

**TOWN OF AUGUSTA  
TOWN BOARD  
AUGUST 20, 2025**

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Augusta, County of Oneida and the State of New York was held at Town Hall, 2470 North Road, Oriskany Falls, NY on Wednesday, the 20th day of August 2025.

**PRESENT:**            Suzanne Collins        Supervisor  
                         James Dowd            Councilman  
                         Mark Russell          Councilman  
                         Travis Wright         Councilman  
                         Sonya Furness         Clerk

**ABSENT:**            Charles Peck            Councilman

**ALSO PRESENT:**   Phil Eaton, Highway Superintendent

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Kathryn Robertson, Chuck Robertson of Adirondack Techs.

Supervisor Collins called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:**

The submitted Town Board Minutes of July 16, 2025 were ADOPTED with no changes. On a motion of Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Wright, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED**    Ayes 4     Collins, Dowd, Russell, Wright  
                         Nays 0  
                         Absent     Peck  
                         Motion Carried 4:0

**PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:** Information was distributed and discussed regarding Broadband Expansion whereas Adirondack Techs is making a Right of Way request.

Working in collaboration with Oneida County to bring high speed broadband to underserved communities.

With the Town giving permission of Right of ways on town roads, underground fiber optic cables will be installed giving Augusta residents access to fast, reliable and affordable internet services

Commitment is to restore all roadsides and right of ways to their original if not better condition once construction is complete.

Permission was granted by all Board members and Highway Superintendent will work details out with the company.

Collins – Yes                Russell - Yes  
Dowd – Yes                 Wright - Yes

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**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:  
RESOLUTION 41- 2025**

**Question was asked as to what happened with the Sweeper and why was there another bill this month on the same piece of equipment.**

**Also asked about the JPJ bill.**

On a motion of Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Dowd, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Russell, Wright  
Nays 0  
Absent Peck  
Motion Carried 4:0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #8 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 57- 71	\$ 3,404.02
General Fund Part Town	voucher # s 11 - 16	189.88
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 31 - 37	3,978.50
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 41 - 42	2,128.13

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:  
SUPERVISOR:**

Supervisor Collins submitted the monthly report of the Towns finances for the month of June 2025.

Assets	Total
Special Districts 1537	\$ 10,960.96
Truck MMM 3249	126,028.43
Full Town Highway Checking 2126	18,107.08
Full Town Highway Savings 9241	101,939.15
Full Town General Savings 9058	153,352.33
Full Town General Checking 1780	23,865.36
Part Town General Checking 2134	8,338.86
Part Town General Savings 9228	42,059.72
Part Town Highway Checking 2460	52,022.30
Part Town Highway Savings 9137	294,411.43
Trust and Agency 2867	0.00
Indian Land Claim Savings 0115	96,267.25
Building Fund CD 9015	57,164.06
Reval MMM 3281	110,005.34
Loader 3346	67,157.84
Town Hall 6289	108,825.36
NYSLRS 3453	113,592.43
CDBG	9.85

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Total Assets	\$1,384,107.75
Net Income	178,062.74
Unresolved Equity	1,206,045.01
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$1,384,107.75

**RESOLUTION 42– 2025**

On a motion of Councilman Dowd, seconded by Councilman Wright, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Russell, Wright  
Nays 0  
Absent Peck  
Motion Carried 4:0

Resolved that the Monthly Supervisors report for June 2025 be accepted as submitted.

**CODES:** Report for June Submitted

**ASSESSOR:** Report Submitted

**DCO:** Report Submitted

**JUDICIAL:** No Concerns

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:** Answered all questions that the Board has had regarding equipment and gave updates on some of the road conditions.

**TOWN CLERK:**

Town Board signed the monthly reconciliation sheets for the Town Clerk Checking Account, verifying that the month of July 2025 bank statement and checkbook were in order

Clerk gave an update from NYSDOT regarding the status of the 2 Historical markers that were taken in November 2024 for repair.

Submitted a quote from Sparrow Media for the mandated .Gov website that is required to be in place by December 21, 2025. No decision was made and further discussion will take place at the September meeting.

**SUPERVISOR:**

Clerk was asked to set up Public Hearing for 5:45PM on September 17, 2025 for Tax Cap Override.

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Budget Adjustment

A 1990.4 to A 1410.4 \$1,200.00 to cover the purchase of the Town Clerk/Tax Collectors new computer.

**RESOLUTION 43– 2025**

On a motion of Councilman Dowd, seconded by Councilman Wright, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Russell, Wright  
Nays 0  
Absent Peck  
Motion Carried 4:0

Resolved that money be transferred.

Supervisor Collins said that Motor Vehicle maintenance and parts records were not being kept up on each vehicle as required by the State Comptroller.

Software was purchased several years ago and the program is not being utilized. This should be the responsibility of the Mechanic.

Tracking should be done on every vehicle in the fleet and every piece of equipment that is used within the town such as weed eaters and chainsaws.

These records should all be kept until the vehicle or piece of equipment is disposed.

Deidre Purdy requested that a whiteboard be hung in the Community room to be used in the Art classes. The board has been purchased but request was to have the highway dept. hang.

On a motion of Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Wright, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Ayes 4 Collins, Dowd, Russell, Wright  
Nays 0  
Absent Peck  
Motion Carried 4:0

Resolved that permission is not given to anyone to hang things on the walls of the community room. Board suggested the purchase of a tripod so that it could be used and taken down when some other party may be utilizing the room.

**BOARD:**

Councilman Dowd asked why the banks are being mowed in the manner that they are by the mower.

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 7:21PM, seconded by Councilman Dowd to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Medical, Financial, Credit or Employment history of a particular person or persons or matters leading to the appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or persons.

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At 8:10 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

Supervisor will :

1. Speak with the Codes Officer and address the Zoning Board at their next meeting and follow up with the Highway Department on item identification.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Russell seconded by Councilman Dowd the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,  
Sonya Furness