

September 01, 2026
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 Craig Jochum led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council

Present: Supervisor Hellmers, Dean Morgan, Craig Jochum, and Emily McClintock.

Absent: Jonathan Marks

Department Heads:

Present: Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor

Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities

Pam Brown, Town Clerk & Tax Receiver

Peter Gordon, Town Historian

Absent: Irene Graven, Town Attorney

Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator

Mark Clark, Highway Supervisor

Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor

B. Minutes of the previous meeting –

The minutes of the August 18, 2026 meeting will stand as presented.

C. Consideration of bids - none

D. Public Hearings – none

E. Reports of Department Heads – none

Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor- Soil & Water would like to list Hickories Park as a clean up site. This means that a section of the river/riverbank would be cleaned up by volunteers.

Peter Gordon, Town Historian-no report

Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities- no report

Pam Brown, Town Clerk & Tax Receiver- no report

F. Privilege of the floor-Al Turshman, Apalachin, The Democratic Party picnic was held the previous weekend and the park and facilities were beautiful.

Barb Craig, Owego, In August there was a fund raiser for Right Beside You. The park looked beautiful. Also, there was an issue with bees and Glen, from the Parks Department, came to the park and taped off where the bees were and took care of the situation. Thank you Glenn for all of your hard work.

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

H. Abstracts -

Councilmember Morgan made a motion to approve the following abstracts as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.

AO- General Fund	23,106.29
BO-General Fund-Town Outside	18,739.06
DB-Highway-Town Outside	633,176.53
FO-Water Districts	40,452.90
GO-Sewer Districts	33,955.08
GA-Route 38 Sewer	125.05
L1-LIGHTING DISTRICT 1	11.26
L2-LIGHTING DISTRICT 2	27.75
L3-LIGHTING DISTRICT 3	23.75
L4-LIGHTING DISTRICT 4B	7.14
L5-LIGHTING DISTRICT 5	13.98
L6-LIGHTING DISTRICT 6	35.24
L7-LIGHTING DISTRICT 7	6.34
L8-LIGHTING DISTRICT 8	6.23
L9-LIGHTING DISTRICT #9	1.50
LA-LIGHTING DISTRICT 4A	1.86
LX-LIGHTING DISTRICT 10	2.59
	\$749,692.55

I. Unfinished Business- none

J. Reports of Standing Committees-Councilmember McClintock-none

Councilmember Morgan-none

Councilmember Jochum- Met with Mark Clark to discuss finances.

K. Presentation of Resolutions, Motions, and New Business-

1. Schedule Special Meeting- Tentative Budget-Monday, October 5 @ 8:00 a.m.-**A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to schedule a special meeting on Monday, October 5, 2026 @ 8:00 am to receive the tentative town budget from the Town Clerk. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried.**

2. Parks Department-Declare backhoe surplus-**A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to declare a New Holland Backhoe, Model #LB75.B, VIN#31044074 as surplus. The backhoe will go to auction at Manase's with a starting bid of \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried.**

3. Utilities Department-Declare Old Marshland Rd. Sewer Pump Station Generator as surplus. **A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to declare a Caterpillar 130KW Serial#44BH1212 as surplus. The generator will go to auction at Manase's with a starting bid of \$400.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried.**

L. Second Privilege of the floor- Rose Howard, Apalachin, Residents had higher expectations of how the aprons would look going down to their driveways after paving. Residents thought it would come down better and blend. I am going to ask Mark where he is at with the drain basins. I want everyone to put on their thinking caps. I get calls about tree limbs hanging over into the streets. What are some ideas to take care of this? The trees are on homeowners' property.

M. Executive Session if needed-none

N. Adjournment- **Motion by Councilmember Morgan, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Brown
Town Clerk & Tax Receiver