

**TOWN OF AUGUSTA
TOWN BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 29, 2025**

A Public Hearing to Adopt the Preliminary Budget as Actual for the Fiscal Year 2026 was held on Wednesday, the 29th day of October 2025 at Augusta Town Hall, 2470 North Road, Oriskany Falls, NY at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT:	Suzanne Collins	Supervisor
	James Dowd	Councilman
	Charles Peck	Councilman
	Travis Wright	Councilman
	Sonya Furness	Clerk

Public Present: None

Supervisor Collins opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

The hearing notice was read and all salaries listed for elected officers of the town.

Nobody came before the board either for or against the budget as set forth.

MINUTES:

The submitted Budget Workshop Minutes of October 14, 2025, were ADOPTED with no changes.

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

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

Supervisor Collins said that the proposed budget is \$47,855.00 lower than what is allowable with the Tax Cap.

A discussion was had on the Village of Oriskany Falls changing their percentage for the Fire Department from 5% to 15%. Board members feel that Town of Augusta is paying a bigger share than the Village.

Several different ideas for consideration were contemplated.

1. Form a Fire Protection District
2. Talk with the Deansboro, Munnsville and Vernon Center Fire Departments for coverage of Augusta.

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Because it is felt that the town pays a larger portion, Councilman Dowd hopes to meet with Mayor Idzi to discuss getting a line item added to the Village budget that will incorporate more village money to the Department.

RESOLUTION 52 -2025

A motion was made by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Peck to accept the submitted 2026 Budget.

The following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Collins, Peck, and Wright
 Nays 1 Dowd

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Augusta pass the presented budget as Actual 2026 Budget.

A motion by Councilman Dowd and seconded by Councilman Peck to adjourn Public Hearing at 6:30 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Collins made a motion at 6:33PM, seconded by Councilman Wright to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Medical, Financial, Credit or Employment history of a particular person or persons leading to appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal.

At 6:40 PM, the board came out of Executive Session.

A little discussion took place on the Augusta Auction Barn and how great it is for the community.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Dowd seconded by Councilman Peck the meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectively submitted,
Sonya Furness
Town Clerk