

**TOWN OF AUGUSTA  
TOWN BOARD  
JUNE 18, 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 18th day of June 2025.

**PRESENT:**

Suzanne Collins	Supervisor
James Dowd	Councilman
Charles Peck	Councilman
Mark Russell	Councilman
Travis Wright	Councilman
Sonya Furness	Clerk

**ALSO PRESENT:** None

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Ray Gardner, John Gaiser

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

**MINUTES:**

The submitted Town Board Minutes of May 21, 2025 were ADOPTED with no changes. On a motion of Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Peck, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright  
Nays 0  
Motion Carried 5:0

**PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS:** Resident voiced concerns in relation to a apparent campground located on Munz Rd. Was advised to speak with Codes Officer with concerns.

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLUTION 32- 2025**

**Question was asked as to why are we getting stone from Syracuse Sand and Gravel and from Heidelberg.**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell, Wright  
Nays 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #6 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 40- 46	\$ 536.32
General Fund Part Town	voucher # 9	1,650.00
Highway Fund Full Town	voucher #'s 26 - 28	6,950.43
Highway Fund Part Town	voucher #'s 31 - 38	13,503.41

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**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS:  
SUPERVISOR:**

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

Assets	Total
Special Districts 1537	\$ 11,450.17
Truck MMM 3249	170,677.72
Full Town Highway Checking 2126	12,104.34
Full Town Highway Savings 9241	126,932.41
Full Town General Savings 9058	196,116.44
Full Town General Checking 1780	1,857.39
Part Town General Checking 2134	4,769.64
Part Town General Savings 9228	50,696.34
Part Town Highway Checking 2460	5,078.84
Part Town Highway Savings 9137	488,931.11
Trust and Agency 2867	4,682.70
Indian Land Claim Savings 0115	71,262.98
Building Fund CD 9015	57,046.84
Reval MMM 3281	162,172.11
Loader 3346	67,020.13
Town Hall 6289	98,975.72
NYSLRS 3453	58,109.01
CDBG	14,899.24
Total Assets	\$1,602,783.13
Net Income	396,738.12
Unresolved Equity	1,206,045.01
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$1,602,783.13

**RESOLUTION 33– 2025**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell ,Wright  
Nays 0  
Motion Carried 5:0

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

**CODES:** Report Submitted

**ASSESSOR:** Report Submitted

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**DCO:** April and May Reports Submitted

**JUDICIAL:** No Concerns

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:**

**TOWN CLERK:**

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

2024 Annual Tax Collection Audit was conducted.

Told the Board that THOMA applications are available if they know of anyone in the community that might be in need of a grant.

On behalf of an Amish resident that could not be present, expressed his concerns over Trash days and Ag bags. Some Amish feel they are being treated unfairly as they too are taxpayers. A long discussion took place on the issue. Some very good questions came about such as; how do the English farmers dispose of these bags without bringing them to the Highway dept. (Most have privately rented dumpsters on their property). Topic of safety concerns also came up with the large equipment noise and the effects it has on the horses. Clerk will talk to the resident and refer him to Town Supervisor if he still does not understand the issue.

Town Clerk advised the Board that she MAY have to resign her positions at the July meeting but in no fashion would she leave a new person in the dark especially with the 2026 Tax season quickly approaching.

**SUPERVISOR:**

**284 Agreement** from Highway Superintendent, that was due last September has been received by the Supervisor.

**Climate Smart Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Town/Village/City/County of Oneida (hereinafter "local government") believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

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WHEREAS, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Town/Village/City/County of Oneida, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, *adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:*

- 1) **Build a climate-smart community.**
- 2) **Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.**
- 3) **Decrease energy use.**
- 4) **Shift to clean, renewable energy.**
- 5) **Use climate-smart materials management.**
- 6) **Implement climate-smart land use.**
- 7) **Enhance community resilience to climate change.**
- 8) **Support a green innovation economy.**
- 9) **Inform and inspire the public.**
- 10) **Engage in an evolving process of climate action.**

**RESOLUTION 34– 2025**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5     Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell ,Wright  
Nays 0  
Motion Carried 5:0

Resolved that the Resolution be signed by municipal Clerk and forwarded on to Supervisor for online registration.

Equalization Rate has been received at 33% for the upcoming year.

**Reval**

All questions were answered by GAR

Supervisor took a poll to see if extra money should be spent with GAR on street view photos.

Collins, No   Dowd, No   Peck, No   Russell, No   Wright, No

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**RESOLUTION 35– 2025**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell ,Wright  
Nays 0  
Motion Carried 5:0

Resolved that Assessor will get street view photos of all town properties during the time frame of the Reval and on a continual basis thereafter, keeping photos updated permanently.

**GAR Contract**

**RESOLUTION 36– 2025**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Collins, Dowd, Peck, Russell ,Wright  
Nays 0  
Motion Carried 5:0

Resolved that Supervisor proceed to sign contract with GAR without additional curb photos with consideration of additional maintenance fee at end of Reval to manage assessment roll.

**TOWN BOARD :**

Board asked if Oneida County has paid for any of the extra sand and materials used during the County Snow Plowing season. Supervisor Collins advised No!

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Russell seconded by Councilman Dowd the meeting was adjourned at 7:02PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,  
Sonya Furness