

A Town Board Meeting of the Town of Owasco was held on May 11, 2023
At 4:00 PM in the Owasco Town Hall with the following members present:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Riccardo Galbato, Bob Bruno, Caleb Slater, Joe Head, Andy Feocco, Joe DiMora, Mark Anderson, Dale Crowley, Jamie Rigby, Michael Casler, Josh Murphy, Tracy Murphy, Ryan Pine, Grey Daly, Kristin Daly, Chris Cooper, Lyndsay Pilipczak, Joshua Czyz

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 23-052 approval of Town Board Agenda for May 11, 2023

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>	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 23-053 approval of Town Board Minutes for Town Board Meeting on April 13, 2023 & May 4, 2023 (Solar Workshop)

Motion by Councilor Cornelius; 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>	

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Caleb Slater introduced himself as he is running for NYS Senate District 48.

Mr. Slater first asked the question if any other Senators or those running have ever attended a town board meeting. He also questioned if residents are happy with the state plan to discontinue the use of Fossil fuels, natural gas, etc. He also stated so many volunteer fire departments are having a hard time recruiting new members and if elected he would propose a \$600.00 tax exemption.

Joshua Czyz introduced himself as he is throwing his hat in the ring for the position of County Legislator for the Towns of Owasco & Sennett. Mr. Czyz grew up 45 minute away

from Owasco but loves living in Owasco. He has 2 children that have moved to another state and wants to find a way for our youth to stay local.

Public to speak on Golf Carts to be allowed on town roadways.

Kevin Pilipczak, Jamie Rigby & Tracy Murphy spoke in favor of the driving of golf carts on the area roads to get to the Country Clubs to golf.

***Resolved:** After discussion the Town Board will neither approve nor disapprove.

Resident Joe Head 4886 Twelve Corners Rd addressed the board with concerns of speeding on his road as the speed limit is 30mph and is seldom followed.

***Resolved:** Councilmen Cornelius will reach out to local law enforcement to see if they can get someone on road patrol to monitor the speeding.

Supervisor Wagner also addressed the board as he received a request from Dickman Farms for the electronic speed signs by their business on Archie Street as they have workers and customers they are concerned for their safety.

*** Resolved:** Supervisor spoke to Highway Superintended Bob Bruno and they will get the speed sensor up to Archie Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATIONS

Proposed Schedule for LL#2 Public Hearing.

May 11th TB regular meeting. Review and adopt introductory Resolution re: Solar Law revisions to Zoning Code (open PH but continue to June 8th meeting)

May 25th TB Special meeting to adopt introductory Resolution re: SUP revisions to Zoning Code

June 8th TB regular meeting. Continue public hearing and then close #1. Also, open and close PH #2 on SUP revisions to Zoning Code LL.

June 15th is County GML 239 committee meeting we must wait for decision before taking action)

June 22nd TB Special meeting to conduct SEQRA review and enact both LLs.

RESOLUTION 23-054 to open the Public Hearing for the proposed Local Law #2 of 2023, Solar.

Motion by Councilor VeVone; 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>	

TOWN OF OWASCO TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2023 ENTITLED
“AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING CODE OF THE TOWN OF OWASCO
REGARDING SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AND
SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM OVERLAY DISTRICTS”**

RESOLUTION 23-055

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Owasco (“Town Council”) recognizes that the development of renewable energy sources, and in particular facilities for converting solar energy to electricity, is increasing at a record pace within the State; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council further recognizes that such a fast-growing industry raises special concerns for municipalities including, among other things, zoning, land use and environmental issues related to siting solar projects, developing local laws regulating solar projects, specific issues related to residential and utility-scale solar projects, as well as neighboring landowner considerations; and

WHEREAS, after careful research and review of best practices utilized in neighboring communities and the land use development tools recommended by NYSERDA, the New York State Planning Federation and other resources, the Town Council finds that it is necessary and prudent to adopt updated land use regulations for the development, construction, installation, operation and maintenance of solar energy facilities within the Town that will facilitate the development of renewable energy systems based on sunlight while simultaneously minimizing adverse impacts on neighboring properties; protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents and visitors to the Town; and preserving the rural and agrarian character of the Town;

WHEREAS, this action involves the adoption of changes in the allowable uses within a zoning district, affecting 25 or more acres of the district, and thus constitutes a Type I action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.3(b)(2) of the implementing regulations under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, this action involves the adoption or amendment of a zoning ordinance or local law and is therefore subject to review by the Cayuga County Planning Board pursuant to General Municipal Law § 239(l-m):

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein at length.
2. The Town Council hereby introduces Proposed Local Law #2 of 2023 in the form annexed hereto for consideration and adoption.
3. The Town Council hereby finds and determines that the within action is a Type I action under SEQRA, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.3(b)(2) and shall undergo environmental review.
4. The Town Council hereby announces it shall serve as the Lead Agency for SEQRA purposes and shall undertake an uncoordinated review of the action.
5. The proposed Local Law #2 of 2023 entitled “Amendments to the Zoning Code of the Town of Owasco Regarding Solar Energy Systems and Solar Energy System Overlay Districts” is hereby referred to the Cayuga County Planning Board for review pursuant to General Municipal Law §239(l-m).
6. The Town Council will continue the conduct of a Public Hearing at the Town of Owasco Municipal Building on June 8, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, for the purpose of taking public comment on, and giving due consideration to, the enactment of proposed Local Law #2 of 2023.

The question of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call was as follows:

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 23-056 To authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Agreement between the Town of Owasco and Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C for the Town of Owasco SD 1 I/I Reduction Project dated May 11, 2023.

Councilmen Vevone would like more time to review the agreement as he had just received it.
Councilmen Cornelius would like to Table the resolution until the next meeting.
All agreed to table the resolution.

RESOLUTION 23-057 to approve the hiring of summer help for the Highway/Playground Departments. Hourly rate \$20.00 per hour not to exceed 360 hours (\$7200.00).

Motion by Councilor VeVone; Second Councilor Vitale

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

RESOLUTION 23-058 to approve the annual 2022 Town Justice Audit.

Motion by Councilor VeVone; Second Councilor Vitale

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

RESOLUTION 23-059 to approve the annual 2022 Town Clerk Audit

Motion by Councilor Gucciardi; Second Councilor Cornelius

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

RESOLUTION 23-060AUDIT 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 #05 2023 Vouchers #335-407 in the amount of \$386,517.36
Trust & Agency Voucher #7036-7046 in the amount of \$23,954.57
for a grand total of \$410,471.93

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 23-061 to adjourn the meeting:

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>	

Meeting adjourned at 5:00PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy M. Flaherty