October 06, 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 -

Supervisor Hellmers called the meeting to order, the Clerk called the roll, and Councilmember McClintock led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council:

Present: Supervisor Hellmers Dean Morgan, Craig Jochum, Jonathan Marks, and Emily Rush McClintock

Absent: none

Department Heads:

Present:

Peter Gordon, Town Historian
Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor
Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor
Irene Graven, Town Attorney
Pamela Brown, Town Clerk & Tax Receiver

Absent: Mark Clark, Highway Superintendent
Tyson Stiles, Director of Utilities

B. Minutes of the previous meetings -

The minutes of October 06, 2026, meeting will stand as presented.

C. Consideration of bids – none

D. Public Hearings – none

E. Reports of Department Heads –

Phil Baker, Parks Maintenance Supervisor – Camping will be closed as of November 06, 2026. Confluence Running Club would like to hold a running event at Hickories. They will send the necessary insurance information to Phil.

Rick Pedro, Sole Assessor – Things are winding down and the County is getting the totals ready by October 15 and preparing for the printing of the tax bills. Next we start into our exemption renewal season. Reported that he and Julie are going to attend the NYSAA

Conference September 27-October 1, 2026, in Ossing, NY. He and Julie will take opposite courses to make sure they learn as much information as possible.

Peter Gordon, Town Historian -Finished his book, An Owego Village Companion. A second book is also going to the printer. Also writing three grants for Waites Church.

Irene Graven, Town Attorney – no report.

Bill Carrigg, Planning & Zoning Administrator-Request Attorney/Client. Planning for Trick or Treat in The Park is going great. Many fire departments are participating. Guthrie One will be there. Campville Fire Department volunteered to park cars. There will be hayrides and candy given out by many local businesses. Taco Bell has donated free coupons as well as Texas Roadhouse.

Pam Brown, Town Clerk & Tax Receiver- no report

Mark Clark, Highway Superintendent- Report on file in the Clerk's office.

At this time a motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to move K3 to this spot. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried.

3. Court- New hire, part time

Councilmember Jochum made a motion to approve the following resolution to hire Pamela Wylubski as a part-time court clerk to the Town of Owego Court at $25.00 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours per work week. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and unanimously carried.

WHEREAS, the approved 2026 budget for the Town of Owego Court allows for a part-time clerk; and

WHEREAS, a qualified individual has interviewed and is available to fill this position; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that , effective November 2, 2026, Pamela Wylubski is hereby hired as a part-time court clerk to the Town of Owego Court, at $25.00 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours per week, subject to mandatory drug testing and satisfactory background check.

F. Privilege of the Floor-

Bill Chandler, Southside Owego-I would like to update the Court House square and help bring a Women's memorial to the square. There will be a bronze statue of a woman in a WWII military uniform saluting. There will be six stones with each side laser engraved from the Civil War up to the present. This would be the only memorial of this type locally. Bill will be asking for money from the Village, Town, and County.

Barb Craig, Valley Rd.- Barb and neighbors received a letter from Verizon stating that they want to discontinue land lines in their area. The cell phone signal in that area is very weak. Can the Town help with this issue?

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.

A0 - General Fund	54,855.72
B0 - General Fund-Town Outside	33,655.97
DB - Highway-Town Outside	514,883.36
F0 - Water Districts	38,255.19
FA - Route 38 Water	837.15
G0- Sewer Districts	112,232.01
GA – Route 38 Sewer	222.03
L1 – Lighting District 1	47.89
L2 - Lighting District 2	220.71
L3 – Lighting District 3	103.70
L4 - Lighting District 4B	59.92
L5 – Lighting District 5	61.25
L6 - Lighting District 6	257.80
L7 - Lighting District 7	58.59
L8 - Lighting District 8	45.17
L9 - Lighting District #9	16.22
LA – Lighting District 4A	19.74
LX – Lighting District 10	24.61
	$755,857.03

I. Unfinished Business – none

J. Reports of Standing Committees –

Councilmember McClintock– no report
Councilmember Morgan – no report
Councilmember Marks –no report
Councilmember Jochum – no report

K. Presentation of Resolutions, Motions and New Business –

1. Schedule Public Hearing for 2027 budget for 11-04-2026

A motion was made by Councilmember Morgan to schedule a Public Hearing for the 2027 budget on November 04, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jochum and unanimously carried.

2. Planning & Zoning Merit Raise-

A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to approve the following resolution giving Tina Tammaro, Office Specialist II in the town of Owego Planning Department, a merit raise of $1.50 per hour, effective October 12, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McClintock and unanimously carried.

WHEREAS, the approved 2026 budget for the Town of Owego Planning Department has budgeted for and includes merit raises for employees upon approval of the Town Board: and

WHEREAS, Tina Tammaro has shown she is willing to perform above and beyond her job duties as Office Specialist II for the Town of Owego Planning Department:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOVLED, that Tina Tammaro, Office Specialist II at the Town of Owego Planning Department, will receive a merit raise of $1.50 per hour, effective October 12, 2026.

3. Court, New hire, part time-previously- A motion was made previously in the meeting to move K.3 to after Reports of Department Heads.

4. Highway- Declare surplus 2007 brush chipper (VIN:DC1217HP)-

A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to declare the 2007 brush chipper, VIN:DC1217HP, as surplus as stated in the following resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

WHEREAS, the Town of Owego Highway Department currently has in its fleet a 2007 brush chipper (VIN: DC1217HP) that is in poor condition; and

WHEREAS, due to the poor condition of this chipper, it would not be beneficial to the Town of Owego or the Highway Department to make any repairs to it as it is worn out, and the Highway Department purchased a new one the previous year; and

WHEREAS, it would be more beneficial to the Town of Owego and the Highway Department to sell this truck as surplus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Owego Highway Department hereby declares the above noted equipment surplus and is authorized to sell the 2007 brush chipper (VIN: DC1217HP for surplus, with minimum bids accepted at $4,000.00, as the Town has no further use for the equipment.

5. Highway- Declare surplus 2009 Internation dump truck (VIN:1HTWLAZR89J109793)

A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to declare the 2009 International dump truck, VIN:1HTWLAZR89J109793 as surplus as stated in the following resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

WHEREAS, the Town of Owego Highway Department currently has in its fleet a 2009 International dump truck (VIN: 1HTWLAZR89J109793) that is in poor condition; and

WHEREAS, due to the poor condition of this truck, it would not be beneficial to the Town of Owego or the Highway Department to attempt to repair it as, among other things, the live bottom box rotted and is not fixable; and

WHEREAS, it would be more beneficial to the Town of Owego and the Highway Department to sell this truck as surplus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Owego Highway Department hereby declares the above noted equipment surplus and is authorized to sell the 2009 International dump truck (VIN: 1HTWLAZR89J109793) for surplus, with minimum bids accepted at $3,000.00, as the Town has no further use for the equipment.

6. Highway-Declare surplus 2011 Broce broom (VIN:407383)

A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to declare a 2011 Broce broom VIN:407383 as surplus as stated in the following resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

WHEREAS, the Town of Owego Highway Department currently has in its fleet a 2011 Broce broom (VIN: 407383) that is in poor condition; and

WHEREAS, due to the poor condition of the broom, it would not be beneficial to the Town of Owego or the Highway Department to make any repairs to it as it would not pass PESIT air quality inside the cab when sweeping; and

WHEREAS, it would be more beneficial to the Town of Owego and the Highway Department to sell this broom as surplus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Owego Highway Department hereby declares the above noted equipment surplus and is authorized to sell the 2011 Broce broom (VIN: 407383) for surplus, with minimum bids accepted at $4,000.00, as the Town has no further use for the equipment.

7. Highway- Declare surplus 2011 International dump truck (VIN:4V5KC9EH4TN703322)

A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to declare the 2011 International dump truck, VIN:4N5KC9EH4TN703322 as surplus as stated in the following resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

WHEREAS, the Town of Owego Highway Department currently has in its fleet a 2011 International dump truck (VIN: 4V5KC9EH4TN703322), Town of Owego Truck #27, that is in poor condition; and

WHEREAS, due to the poor condition of this truck, it would not be beneficial to the Town of Owego or the Highway Department to make any repairs to it as it had a catastrophic engine failure; and

WHEREAS, it would be more beneficial to the Town of Owego and the Highway Department to sell this truck as surplus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Owego Highway Department hereby declares the above equipment surplus and is authorized to sell the 2011 International dump truck (VIN: 4V5KC9EH4TN703322) for surplus, with minimum bids accepted at $2,500.00, as the Town has no further use for the equipment.

8. Highway-Declare surplus 2011 International dump truck (VIN: 1HTWXSHT9BJ360822)

A motion was made by Councilmember Jochum to declare the 2011 International dump truck VIN:1HTWXSHT9BJ360822 as surplus as stated in the following resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marks and unanimously carried.

WHEREAS, the Town of Owego Highway Department currently has in its fleet a 2011 International dump truck (VIN: 1HTWXSHT9BJ360822), Town Highway Vehicle #9, that is in poor condition; and

WHEREAS, due to the poor condition of this truck, it would not be beneficial to the Town of Owego or the Highway Department to attempt to repair it as, among other things, the truck would not pass New York State inspection due to a rotted frame; and

WHEREAS, it would be more beneficial to the Town of Owego and the Highway Department to sell this truck as surplus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Owego Highway Department hereby declares the above noted equipment surplus and is authorized to sell the 2011 International dump truck (VIN: 1HTWXSHT9BJ360822) for surplus, with minimum bids accepted at $2,500.00, as the Town has no further use for the equipment.

L. Second Privilege of the floor – no one wished to speak at this time

M. Executive Session - none

N. Adjournment -

Motion by Councilmember Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Brown, Town Clerk & Tax Receiver