

**A Town Board Meeting of the Town of Owasco was held on February 10, 2022  
At 4:00 PM in the Owasco Town Hall with the following members present:**

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

**VIA ZOOM:** Councilperson Gucciardi

**ABSENT:**

**OTHER PRESENT:** Riccardo Galbato, Bob Bruno, Jason Kelly, Pat McQueeney,  
Stephen Taylor, Andrea Birbilis, Nancy Taylor.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**RESOLUTION 22-026** approval of Town Board Agenda for February 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>		

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLUTION 22-027** approval of Town Board Minutes for Town Board Meeting on  
January 13, 2022.

Motion by Councilor Vitale; Second Councilor Cornelius

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:**

Resident Patrick McQueeney 22 Green Links Turn addressed the board with concerns of  
dead trees and drainage issues boarding his property and owned by the Town.

Town Attorney Rick Galbato will look at the deed to see who the land with the drain line  
actually belongs to as it may be on another resident's property. The tree concerns will be  
looked at by our town Arborist Walt Aikman.

Supervisor Wagner also asked that Mr. McQueeney put is concerns in writing.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

**Request from the Purple Lancers Drum & Bugle Corps** the use of the Town Shelter to offer free music lessons to student's grades 5-12<sup>th</sup>. The request is for an eight week period June 27-July 28, 2022 two mornings a week from 9am-11:30am.

\*Request approved as long as they go over the calendar prior to scheduling lessons as the shelter may be booked on some of the days in question, they will meet with the Town Clerk Tammy Flaherty for date approvals.

At the **request of Highway Superintendent Bob Bruno** to consider changing employee Mike Villano from Laborer 2 at the rate of \$20.46 to a Laborer 1 at the rate of \$26.03. Mike Villano as has been issued many more duties that fall under the Laborer 1 requirements.

\*Request moved to **Resolution 22-029** for a vote.

### **Letter to the Editor**

\*Supervisor Wagner explained a letter he sent to the Citizen regarding his views and decisions of the Water Shed Management Councils Water Shed Management Plan.

### **Farmers Market Discussion on Breweries & Winery's**

\*A local brewery and winery have shown interest in attending the Owasco Farmers Market as a vendor. The Town Board agreed it would be acceptable and would allow vendors to sell by the glass.

### **OLD BUSINESS: Establish Ethics Board for 2022**

The term for the Board of Ethics expired on December 31, 2021.

\*Councilmen Fred Cornelius would like to continue to chair the board and keep the two residents that he had on the board. Councilmen Cornelius has concerns with town employees doing private work for residents, even though they are doing the jobs on their own time.

\*He also has concerns with former town employees doing independent work for the town after they have left their position with the town.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 22-028 TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE GRANT OF RIGHT OF WAY AND EASEMENT (WATER) WITH JEFFREY APPLEBEE and MICHELLE APPLEBEE, 51 SECOND AVENUE AND FIRST AVENUE, TOWN OF OWASCO (TAX MAP NO. 116.19-3-25.112 and 116.19-3-25.12).**

WHEREAS, the Town has received complaints of water quality in this area from JEFFREY APPLEBEE and MICHELLE APPLEBEE;

WHEREAS, the Town has consulted with the Town Engineer Matt Zarbo from Barton & Loguidice who has recommended looping the Town Water Line in this area from First Avenue to Second Avenue in order to correct this issue;

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Easement is to construct a Town Water Line within a strip of land fifteen (15) feet in width along the westerly property line of the Grantors' premises from First Avenue to Second Avenue.

RESOLVED, to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Grant of Right of Way and Easement (Water) with Jeffrey Applebee and Michelle Applebee, 51 Second Avenue and First

Avenue, Town of Owasco, County of Cayuga, State of New York (TAX MAP NO. 116.19-3-25.112 and 116.19-3-25.12).

Motion by Councilor Cornelius; Second Councilor Vitale

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

Councilor Jeremy VeVone would also like to see a Fire Hydrant added near the property when a new line is installed.

**RESOLUTION 22-029** to approve changing employee Mike Villano from the Laborer 2 position he now holds to a Laborer 1 position at the request of Highway Superintended Bob Bruno.

Motion by Councilor Vitale; Second Councilor Gucciardi

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

**RESOLUTION 22-030** Councilmen Fred Cornelius made a motion to continue with the existing Town Ethics Board.

Motion by Councilor Cornelius; Second Councilor Vitale

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

**RESOLUTION 22-031** Motion to appoint Jeremy VeVone to Chair the Town Ethics Board.

Motion by Councilor Gucciardi; Second Councilor Vitale

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

Councilor Cornelius would read a letter he send to the Board earlier in the day with concerns and would like all emails pulled from the server regarding payment

**RESOLUTION 22-032****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 #02 2022 Vouchers # 104-179 in the amount of \$1,204,898.83**  
**Trust & Agency Voucher # 6009-6018 in the amount of \$22,004.72**  
**for a grand total of \$1,226,903.55**

- SEE NOTES BELOW VOUCHER #137 PULLED FOR A SEPARATE VOTE.

All other vouchers payment approved

Motion by Councilor Cornelius; Second Councilor Vitale

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

\*Councilmen Cornelius made a motion to pull Voucher #137 for a separate vote, payment to Reimburse David Vivenzio for sewer repairs made at his property. Sewer leak was detected when resident was replacing water line to his home. It is believed that the sewer line was never reconnected when the contractors RB Robinson installed a new water main in 2018.

RESOLUTION 22-033 \*to pay Voucher #137 to Mr. Vivenzio

Motion by Councilor Cornelius; Second Councilor Vitale

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

ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION 22-033 to adjourn the meeting:

Motion by Councilor Vitale; Second Councilor Cornelius

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:07PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tammy M. Flaherty