as follows:

§ 37-6. Penalties for offenses.

The making of any false statement in any application for a license or in any statement annexed thereto or any other violation of the provisions of said Article 14-H of the General Municipal Law or any violation of the terms of such a license shall be enforceable in accordance with the provisions, requirements and limitations of said Article 14-H of the General Municipal Law and shall subject the offender to forfeiture of license and shall render the offender ineligible to apply for a license for one year thereafter, all pursuant to the provisions of §495 of the General Municipal Law.

Amend Section 40-15(C) of Chapter 40 entitled "Building Construction" as follows:

C. Penalties for offenses. Any violation of this article is an offense punishable by a civil penalty not exceeding \$250. Each week's continued violation shall constitute a separate additional violation. A first violation shall be deemed to have occurred from the date of written notification of violation issued by the enforcement officer or from such date as may be designated in such written notice.

Amend Section 42-10(A) of Chapter 42 entitled “Buildings, Unsafe” as follows:

§42-10. Penalties for offenses.

A. Any person who neglects, refuses or fails to comply with any order or notice issued hereunder shall be guilty of an offense punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed \$250. Each week's continued violation shall constitute a separate additional offense or violation.

Amend Section 46-11 of Chapter 46 entitled “Dogs” as follows:

§ 46-11. Penalties for offenses.

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this chapter or knowingly allows the non-compliance of this article or any of the provisions thereof shall be deemed to have committed a violation against this article, and any person convicted of such violation shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than \$250.

Amend Sections 55-8(B) and (D) of Chapter 55 entitled “Fair Housing” as follows:

B. Violations. Failure to comply with this chapter shall be a violation and shall be reported in person or in writing to the Town’s Fair Housing Officer within a year of the alleged discriminatory housing practice.

D. Penalties. Where a person or organization has been found guilty of a violation of this chapter, a civil penalty shall be imposed on such person or organization not to exceed \$1,000. Each and every separate violation of this chapter shall be deemed an offense for the purposes of imposing the appropriate civil penalty.

Amend Section 70-8(B) of Chapter 70 entitled “Livestock, Keeping Of” as follows:

§ 70-8. Enforcement; penalties for offenses.

B. Any violation of this chapter is an offense punishable by a civil penalty not exceeding \$250. Each week's continued violation shall constitute a separate additional violation. A first violation shall be deemed to have occurred from the date of written notification of violation issued by the enforcement officer or from such date as may be designated in such written notice.

Amend Section 80-18 of Chapter 80 entitled "Parks" as follows:

§ 80-18. Penalties for offenses.

A. Any violation of this chapter shall constitute a violation with a maximum civil penalty of \$250 to be imposed; provided, however, that the violation of any provision of this chapter governing or regulating traffic within any Town park as authorized by the Vehicle and Traffic Law shall be a traffic infraction and shall be punishable in accordance with the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Amend Section 84-12 of Chapter 84 entitled "Peddling and Soliciting" as follows:

§ 84-12. Penalties for offenses.

Any person who himself or by his clerk, agent or employees shall act as a hawker, peddler or solicitor, as herein defined, without a license or who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter or who, having had his license revoked, shall continue to act as a hawker, peddler or solicitor shall be guilty of a violation with a maximum civil penalty of \$250 to be imposed, and each day on which a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Amend Sections 88-7(A)(B)(C) and (D) of Chapter 88 entitled "Racetracks" as follows:

§ 88-7. Penalties for offenses.

A. Any person who operates a racetrack in the Town of Owego without having applied for and been granted a permit to operate the same pursuant to the provisions hereof and any person granted a permit who commits or allows an act in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed to have committed a violation against this chapter and shall be liable, for said violation, for the civil penalty thereof.

B. Any violation of this chapter shall be accompanied by a maximum civil penalty of \$250.

C. Conviction of any above-mentioned violation shall constitute and effect an immediate forfeiture of the permit.

D. In addition to the above-provided penalties, the Town Board may also, at its option, maintain an action or proceeding in the name of the Town in a court of competent jurisdiction to compel compliance with or to restrain by injunction the violation of this chapter.

Rescind Section 95-100 of Chapter 95 entitled “Sewers and Sewage Disposal”

Amend Section 95-104 of Chapter 95 entitled “Sewers and Sewage Disposal” as follows:

Section 95-104. Penalties for offenses.

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this chapter, other than those provisions pertaining to the payment of charges for services established herein, shall be guilty of a violation against this chapter and shall be subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$500 for each violation. The continued violation of any provision of any section of this chapter, other than those pertaining to the payment of charges for services established herein, shall constitute a separate offense for each and every day such violation of any provision hereof shall continue.

Amend Section 97-6 of Chapter 97 entitled “Sex Offenders” as follows:

Section 97-6 Penalties for offenses.

Any violation of this article shall constitute a violation with a maximum civil penalty of \$250 to be imposed.

AMEND Section 99-12(D) of Chapter 99 entitled “Stormwater Management” as follows:

Section 99-12. Enforcement; penalties for offenses.

D. Penalties. In addition to or as an alternative to any penalty provided herein or by law, any person who violates the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a violation with a civil penalty not exceeding \$350 to be imposed for a finding of a first offense; for a finding of a second offense, both of which were committed within a period of five years, assessment of a civil penalty not less than \$350 nor more than \$700 and upon a finding of a third or subsequent offense, all of which were committed within a period of five years, assessment of a civil penalty not less than \$700 nor more than \$1,000. Each week’s continued violation shall constitute a separate additional violation.

AMEND Section 99-28(B) of Article IV of Chapter 99 entitled “Illicit Discharges” of Chapter 99 entitled “Stormwater Management” as follows:

§99-28. Enforcement; penalties for offenses.

B. Penalties. In addition to or as an alternative to any penalty provided herein or by law, any person who violates the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a violation with a civil penalty not exceeding \$350 for a finding of a first offense; for a finding of a second offense both of which were committed within a period of five years, assessment of a civil penalty not less than \$350 nor more than \$700; and

upon a finding of a third or subsequent offense all of which were committed within a period of five years, assessment of not less than \$700 nor more than \$1,000. Each week's continued violation shall constitute a separate additional violation.

Amend Section 100-11 of Chapter 100 entitled “Streets and Sidewalks” as follows:

§ 100-11. Penalties for offenses.

Any person or persons, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a violation, with a maximum civil penalty not exceeding \$250, and shall be subject to a further civil penalty for the continuance of each such violation of \$250 for each day any such violation is permitted or allowed to continue after an order directing the discontinuance thereof has been made by the court having jurisdiction of the proceedings.

Amend Section 107-21(B) of Chapter 107 entitled “Telecommunications Facilities” as follows:

B. Any person, persons, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a violation with a civil penalty not exceeding \$250 to be imposed. Each week's continued violation shall constitute a separate additional violation. A first violation shall be deemed to have occurred from the date of written notification of violation issued by the enforcement officer or from such date as may be designated in such written notice.

Amend Section 110-4 of Chapter 110 entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” as follows:

§ 110-4. Penalties for offenses.

Every person convicted of a traffic infraction for a violation of any provision of this chapter which is not a violation of any provision of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York shall, for a finding of a first offense thereof, be assessed a civil penalty of not more than \$50; for a finding of a second offense within 18 months thereafter, such person shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than \$100; upon a finding of a third offense or subsequent offense within 18 months after the first finding, such person shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than \$250.

Amend Section 112-15 of Chapter 112 entitled “Vehicles, Junk” as follows:

§112-15. Penalties for offenses. [Amended 9-18-1979; 2-23-1982]

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to a civil penalty of the greater of \$100 per separate violation or the Town’s costs of inspection, service of notices, removal, towing and the permanent disposal of such vehicles. Each vehicle stored in violation of this chapter shall constitute a separate violation. Each week that such separate violation shall continue or be carried on shall constitute an additional separate violation.

Amend Section 114-5(A) of Chapter 114 entitled “Vehicles, Recreational” as follows:

A. The violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall constitute a violation with an assessed maximum civil penalty of \$250.

Amend Section 47 of Chapter 120 entitled “Water” as follows:

§ 120-47. Penalties for offenses.

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this chapter, other than those provisions pertaining to the payment of charges for services established herein, shall be guilty of a violation against this chapter and shall be subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$500 for each violation. The continued violation of any provision of any section of this chapter, other than those pertaining to the payment of charges for services established herein, shall constitute a separate offense for each and every day such violation of any provision hereof shall continue.

Amend Section 12 of Chapter 121 entitled “Wells” as follows:

§121-12. Penalties for offenses.

A. Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this Part 1 shall be subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$250 for each violation. The continued violation of any provision of any section of these regulations shall constitute a separate offense for each and every day such violation of any provision hereof shall continue.

Amend Section 125-78.3 of Article XVI of Chapter 125 entitled “Flood Damage Prevention in Floodplain Management District” as follows:

§ 125-78.3. Penalties for offenses.

No structure in an area of special flood hazard shall hereafter be constructed, located, extended, converted or altered and no land shall be excavated or filled without full compliance with the terms of this article and any other applicable regulations. Any infraction of the provisions of this article by failure to comply with any of its requirements, including infractions of conditions and safeguards established in connection with conditions of the permit, shall constitute a violation. Any person who violates this article or fails to comply with any of its requirements shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a civil penalty of no more than \$250. Each day of noncompliance shall be considered a separate offense. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the Town of Owego from taking such other lawful action as necessary to prevent or remedy an infraction. Any structure found not compliant with the requirements of this article for which the developer and/or owner has not applied for and received an approved

variance under Sections §§ 125-78.14 and 125-78.15 will be declared noncompliant and notification sent to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

AMEND Section 125-82 of Chapter 125 entitled “Zoning” as follows:

§ 125-82. Penalties for offenses.

Any violation of this chapter is a violation with a civil penalty not exceeding \$250. Each week's continued violation shall constitute a separate additional violation. A first violation shall be deemed to have occurred from the date of written notification of violation issued by the enforcement officer or from such date as may be designated in such written notice.

SEVERABILITY.

If any article, section, paragraph or provision(s) of this local law shall be invalid, such invalidity shall apply only to the article, section, paragraph or provision(s) adjudged invalid, and the rest of this local law shall remain valid and effective.

EFFECTIVE DATE.

This local law shall be effective as of the date of filing with the New York Secretary of State.

3. Amend bond for WIIA grant application

Supervisor Castellucci opened the Public Hearing and reviewed that the Town secured a bond for a Water/Sewer Infrastructure project grant application in 2018 and 2019. Although the Town did not receive the grant, the bond was kept in order to apply again. The cost of the project has increased over time and the amount of the bond must also increase (by \$92,545) for reapplication. There was no one wishing to comment at this time. **A motion was made by Councilmember Marks to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried.**

4. Water District Extension 13 (ad valorem – no resolution)

Cheri Grenier, Sole Assessor, reviewed that when a neighborhood petitions for public water and/or sewer services, the cost of infrastructure is shared between those residents a set number of years. Supervisor Castellucci opened the Public Hearing and Cheri Grenier explained that this district has an ad valorem tax levy, which is calculated by residents’ assessed property values. With no one wishing to comment, **Councilmember Marks made a motion to close the Public Hearing on Water District Extension 20. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried.**

5. Water District 15

Supervisor Castellucci opened the Public Hearing and reviewed that the estimate for water distribution to this district is \$8,509.00, to be divided between 44.11 units resulting in a cost of \$192.90 per unit. With no other discussion, **Councilmember Morgan made a motion to close the**

Public Hearing on Water District Extension 15. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

***At this time, the Board decided to act on Agenda item K1.

A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to adopt the following resolution on the Consolidated Water District Extension 15. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

WHEREAS, an estimate for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2022, of the cost of the construction of the water distribution system for Consolidated Water District, Extension 15 in the Town of Owego has been prepared, and an assessment roll describing the lots and parcels of land in said district together with the names of the owners of the several lots and parcels, and such estimate amounts to **Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Nine Dollars (\$8,509.00)** and such estimate and assessment roll have been filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Owego,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at which time the Town Board met at its meeting room at the Town of Owego Town Hall, Route 434, Apalachin, New York and to hear and consider any objections made to said assessment roll and that notice of such meeting was given by publication in the Gannett, Press and Sun Bulletin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that as nearly as may be ascertained, the proportion of benefit that each lot or parcel will derive from the improvement in such district is equal, whether the lot is vacant or occupied;

THEREFORE, there being **44.11 units**, each lot or parcel, occupied or vacant, is hereby assessed for its respective number of units at **One Hundred, Ninety Two Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$192.904)** per unit as shown on said assessment roll.

6. Water District Extension 20

Supervisor Castellucci opened the Public Hearing and reviewed that the estimate for water distribution to this district is \$17,125, to be divided between 63.21 units resulting in a cost of \$270.92 per unit. With no other discussion, **Councilmember Marks made a motion to close the Public Hearing on Water District Extension 20. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried.**

***The Board decided to act on Agenda item K2 at this time

A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to adopt the following resolution on the Consolidated Water District Extension 20. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

WHEREAS, an estimate for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2022, of the cost of the construction of the water distribution system for Consolidated Water District, Extension 20 in the Town of Owego has been prepared, and an assessment roll describing the lots and parcels of land in said district together with the names of the owners of the several lots and parcels, and such estimate amounts

to **Seventeen Thousand, One Hundred, Sixty Two Dollars (\$17,125)** and such estimate and assessment roll have been filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Owego,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at which time the Town Board met at its meeting room at the Town of Owego Town Hall, Route 434, Apalachin, New York and to hear and consider any objections made to said assessment roll and that notice of such meeting was given by publication in the Gannett, Press and Sun Bulletin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that as nearly as may be ascertained, the proportion of benefit that each lot or parcel will derive from the improvement in such district is equal, whether the lot is vacant or occupied;

THEREFORE, there **being 63.21 units**, each lot or parcel, occupied or vacant, is hereby assessed for its respective number of units at **Two Hundred Seventy Dollars and Ninety Two Cents (\$270.922) per unit** as shown on said assessment roll.

7. Sewer District Extension 14

Supervisor Castellucci opened the Public Hearing and reviewed that the estimate for sewer maintenance to this district is \$11,623.00, to be divided between 69.84 units resulting in a cost of \$166.42 per unit. With no other discussion, **Councilmember Marks made a motion to close the Public Hearing on Sewer District Extension 14. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried.**

*** At this time the Board decided to act on Agenda item K3.

A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to adopt the following resolution on the Consolidated Sewer District Extension 14. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

WHEREAS, an estimate for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2022, of anticipated revenues and expenditures for Consolidated Sewer District, Extension 14 of the Town of Owego has been prepared and such estimate includes the cost of construction of a sewage collection system including sewage mains, laterals, and necessary appurtenances to convey said sewage from said district to an interceptor sewer connected with Water Pollution Control Plant No. 2 in said Town, including the acquisition of necessary land and an assessment roll describing the lots of land in said Consolidated Sewer District which have been benefited thereby, together with the names of the owners of said lots, and such estimate amounts to **Eleven Thousand, Six Hundred Twenty Three Dollars (\$11,623)** and such estimate and assessment roll have been filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Owego,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at which time the Town Board met at its meeting room at the Town of Owego Town Hall, Route 434, Apalachin, New York and to hear and consider any objections made to said assessment roll and that notice of such meeting was given by publication in the Gannett, Press and Sun Bulletin.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that as nearly as may be ascertained, the proportion of benefit that each lot or parcel will derive from the improvement in such district is equal, whether the lot is vacant or occupied;

THEREFORE, there being **69.84 units**, each unit, occupied or vacant, is hereby assessed the sum of **One Hundred Sixty Six Dollars and Forty Two Cents (\$166.423)** as shown on said assessment roll.

8. Consolidated Sewer District Extension 15

Supervisor Castellucci opened the Public Hearing and reviewed that the estimate for sewer maintenance to this district is \$12,390.00, to be divided between 153.61 units resulting in a cost of \$80.66 per unit. With no other discussion, **Councilmember Marks made a motion to close the Public Hearing on Sewer District Extension 15. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried.**

*** At this time the Board decided to act on Agenda item K4.

A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to adopt the following resolution on the Consolidated Sewer District Extension 15. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

WHEREAS, an estimate for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2022, of anticipated revenues and expenditures for Consolidated Sewer District, Extension 15 of the Town of Owego has been prepared and such estimate includes the cost of construction of a sewage collection system including sewage mains, laterals, and necessary appurtenances to convey said sewage from said district to an interceptor sewer connected with Water Pollution Control Plant No. 2 in said Town, including the acquisition of necessary land and an assessment roll describing the lots of land in said Consolidated Sewer District which have been benefited thereby, together with the names of the owners of said lots, and such estimate amounts to **Twelve Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$12,390)** and such estimate and assessment roll have been filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Owego,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at which time the Town Board met at its meeting room at the Town of Owego Town Hall, Route 434, Apalachin, New York and to hear and consider any objections made to said assessment roll and that notice of such meeting was given by publication in the Gannett, Press and Sun Bulletin.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that as nearly as may be ascertained, the proportion of benefit that each lot or parcel will derive from the improvement in such district is equal, whether the lot is vacant or occupied;

THEREFORE, there being **153.61 units, each unit**, occupied or vacant, is hereby assessed the sum of **Eighty Dollars and Sixty Six Cents (\$80.659)** as shown on said assessment roll.

E. Reports of Department Heads –

Councilmember Marks for Mark Clark, Highway Superintendent – reported that the snow and ice trucks are ready for winter and all paving projects have been completed.

Councilmember Marks for Scott Vasisko, Parks Maintenance Supervisor – reported that the water has been shut off in Hickories Park. The last day for camping was November 5th. Next he stated that the entrance to the park was flooded along with the dog park after the recent storm, but there was

no major damage. Lastly, he reported that the pre-bid walk through the new building for cleaning services was held this morning.

Peter Gordon, Town Historian – reported that he participated in a Zoom meeting book discussion with a local church. Next, he stated that he has finished the type-set for a book on people of Owego for another author (Mary Kay Thomas). Lastly, he reported that he hopes to compile another book with stories of this area that were originally only published in the newspaper.

Cheri Grenier, Sole Assessor – reported that she is still working on the unpaid utilities relevy to the tax bills as some ACH payments have made this year more complicated. She also stated that she has received some applications for her replacement.

Irene Graven – no report

Mary Kennedy, Town Clerk – reported that Image Data has taken all of the documents for the scanning project. They will then forward the images to General Code who will upload them into the Laserfiche program for electronic retrieval. The original documents will be returned after scanning.

Supervisor Castellucci – stated that Attorney/Client privilege is necessary after the meeting. Next, he reported that Jim Tofte will supply and run the temporary ice rink in Hickories Park at no cost to the Town this year. He then stated that the Planning & Zoning Administrator’s monthly report is on file in his office. The Supervisor then reported that he and Councilmember Morgan had the exit interview with the auditors, and the report should be available in the near future. Next, he reviewed that the Town of Union would like to share services to meet their Code Enforcement needs. **Councilmember Marks made a motion to share Ron Schmidt for Code Enforcement with the Town of Union for a two month trial. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried.** Next, he stated that he is waiting for a little more information, but would like to address refinancing the Water/Sewer bonds in order to save several hundred thousand dollars for the Town at the next meeting. The Supervisor then reviewed that SunEast Solar would like to set up a PILOT. He and Attorney Graven will share details when they become available. Next, he reported that two more budget workshops will be necessary. **A motion was made by Councilmember Marks to schedule budget workshops on November 8th and 9th from 9 AM – 12 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried.** Lastly, he stated that the Village is ready to hold the combined workshop regarding cannabis sales and consumption. **Councilmember Marks made a motion to schedule a combined workshop with the Village Trustees regarding the sale and public consumption of cannabis within Town limits on November 8th at 7 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried.**

F. Privilege of the Floor-

Teresa Dole, Casterline Road, asked for clarification about topics from the Public Hearings and the Supervisor’s report.

G. Presentation of Petitions, Communications, Notices and Transfers – none

H. Abstracts -

Councilmember Marks made a motion to approve the following abstracts. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried on a Roll Call Vote.

A0 - General Fund	34,414.62
B0 - General Fund-Town Outside	7,227.47
DB - Highway-Town Outside	168,246.42
F0 - Water Districts	23,700.82
FA - Route 38 Water	498.66
G0- Sewer Districts	31,365.57
GA – Route 38 Sewer	372.24
HN – NY Rising-Shared Services Building	1,874.08
TA - Trust and Agency Fund	<u>6,000.00</u>
	\$273,699.88

I. Unfinished Business –

1. Highway Department hire – Valentine
This item will remain tabled until next meeting.

J. Reports of Standing Committees –

Councilmember Marks – no report

Councilmember Morgan – reported that three cleaning firms attended the pre-bid walkthrough this morning. He also stated that a Veteran’s Day service will be held by the VFW on November 11th an 11 AM in the Village.

K. Presentation of Resolutions, Motions and New Business –

1. Consolidated Water District Extension 15 was acted on earlier in the meeting (D. Public Hearings)
2. Consolidated Water District Extension 20 was acted on earlier in the meeting (D. Public Hearings)
3. Consolidated Sewer District Extension 14 was acted on earlier in the meeting (D. Public Hearings)
4. Consolidated Sewer District Extension 15 was acted on earlier in the meeting (D. Public Hearings)

5. Operation Green Light Proclamation

Councilmember Morgan made a motion to adopt the following resolution honoring men and women who have served in the military. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

WHEREAS approximately 200,000 service members transition from military to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS studies indicate service members experience high levels of stress during the transition period from military to civilian; and

WHEREAS the Town of Owego appreciates the sacrifices that our United States military personnel have made while defending freedom and believe specific recognition should be given them in appreciation for their service by designating a time to honor our men and women in uniform who are making the transition to civilian life by switching one lightbulb to green to show visible support for these veterans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Town of Owego Town Board does hereby proclaim October 13, 2021 through Veterans Day, November 11, 2021, as **A Green Light for Military Service Town**; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Owego Town Board of the Town of Owego encourages its citizens to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made sacrifices while defending freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their residence or business inasmuch as green is the color of hope, renewal, and wellbeing.

6. Schedule Public Hearing – Cannabis Local Law

A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to schedule a Public Hearing on December 7, 2021 at 6:30 PM to consider allowing sale of cannabis and consumption lounges within Town limits. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

L. Second Privilege of the floor –

There was no one wishing to speak at this time.

M. Executive Session – none

N. Adjournment -

Motion by Councilmember Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kennedy, Town Clerk