

**A Town Board Meeting of the Town of Owasco was held on March 9, 2023
At 4:00 PM in the Owasco Town Hall with the following members present:**

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

**ABSENT:
OTHERS PRESENT: Riccardo Galbato, Bob Bruno, Walt Aikman, Mike Moore.
Bob Granato**

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 23-036 approval of Town Board Agenda for March 9, 2023

Motion by Councilor Vitale; 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>	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**RESOLUTION 23-037 approval of Town Board Minutes for Town Board Meeting on
February 9, 2023**

Motion by Councilor VeVone; Second Councilor Vitale

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Granato would like to address the board.

***Mr. Granato of 327 Denman Cove is questioning a fence, boat house & an antenna pole that his neighbor has installed. Town Code officer Patrick Doyle has visited the property a few times and informed the neighbor that the fence in question needed to be lowered to the 7 foot as per code. Code Officer Mr. Doyle has revisited the site and feels the neighbor is now in compliance.**

Town Attorney Rick Galbato informed Mr. Granato that if he is still not satisfied he can appeal the Code Officers decision by completing a formal appeal to the towns Zoning Board of Appeals. And that the Code officer Patrick Doyle can help him complete the request.

Presentation: Walt Aikman park committee update

***Mr. Aikman addressed the board with a draft from the Playground committee.**

Key points of concerns and issues are as follows.

Flooding, the Owasco Fire Department is often flooded out after heavy rains.

Most of the flooding issue is due to a faulty (too small) culvert pipe located under Owasco Rd, the culvert then proceeds thru two Owasco Rd, residents property. The residents have failed to issue a right of way to correct the issue. To add to the water issue Owasco School has all of its roof drains tied into the culvert adding a significant amount of water into the pipe.

Owasco Fire Department has been actively contacting many local, state and politicians for help with the flooding issue as Owasco Rd is a state road and the right of way to correct the culvert pipe issue needs to be addressed ASAP.

Another concern is the lighting around the playground area, neighbors feel while it is a necessity it is offensive to their properties. They would like to see a more directional lighting installed.

Parking, the busier the park becomes the more issues we are having with the lack of parking. Park users at times will use the Owasco Fire Dept parking lot, this could create a hazard if they get a call and parking isn't available to for their use. The town recently installed additional parking adjacent to the town hall building but more or a better path will need to be added at some point.

The stone access road on the town property is also in question, should events be directing park visitors to exit the access road? Should a timed gate be installed as neighbor Mike Moore has concerns with the road being left open and used during non-park hours?

Supervisor Wagner would like the park committee to meet again and work on a long term plan for the park to address the concerns and what corrections to the problems would they suggest to the Town Board.

OLD BUSINESS: Non Union Employees Retirement Medical Insurance.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Received Denial letter from Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for the 2022 Water Quality Improvement Projects (WQIP) program.

Town has reapplied for additional funding from Congressional Ear Mark allocation. Letters have been sent to US Senators Schumer, Gillibrand, and Congresswomen Tenney. Additional support letters have been supplied from several local leaders.

RESOLUTION 23-038 to approve retirement medical insurance benefits that is now granted to the union employees to non-union full time hourly & elected employees.

Motion by Councilor Vitale; 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>		

RESOLUTION 23-039 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 #03 2023 Vouchers #179- 253 in the amount of \$363,387.41
Trust & Agency Voucher #7011-7021 in the amount of \$24,072.15
for a grand total of \$387,459.56.**

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>		

RESOLUTION 23-040 The Owasco Town Board is in full support of the Community Project Funding Request in the FY24 House of Representatives Appropriations process.

WHEREAS: This project meets the goals outlined in the Clean Water Act by upgrading infrastructure that is part of an existing sanitary sewer collection system to reduce inflow and infiltration and sanitary sewer overflows.

WHEREAS: During heavy rain events, the Town often experiences sanitary sewer overflows along their main sewer interceptor; which results in frequent residential complaints and pollutes nearby already impaired waterways.

WHEREAS: The overflows have resulted in the Town being issued several consent orders from the NYS DEC. Improvements proposed under this project aim to replace antiquated sanitary collection system infrastructure, provide sewer separation through the construction of a new storm sewer, replace antiquated water main, and reconstruct roadways complete with sidewalks along three streets in avenues area of the Town of Owasco.

WHEREAS: The Town intends to apply for various grants in hopes of securing a financial package that will make this very important project affordable to our residents.

WHEREAS: The Town has gain letters of support from State, County City of Auburn and other local representatives, for this application.

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>		

ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION 23-041 to adjourn the meeting:

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>		

Meeting adjourned at 5:04PM