

**A Town Board Meeting of the Town of Owasco was held on
October 8, 2020 at 3:00 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**

OTHERS PRESENT: Riccardo Galbato

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 20-127 approval of Town Board Agenda for October 8, 2020

Motion by Councilperson Kerstetter; Second Councilperson Vitale

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**RESOLUTION 20-128 approval of Town Board Minutes for September 10 2020,
& October 1, 2020.**

Motion by Councilperson Kerstetter; Second Councilperson Vitale

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Resident Collen Barth addressed the board with questions
and concerns with the October 3, 2020 closing of the town’s transfer station.**

Supervisor Wagner explained how the contract with Casella Waste had expired and the board sent out RFP’s for bids in hopes the new pricing would come in and be a manageable price for the residents. However the prices came in higher than the board expected, and in the best interest to the residents it would be much more affordable if residents hired their own trash hauler.

It was also requested by her and resident Gerry Guiney (via zoom) that the board look into municipal sponsored pickup. The board will re look at the issue but in informal talks with haulers, it did not look to have any cost savings to the residents.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Hazard Mitigation Plan: Supervisor Wagner received a call from Cayuga County EMO.

Cayuga County EMO would like all municipalities to join and help establish the plans for each town. The importance of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, if the town had a natural disaster, like our water becoming contaminated we could not apply for FEMA grants if we haven't completed the program & plans.

Supervisor Wagner & Councilmen Cornelius will participate in the plan.

NEW BUSINESS: Tax Collector to accept Credit Card payments for County/Town Tax collection via Munici Pay.

The Tax Collection Software provider has contracted this year with Munici Pay, we will again offer this to our residents, and they are responsible for the fees associated with this form of payment.

The 2021 Budget workshop dates have been confirmed October 21, at 1:00pm & October 26 @ 1:00pm

The Public Hearing for the 2021 Budget has been set for November 4th at 7:00pm

OLD BUSINESS: Joint meeting with the Auburn City Council is scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 5:00 pm, new location is Memorial City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the new Owasco Lake Water Shed Rules & Regulations.

RESOLUTION 20-129 ENDORSING AND TAKING THE LAKE FRIENDLY LIVING PLEDGE BY THE OWASCO LAKE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (OLWMC) FOR ADVANCING POLLUTANT REDUCTION STRATEGIES FOR LAND AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WITHIN THE OWASCO LAKE WATERSHED OCTOBER 8, 2020

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn provides clean, safe drinking water for nearly 45,000 residents located in the City of Auburn and Cayuga County; and

WHEREAS, the source of the Town of Owasco and City of Auburn's drinking water supply is Owasco Lake, a Class AA(T) designated and protected water body; and

WHEREAS, in recent years Owasco Lake has experienced widespread harmful algae blooms due to nutrients that promote and support the growth of algae and Cyanobacteria; and

WHEREAS, harmful algae blooms threaten lake water quality and the health and safety of water consumers; and

WHEREAS, the OLWMC is looking to advance pollutant reduction strategies and land and water conservation within the Owasco Lake Watershed.

WHEREAS, the OLWMC's Lake Friendly Living pledge that aligns with a Finger Lakes Regional pledge effort, is as follows:

I know my choices can affect water quality for Owasco Lake. I pledge to incorporate 'Lake Friendly Living' practices to reduce my impacts on Owasco Lake. I will adopt these practices that help reduce pollutants and minimize runoff into Owasco Lake:

(1) I pledge to refrain from using excessive lawn fertilizers and chemicals to help prevent Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs).

(2) I will only use limited phosphorus-free fertilizers (as governed by NYS law), applied properly.

(3) I will maintain my septic system.

(4) I will reduce hazardous wastes and dispose of them properly.

(5) I will dispose of prescription drugs properly; I will not flush them.

(6) I will maintain my vehicles, water-crafts, and other recreational vehicles to reduce fluid leaks as well as the spread of aquatic invasive species.

(7) I will use water wisely.

(8) I will not dispose of leaf litter or lawn clippings in waterways or ditches.

(9) I will strive to work towards practicing recommended Best Management Practices (BMPs) for land use activities within the Owasco Lake Watershed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Owasco hereby strongly endorses the Lake Friendly Living pledge program led by the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council. Further, the Town of Owasco will take the pledge for those lands within the watershed for which it maintains ownership, and will work towards achieving the actions requested in the pledge within the Town limits, in solidarity with those making such efforts throughout the Owasco Lake Watershed.

Motion by Councilperson Kerstetter; Second Councilperson Cornelius

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

RESOLUTION 20-130 Approval of the 2020 and 2021 Amendments to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement for the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium

WHEREAS, the Town of Owasco is a Participant in the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (the "Consortium"), a municipal cooperative organized under Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law, and

WHEREAS, the municipal participants in the Consortium, including this body, have approved and executed a certain Municipal Cooperation Agreement (the "Agreement"; effective date of October 1, 2010) and the 2020 and 2021 Amendments that provide for the operation and governance of the Consortium, and

WHEREAS, Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law (the "Insurance Law") and the rules and regulations of the New York State Department of Financial Services set forth certain requirements for governance of municipal cooperatives that offer self-insured municipal cooperative health insurance plans, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement sets forth in Section Q2 that continuation of the Consortium under the terms and conditions of the Agreement, or any amendments or restatements thereto, shall be subject to Board review on the fifth (5th) anniversary date and upon acceptance of any new Participant hereafter, and

WHEREAS, by motion nos. 005-2020 and 008 of 2020 the Consortium's Board of Directors recommends approval of the 2020 and 2021 amended agreements based on review of the document by the Governance Structure/MCA Review Committee, the New York State Department of Financial Services, and the Consortium's legal counsel, and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Cooperative Agreement requires that amendments to the agreement be presented to each participant for review and adopted by its municipal board,

WHEREAS, the Town of Owasco is in receipt of the proposed amended Agreement(s) and has determined that it is in the best interest of its constituents who are served by the Consortium to amend the Agreement as set forth in the attached 2020 and 2021 Amended Municipal Cooperative Agreements, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Owasco approves and authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to sign the 2020 and 2021 Amendments to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement of the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium, and

RESOLVED, further, that the Clerk of the Town of Owasco is hereby authorized to execute this Resolution to indicate its approval, transmit a copy thereof to the Board of Directors of the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium, and take any other such actions as may be required by law.

Motion by Councilperson Cornelius; Second Councilperson Gucciardi

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

TABLE

RESOLUTION 20-131 to authorize Supervisor to sign agreement with Suzie Tracy for animal control at a yearly salary of \$3900.00 for term of 1/1/2021-12/31/2021.

MOTION TO DISCUSS: by Councilperson Kerstetter; Second Councilperson Vitale

MOTION TO TABLE: by Councilperson Cornelius; Second Councilperson Vitale

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

RESOLUTION 20-132 Resolution to allow supervisor to transfer \$8,063.92 from the Escrow Account in Sewer District 1 to the Saving Account to pay for part of the principal and interest payment that is due in October.

Whereas - the escrow account was set up when EFC wouldn't allow the Town use the unspent funds from that project on one big principal payment.

Whereas- the Board decided to take the money, set it aside and use portions of it over 10 years to apply toward the serial debt. We are now in year 7 of 10 for that plan. The balance in the escrow account after the transfer will be approximately \$25,024.02.

Motion by; Councilperson Kerstetter. Second Councilperson Gucciardi

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

RESOLUTION 20-133 To credit Linda Coretti sixty (60) hours of sick time in accordance with Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA or Act).

Motion by Councilperson Cornelius; Second Councilperson Kerstetter

Roll call vote:	Councilperson Cornelius	<u>NO</u>	Councilperson Gucciardi	<u>Yes</u>
	Councilperson Kerstetter	<u>NO</u>	Councilperson Vitale	<u>Yes</u>
	Supervisor Wagner	<u>Yes</u>		

RESOLUTION 20-134 To Hire Michael Villano as Laborer II at the current contractual rate with CSEA of \$20.46 per hour upon the recommendation of the Town of Owasco Highway Superintendent.

WHEREAS, a recent retirement of a laborer I position in March 5, 2020 has not been filled at a rate of \$26.03; and

WHEREAS, Michael Villano has been working as a seasonal full-time employee for the Town of Owasco since April 2020 at \$15 per hour.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hires Michael Villano as Laborer II at the current contractual rate with CSEA of \$20.46 per hour upon the recommendation of the Town of Owasco Highway Superintendent.

Motion by Councilperson Cornelius; Second Councilperson Vitale

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

RESOLUTION 20-135 A motion to approval the corrective action plan in response to the NYS Comptrollers Audit of the Town of Owasco's Assessors office. This is in response to the comptrollers findings for the assessor office regarding its documentation of exemptions.

Motion by; Councilperson Kerstetter. Second Councilperson Gucciardi

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

RESOLUTION 20- 136 **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 #09 2020 Vouchers #757-839 in the amount of \$99,121.17

Trust & Agency Voucher # 5072-5078 in the amount of \$21,182.67

for a grand total of \$120,303.84.

Motion by; Councilperson Kerstetter. Second Councilperson Gucciardi

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

ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION 20-137 to adjourn to executive session at 4:51PM to discuss contract & and any other business that may come before the board.

Motion by Councilperson Kerstetter; Second Councilperson Vitale

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

RESOLUTION 20-138 to return from executive session at 5:08 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION 20-139 to adjourn the meeting:

Motion by Councilperson Kerstetter; Second Councilperson Vitale

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:09 PM

**Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Flaherty
Town Clerk**