

**A Town Board Meeting of the Town of Owasco was held on February 24, 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

OTHERS PRESENT: Riccardo Galbato, Bob Bruno, Kelly Rocheleau.

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 22-034 approval of Town Board Agenda for February 24, 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:

COMMUNICATIONS

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion on letter from Riccardo Galbato email dated 1/18/2022 regarding independent contractor agreement with Richard Knaul.

- Councilmen Cornelius feels the work being performed by Richard Knaul is not a legal Permission, and that he has called the NYS Attorney General's Office for further review.
- Supervisor Wagner strongly disagrees with Councilmen Cornelius statement as the town has many other independent sub-contractors that work also for the town.
- Town Attorney read a draft of a contractor vendor agreement as an example of what the town board members may use if so approved.
- Councilmen Vitale felt a vendor's agreement with the small independent contractors that we use on occasion may not be able to meet the large insurance requirements. This could result in an additional cost if we have to go to larger contractor to do small jobs for the town.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion on the DREAMS Project, (Digital Records Electronic Management Access Management System) a shared services project with Cayuga County.

- Motion made to approve, see Resolution 22-036

RESOLUTION 22- 035 to appoint as members Rachel Czyz & Luke Carnicelli, to the Town of Owasco Board of Ethics for a term to expire on 12/31/2022.

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

RESOLUTION 22-036 to approve \$50,000.00 from the General Fund Reserve Account to join into a shared service project with the Cayuga County Clerks Office. The project would electronically save all of the towns paper records via the cloud.

WHEREAS; The project referred to as the DREAMS project (Digital Records Electronic Access Management System) was proposed to the town as a shared serves project in 2020 by the Cayuga County Clerk Susan Dwyer & Cayuga County’s Records Retention Manager Michael McNeill.

WHEREAS; At the October 21, 2020 Town Board Meeting the Town Board received a brief presentation on the project and agreed to proceed to the next phase of implementation and cost projection of the project.

WHEREAS; Cayuga County Clerk Sue Dwyer & Michael McNeil have been continuing the research and plan for the project. The project is now ready to proceed to the next stage by applying for grants to help fund the project, as well as sending out for proposals from contractors.

WHEREAS; On February 22, 2022 the Cayuga County Legislators approved appropriating \$4,000.000 to the project. It was requested that the Town of Owasco contribute \$50,000 for the towns cost of the project.

Motion by Councilor Cornelius; Second Councilor Vitale

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

RESOLUTION 22-037 to schedule a public hearing to amend the Local Law of the Town’s Ethics Board from three memembers to five members.

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

RESOLUTION 22-038 to authoize Town Attorney Riccardo Galbato to draft a contract and agreement for independent contractors.

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>		

ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION 22-039 to adjourn the meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM