

**A Town Board Meeting of the Town of Owasco was held on April 14, 2022  
At 4:00 PM in the Owasco Town Hall with the following members present:**

**CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Edward Wagner  
Councilperson Fred Cornelius  
Councilperson Gucciardi  
Councilperson, Jeremy VeVone  
Councilperson Mike Vitale

**ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Riccardo Galbato, Bob Bruno, Mike Villano, Jason Kelly,  
Walt Aikman, Nancy Taylor, Kelly Rocheleau

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**RESOLUTION 22-045 to approval of Town Board Agenda for April 14, 2022**

**Motion by Councilor Cornelius; Second Councilor Vitale**

Roll call vote:	Councilor Cornelius <u>Yes</u>	Councilor Gucciardi <u>Yes</u>
	Councilor VeVone <u>Yes</u>	Councilor Vitale <u>Yes</u>
	Supervisor Wagner <u>Yes</u>	

- Add Resolution to name Lyons Bank as a Depository

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION 22-046 approval of Town Board Minutes for Town Board Meeting on  
March 10, 2022.**

**Motion by Councilor Cornelius; Second Councilor Vitale**

Roll call vote:	Councilor Cornelius <u>Yes</u>	Councilor Gucciardi <u>Yes</u>
	Councilor VeVone <u>Yes</u>	Councilor Vitale <u>Yes</u>
	Supervisor Wagner <u>Yes</u>	

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**RESOLUTION 22-047 To Open Public Hearing on Local Law No. 1 of 2022 Board of  
Ethics Membership.**

**Motion by Councilor Cornelius; Second Councilor VeVone**

Roll call vote:	Councilor Cornelius <u>Yes</u>	Councilor Gucciardi <u>Yes</u>
	Councilor VeVone <u>Yes</u>	Councilor Vitale <u>Yes</u>
	Supervisor Wagner <u>Yes</u>	

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Insurance Company is inquiry for information regarding the water main replacement claim for \$3000.00 on the 69 Melrose Rd issue.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Community Grant 2.5 million sewer water street project, application submitted.

CNY Heat Smart meeting April 25, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Town Hall

- Public meeting with CNY Heat & Halco to discuss Heat Pumps as a cleaner alternative Source of heat.

Inserno presentation on 2021 Annual Draft Town Audit –

- The town has increased contributions to the General Fund as well as the Highway Fund. The Sewer/Water Fund has declined due to projects. Overall the Town is in good financial shape.
- Suggested that the town have an Asset Policy.

Walt Aikman presentation on Forest Management Plan

- Walt presented the Forest Management Plan that he and the towns tree committee have created. One concern is the decrease of the towns tree canopy, the canopy is at 33% but should really be at 50%.
- It is recommended that we encourage each resident to plant 3 trees on their property each year.
- The Town has 1555 trees in the town’s right of way.
- Suggested that any trees planted in the towns right of way should be low growing as to not encroach into the power lines.

**RESOLUTION 22-048** To Authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Agreement For Legal Services with Blair Law Firm, PLLC for legal services as Special Counsel to the Town of Owasco Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion by Councilor Gucciardi; Second Councilor Vitale

Roll call vote:	Councilor Cornelius <u>NO</u>	Councilor Gucciardi <u>Yes</u>
	Councilor VeVone <u>Yes</u>	Councilor Vitale <u>Yes</u>
	Supervisor Wagner <u>Yes</u>	

- Councilmen Cornelius voted no as he felt more candidates should have been interviewed.

**RESOLUTION 22-049** Town of Owasco 2022 Arbor Day Proclamation

Whereas, in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

Whereas, 2022 is the 150th anniversary of the holiday and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-

giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas, trees are a renewable natural resource in our community giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and beautify our community, and

Whereas, trees in our town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

Whereas, trees express the order of the nature, and show us all the strength of diversity, and the advantages of interdependency in adapting to a changing world, and

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and renewal, and

Whereas, Arbor Day recognizes the traditions, commitments, and roots established by past generations and symbolizes our hope, trust, and commitment for future generations,

Now, Therefore, I, Ed Wagner, Supervisor of the Town of Owasco, do hereby proclaim

Friday, April 29th, 2022 as the 150th anniversary celebration of Arbor Day in the Town of Owasco, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**RESOLUTION 22-050 To Close Public Hearing on Local Law No. 1 of 2022 Board of Ethics Membership**

**Motion by Councilor Cornelius; Second Councilor Gucciardi**

Roll call vote:	<b>Councilor Cornelius</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b>Councilor Gucciardi</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>
	<b>Councilor VeVone</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b>Councilor Vitale</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>
	<b>Supervisor Wagner</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b>		

**RESOLUTION 22 -051 to approve SEQR determination for Local Law No. 1 of 2022 Board of Ethics Membership**

**A Resolution to Issue a Determination of Environmental Significance for Local Law No. 1 of 2022.**

**WHEREAS**, the Owasco Town Board declares itself Lead Agency for the purpose of conducting the environmental review of said proposed action;

**WHEREAS**, the Owasco Town Board has determined that the proposed action for adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2022 is an Unlisted Action under the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations;

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board caused a Short Environmental Assessment Form to be prepared for use to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with enactment of the proposed local law.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Owasco Town Board has determined that the adoption of the proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2022 will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and hereby issues a Negative Declaration.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor be and is hereby directed to sign the Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance.

**Motion by Councilor Gucciardi; Second Councilor Vitale**

**Roll call vote: Councilor Cornelius Yes Councilor Gucciardi Yes  
Councilor VeVone Yes Councilor Vitale Yes  
Supervisor Wagner Yes**

**Resolution 22-052 A Resolution of the Town Board for the adoption and enactment of Local Law No. 1 of 2022 Board of Ethics Membership**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution **22-037** was adopted by the Town Board on 2.24.22 introducing proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2022 and said Resolution established a public hearing relating thereto;

**WHEREAS**, a Notice of Public Hearing with respect to said proposed Local Law was duly published in The Citizen, the official Town newspaper and a newspaper circulated in said Town, on 3.6.22, and proof of such publication has been filed with the Town Clerk;

**WHEREAS**, a Notice of Public Hearing with respect to such Local Law was duly posted on the sign board of the Owasco Town Hall;

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing upon said proposed Local Law was held at the Owasco Town Hall, 2 Bristol Avenue, Auburn, New York 13021, in the Town of Owasco, New York on this date, 4.14.22, pursuant to such Notice and an opportunity to be heard was given at said hearing to those favoring or opposing passage of said proposed Local Law.;

**WHEREAS**, on this date, 4.14.22 the Town Board closed the public hearing;

**WHEREAS**, the Owasco Town Board by Resolution passed on this date issued a Negative Declaration under SEQRA for Local Law No. 1 of 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has carefully considered the proposed Local Law, and after due deliberation, finds it is in the best interest of the Town of Owasco to adopt said Local Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION, IT IS HEREBY**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Owasco hereby approves and enacts Local Law No. 1 of 2022 Board of Ethics Membership to amend Town Code Section 11-18 (A) to change the number of members of the Town of Owasco Board of Ethics from three (3) members to five (5) members. Said Local Law is set forth below:

**LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2022 BOARD OF ETHICS MEMBERSHIP**

The Owasco Town Code § 11-18 A. is amended to read as follows:

**§ 11-18. Board of Ethics.**

**A.** There is hereby established a Board of Ethics for the municipality. The Board of Ethics shall consist of five members, a majority of whom shall not be officers or employees of the municipality, but at least one of whom must be a municipal officer or employee. The members of such Board of Ethics shall be appointed by the Town Board of the Town of Owasco, serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority and receive no salary or compensation for their services as members of the Board of Ethics.

**Effective Date:** This local law will take effect immediately on filing with the New York State Secretary of State.

**Motion by Councilor Vitale; Second Councilor Gucciardi**

Roll call vote: Councilor Cornelius	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Gucciardi	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor VeVone	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Vitale	<u>Yes</u>
Supervisor Wagner	<u>Yes</u>		

**RESOLUTION 22- 053** AUDIT AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS: authorizing the audit and payment of the following claims: General and Highway Funds, Special Districts, (Water and Sewer Districts), Capital Project and Reserve Fund claims, and ratifying the payment of the prepaid claims as authorized by resolution 16-006 adopted January 4, 2016, all in accordance with the attached abstract of claims.

**ABSTRACT #04 2022 Vouchers # 258-348 in the amount of \$142,414.77**

**Trust & Agency Voucher # 6030-6042 in the amount of \$22,885.62**

**for a grand total of \$165,300.39**

**Motion by Councilor Gucciardi; Second Councilor Vitale**

Roll call vote: Councilor Cornelius	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Gucciardi	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor VeVone	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Vitale	<u>Yes</u>
Supervisor Wagner	<u>Yes</u>		

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**RESOLUTION 22-054** to adjourn to executive session at 5:07pm to discuss contract negotiations.

**Motion by Councilor Cornelius; Second Councilor Vitale**

Roll call vote: Councilor Cornelius	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Gucciardi	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor VeVone	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Vitale	<u>Yes</u>
Supervisor Wagner	<u>Yes</u>		

**RESOLUTION 22-055** to return from executive session at 5:18 PM.

**RESOLUTION 22-056** to accept Lyons Bank a Depository.

**Motion by Councilor VeVone; Second Councilor Vitale**

Roll call vote: Councilor Cornelius	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Gucciardi	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor VeVone	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Vitale	<u>Yes</u>
Supervisor Wagner	<u>Yes</u>		

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**RESOLUTION 22-057to adjourn the meeting:**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Tammy M. Flaherty  
Town Clerk