

A Town Board Meeting of the Town of Owasco was held on December 10, 2020 at 4:00 PM in the Owasco Town Hall with the following members present:

**PRESENT: Supervisor Edward Wagner
Councilperson Fred Cornelius
Councilperson Gucciardi
Councilperson, Tim Kerstetter
Councilperson Mike Vitale**

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Riccardo Galbato, Walt Aikman, Dave Stathis

CALL TO ORDER: 4:01 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 20-172 approval of Town Board Agenda for December 10, 2020

Motion by: Councilor Kerstetter. Second Councilor Vitale

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 20-173 approval of Town Board Minutes for Town Board Meeting November 12, 2020

Motion by	<u>Councilor Gucciardi;</u>	Second	<u>Councilor Kerstetter</u>
Roll call vote:	Councilor Cornelius <u>Yes</u>	Councilor Gucciardi <u>Yes</u>	
	Councilor Kerstetter <u>Yes</u>	Councilor Vitale <u>Yes</u>	
	Supervisor Wagner <u>Yes</u>		

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Walt Aikman updated the board on the Wetland Restoration project. The work has been completed and Walt has been in contact with the DEC for follow-up. He also stated that the DEC is very happy with the restoration and the work that our town completed.

One concern is still keeping the deer away from the new plantings, some methods have been implemented, but they are still reaching out to others for additional methods.

COMMUNICATIONS:

NEW BUSINESS. Dave Stathis – Cyber Security report.

Request for Purple Heart

OLD BUSINESS: Barton & Logudice to finish design for completion of water main replacement project.

Supervisor Wagner explained to the board that the town has 4 Water main breaks along Owasco Rd, the past couple months, the line should have been replaced but was put on hold, finish the design, and go to bid to see where we are.

Hazard Mitigation Plan- Ed has been working on the updated plan completed and the final will be complete in the next few weeks.

RESOLUTION 20-174 To authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Professional Engineering Services Amendment Proposal Town of Owasco Permanent Pumping System dated 12.1.20 from GHD for Amended Scope of Services: Fee Summary Construction Administration \$12,500.00 Lump Sum and On-Site and Field Inspection Support \$35,000.00 Hourly Not-to-Exceed. Rate based on time and material.

Motion by: Councilor Kerstetter. Second Councilor Gucciardi

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

RESOLUTION 20-175 Adoption of The State of New York Deferred Compensation Plan

WHEREAS, the **Town of Owasco** wishes to adopt the Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees of the State of New York and Other Participating Public Jurisdictions (the “Plan”) for voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and

WHEREAS, the **Town of Owasco** is a local public employer eligible to adopt the Plan pursuant to Section 5 of the State Finance Law* and

WHEREAS, the **Town of Owasco** has reviewed the Plan established in accordance with Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 5 of the State Finance Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan is to encourage employees to make and continue careers with the ~~**Town of Owasco**~~ by providing eligible employees with a convenient and tax-favored method of saving on a regular and long-term basis and thereby provide for their retirement;

* A local public employer eligible to adopt the Plan pursuant to Section 5 of the State Finance Law includes: a county, city, town, village or other political subdivision as defined in Section 131 of the retirement and Social Security law or civil division of the State; a school district or other governmental entity operating a public school, college, or university; a public improvement or special district, a public authority, commission , or public benefit corporation; r any other public corporation, agency or instrumentality or unit of government which exercises governmental powers under the laws of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that the **Town of Owasco** hereby adopts the Plan for the voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the appropriate officials of the Town of Owasco are hereby authorized to take such actions and enter such agreements as are required or necessary for the adoption, implementation, and maintenance of the Plan; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Administrative Services Agency is hereby authorized to file copies of these resolutions and other required documents with the President of the State of New York Civil Service Commission.

Motion by Councilor Gucciardi; Second Councilor Vitale

**Roll call vote: Councilor Cornelius NO Councilor Gucciardi Yes
Councilor Kerstetter NO Councilor Vitale Yes
Supervisor Wagner Yes**

RESOLUTION 20-176 To Authorize the Town Supervisor to sign an Easement with Frank Mancuso for property at Meadow Lane, Tax Map No. 123.08-2-79.1.

WHEREAS, by Deed dated 10.29.20 and recorded 11.20.20 in the Cayuga County Clerk's Office in Book 3961 Page 296, Frank Mancuso took title of property described as: Meadow Lane, Tax Map No. 123.08-2-79.1, 14.2 acres;

WHEREAS, this property was generally known and referred to as Phase 3 of the Oakridge Heights Subdivision;

WHEREAS, in the past several years the prior owner has proposed different variations of Subdivision for Phase 3 of the Oakridge Heights Subdivision;

WHEREAS, most recently, on 3.5.14 the Town of Owasco Planning Board granted Conditional Preliminary and Final Subdivision approval of the Oakridge Heights Phase 3 comprising five (5) residential parcels;

WHEREAS, it does not appear that the subdivision was finalized and the parcel at Meadow Lane, Tax Map No. 123.08-2-79.1, containing approximately 14.05 acres was sold as one parcel;

WHEREAS, by deed dated 6.7.19 and recorded on 6.18.19 at the Cayuga County Clerk's Office in Book 3735 Page 56, Meadow Lane, Tax Map No. 123.08-2-2, containing 1.6 acres, the Town of Owasco took title to the parcel containing the detention pond where the Town has a permanent storm drainage easement;

WHEREAS, the access to the Town's parcel to maintain the detention pond has been from the paper street from the intersection of Meadow Lane and Fairway Drive which is part of the original Phase 3 of the Oakridge Heights Subdivision;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town to expressly obtain and easement from the current owner; and

WHEREAS, Frank Mancuso, in consideration for executing an Easement to the Town is requesting that the Town perform some drainage work near the intersection of Meadow Lane and Fairway Drive and specifically extend and cover two culverts under the driveway to the blend on the east side of the driveway. The extension is approximately 30'. Also on the left side of the driveway the Town will extend the current culvert so the Town can have proper ingress and egress to the retention pond.

RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign an Easement with Frank Mancuso for property at Meadow Lane, Tax Map No. 123.08-2-79.1 to be prepared by the Town Attorney.

Motion by: Councilor Gucciardi. Second Councilor Kerstetter

Councilmen Cornelius moved to table the resolution as he would like to see more information and a survey.

All in favor of Tabling the Resolution.

RESOLUTION 20-177 to approve the finish design for the water main repair extention along Owasco Rd, between Adams Ave to Green Shutters, with Engineers Barton Loguidice.

Motion by Councilor Kerstetter; Second Councilor Vitale

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

RESOLUTION 20-178 RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM THE TOWN OF OWASCO A PURPLE HEART TOWN

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Owasco has great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community as members of the United State military; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly- assure that we never forget; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Owasco appreciates the sacrifices Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of our community have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded or killed while engaged in combat with an enemy force, construed as a singularly meritorious act of essential service, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS: the Owasco Town Board hereby proclaims the Town of Owasco as a Purple Heart Town honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation’s men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that **December 10, 2020** has officially been designated as the day in the Town of Owasco to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal.

Motion by Councilor Kerstetter; Second Councilor Cornelius

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

RESOLUTION 20-179 to approve the Cyber Security Policy as presented to the Town Board by our town IT Support Specialist Dave Stathis. With this policy approval the town will implement the ability to encrypt sensitive emails.

Motion by Councilor Cornelius; Second Councilor Gucciardi

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

RESOLUTION 20- 180 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 #12 2020 Vouchers # 936-1026 in the amount of \$444,077.25

Trust & Agency Voucher #5085-5091 in the amount of \$21,809.58

for a grand total of \$465,886.83

Motion by Councilor Gucciardi; Second Councilor Vitale

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

ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION 20-181 to adjourn to executive session at 5:04 PM to discuss personnel issues.

RESOLUTION 20-182 to return from executive session at 5:11 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION 20-183 to adjourn the meeting:

Motion by Councilor Kerstetter; Second Councilor Vitale

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM