

A Town Board Meeting of the Town of Owasco was held on September 9, 2021, at 4:00 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**

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Riccardo Galbato, Bob Bruno

**Via ZOOM: Melissa Deyneka, Mickey Belosi,
(Tim Kerstetter via Zoom)**

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 21-125 approval of Town Board Agenda for September 9, 2021

Motion by Councilor Gucciardi; Second Councilor Vitale

**Roll call vote: Councilor Cornelius Yes Councilor Gucciardi Yes
Councilor Kerstetter Yes Councilor Vitale Yes
Supervisor Wagner Yes**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**RESOLUTION 21-126 approval of Town Board Minutes for Town Board Meeting held
July 30, 2021(Special Meeting) & August 12, 2021**

Motion by Councilor Kerstetter; Second Councilor Vitale

**Roll call vote: Councilor Cornelius Yes Councilor Gucciardi Yes
Councilor Kerstetter Yes Councilor Vitale Yes
Supervisor Wagner Yes**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

COMMUNICATIONS

Phone call from John Klink regarding banning music at the town shelter.
If the town bans music from the town shelter than they must also ban it from other music events, such as the Owasco Yacht Club.
Call from Mike Moore regarding the lights on the playground.

The Town Board has visit the area at night and does not feel it is a nuisance to the neighbors. There has been vandalism on the playground so the need for the lights is necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Dates: Between October 18 –October 22, 2021

Dates will be set.

Question of possibly changing the date of the Thursday, November 11, 2021 monthly Town Board Meeting, as this date is Veterans Day and the office is closed.

- Meeting will be changed to Wednesday, November 10, 2021and sent to The Citizen for publication.

OLD BUSINESS:

The final invoices for the Microcystins Permanent Project have been submitted from the General and Electrical Contractors. There was a CO Change from Bongiovanni that reduces their overall contract

Update on status of the loan from Sewer to Water.

The town is borrowing from its sewer district to fund the water main replacment project as they check from the federal Covid Relief money will come in over a two year period. The town must pay the sewer fund interest at a rate of .5%, (half a percent).

RESOLUTION 21-127 to accept and approve the revised Town of Owasco Finacial Mangement Procurment Audit Corrective Action Plan.

WHEREAS; at the August 12, 2021 town board meeting, three of the corrective plans were inadvertantly left out.

RESOLVED; The Supervisor is authorized to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the NYS Comptroller.

Motion by: Councilor Kerstetter. Second Councilor Gucciardi

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

**RESOLUTION 21-128– TO ASK NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO
REVIEW CRITERIA AND DEADLINE CONCERNING THE OWASCO LAKE
COMMUNITY CONSENSUS UPDATED WATERSHED RULES AND REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, Owasco Lake is a critical source of public water supply for the Town of Owasco, and the City of Auburn, and approximately forty-five thousand water users within Cayuga County;

WHEREAS, scientific research has shown that water quality of Owasco Lake is directly impacted by its watershed, which includes the lake, its tributaries, and all watercourses tributary thereto, and comprises approximately 205-square miles over Cayuga, Onondaga and Tompkins counties; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Rules and Regulations were initially adopted in 1984, whereby local and state officials recognized the importance of a bottom-up environmental management approach, with the goal of enhancing the protection and preservation of water quality in Owasco Lake; and

WHEREAS, over the last three years, the Town of Owasco and the City of Auburn facilitated community leadership to embark upon a robust public process led by Cayuga County, in a coordinated effort to create the science-driven revised draft of the Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations, with the ultimate goal of community consensus; and

WHEREAS, full transparency and inclusion were paramount at every step of the community consensus updated Watershed Rules and Regulations, resulting in a cooperative document developed by watershed residents, farmers, businesses, and stakeholders throughout the Owasco Lake Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the greatest current threat to Owasco Lake water quality are the annual occurrences of toxic algae blooms referred to as Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs), the first observed bloom of this year documented on August 5, 2021, the first occurrence of toxins detected in the raw water supply on August 16, 2021, and the highest concentration ever measured in the raw water on August 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, local and regional experts recommend that water managers prioritize the reduction of nutrient transport from watersheds to reduce the occurrence of HABs in lake systems; and

WHEREAS, provisions set forth within the community consensus updated Watershed Rules and Regulations are well-recognized within, and recommended by, the local and broader scientific community to reduce nutrient loading to lake systems that are dominated by non-point source nutrient (watershed) nutrient loading; and

WHEREAS, the community consensus updated Watershed Rules and Regulations are science based, enhancing well-known environmental standards developed by New York State and Federal government; and

WHEREAS, the community consensus updated Watershed Rules and Regulations incorporate many of the short- and long-term priority action items outlined by the New York State Department of Health, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, and NYS Agriculture and Markets within the HABs Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, in a public email delivered by the NYSDOH on August 2, 2021, NYSDOH leadership recognized the importance and precedent set by the Owasco Lake watershed community's undertaking of the Watershed Rules and Regulations update and concurrent Nine Element Watershed and Source Water Protection Planning projects; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Owasco, is committed to completing the Watershed Rules and Regulations update process to protect public health and, thereby, advance source water protection for the benefit of safe public drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Owasco, is concerned with the process and evaluation criteria used by the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Water Supply Protection for the timely adoption of the community consensus Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of Owasco, does hereby require the following actions incumbent upon NYS as part of its review process:

- 1) Transparency: The review process should be an open and transparent process, similar to how the proposed rules and regulations were developed.
- 2) Inclusion: Representation from our municipalities shall be offered during the four-agency state review meetings.
- 3) Timeline: A clear timeline for internal New York State review shall be provided with milestone progress updates with an ultimate deadline by April 1, 2022.

Motion by Councilor Gucciardi; Second Councilor Vitale

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

RESOLUTION 21-129 In the matter of the proposed Extension of Town of Owasco Sewer District No. 3 in the Town of Owasco, County of Cayuga, New York, Pursuant to the Town Law to include 4827 Rockefeller Road, Tax Map No. 145.06-1-42.

WHEREAS, the owners' of the property at 4827 Rockefeller Road, Thomas R. Izzo and Christina A. Izzo, has requested to be included within Owasco Sewer District No. 3;

WHEREAS, the Town (will receive/has received) a Petition from Thomas R. Izzo and Christina A. Izzo, to be included within Owasco Sewer District No. 3;

WHEREAS, this extension would require the Petitioner to obtain permission from the New York State DEC and an Easement to be approved by the Town of Owasco for a lateral through the petitioners' adjacent vacant lot along Denman Cove, Tax Map No. 145.06-1-43 (within Sewer District No. 3) to the Petitioner's property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

The Town Board agrees to schedule a Public Hearing for consideration of the proposed Sewer District No. 3 Extension to include 4827 Rockefeller Road and the Town Board will also begin the process of SEQRA review and all necessary governmental approvals for said Extension.

Motion by Councilor Gucciardi; Second Councilor Vitale

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

RESOLUTION 21-130

Budget Modifications Recommendations
After Closing: August 2021

Notes	Acct #	Account Description	(-)	(+)
			Debit	Credit
	A1220.403	Supervisor - Training	\$ 500.00	
	A1355.430	Assessor - Legal Fees	\$ 800.00	
	A1410.411	Town Clerk - Training	\$ 500.00	
	A1620.400	Buildings - Equip	\$ 1,000.00	
	A1620.411	Buildings - Comp. Maint	\$ 85.00	
	A3010.100	Public Safety - Sidewalk Project Personnel	\$ 1,910.00	
	A5132.200	Garage - Equipment	\$ 455.00	
	A7140.130	Playground Maint	\$ 5,330.00	
	<i>A599</i>	<i>Appropriated Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	
	A1620.415	Website Maint & Hosting		\$ 85.00
	A5010.400	Highway Superintendent - Contractual		\$ 435.00
	A5132.110	Garage - Personnel Mowing		\$ 20.00
	A6772.400	Programs for the Aging - Senior Nutrition		\$ 25.00
	A7140.120	Playgrounds - Summer Labor		\$ 2,045.00
	A7140.430	Playgrounds - Improvements & Maint		\$ 3,285.00
	A8160.400	Refuse & Garbage - Equipment Repairs		\$ 190.00
	A8160.430	Refuse & Garbage - Misc		\$ 170.00
	A8510.400	Community Beautification		\$ 800.00
	A8790.400	Home Community Services		\$ 2,920.00
	A8810.110	Cemeteries - Personnel Services		\$ 605.00
		Totals:	\$ 10,580.00	\$ 10,580.00

	Acct #	Account Description	(-)	(+)
			Debit	Credit
	DA5110.110	General Repairs - Personal Services	\$ 3,580.00	
	DA5112.411	Improvements - Misc	\$ 500.00	
	DA5112.412	Improvements - Hauling	\$ 750.00	
	DA5130.415	Equipment Repairs	\$ 4,000.00	
	DA5130.416	Motor Oil	\$ 750.00	

DA5140.110	Brush Pickup - Personal Services	\$ 1,500.00	
DA5112.413	Improvements - Stone		\$ 1,730.00
DA5112.415	Improvements - Hot Mix		\$ 5,350.00
DA5130.412	Gasoline		\$ 4,000.00
Totals:		\$ 11,080.00	\$ 11,080.00

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Acct #	Account Description	Debit	Credit
SS2-8110.400	Sewer Admin - Contractual	\$ 20.00	
SS2-1930.400	Judgement & Claims		\$ 20.00
Totals:		\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00

		(-)	(+)
Acct #	Account Description	Debit	Credit
SS3-8110.400	Sewer Admin - Contractual	\$ 215.00	
SS3-8110.412	Sewer Admin - Gasoline	\$ 20.00	
SS3-8110.413	Sewer Admin - Diesel	\$ 6.00	
SS3-8120.400	Sewage Collection - Contractual	\$ 155.00	
SS3-9789.600	Term Lease Principal (Odor Control Equipment)	\$ 10,514.00	
SS3-8120.110	Sewage Collection - Personal		\$ 700.00
SS3-8120.410	Sewage Collection - Misc		\$ 300.00
SS3-8120.459	Sewage Collection - Grinder Pump REPAIR		\$ 2,750.00
SS3-8120.461	Sewage Collection - Grinder Pump NEW INSTALL		\$ 4,600.00
SS3-8130.405	Sewage Treat & Disposal - Bioxide		\$ 2,510.00
SS3-9030.800	Social Security		\$ 50.00
Totals:		\$ 10,910.00	\$ 10,910.00

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Acct #	Account Description	Debit	Credit
SW8310.125	Personal Services - Special Projects	\$ 2,000.00	
SW8310.200	Admin - Equipment	\$ 1,419.00	
SW1930.400	Judgement & Claims		\$ 14.00
SW8310.154	Summer Labor - Mowing		\$ 225.00

SW8330.410	Purification - Misc		\$ 3,180.00
Totals:		\$ 3,419.00	\$ 3,419.00

NOTES:

Motion by Councilor Kerstetter; Second Councilor Cornelius

**Roll call vote: Councilor Cornelius Yes Councilor Gucciardi Yes
Councilor Kerstetter Yes Councilor Vitale Yes
Supervisor Wagner Yes**

RESOLUTION 21-131 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 2021 Vouchers # 636-728 in the amount of \$589,286.85
Trust & Agency Voucher #5154-5162 in the amount of \$20,579.62
for a grand total of \$609,866.47**

Motion by: Councilor Gucciardi. Second Councilor Kerstetter

**Roll call vote: Councilor Cornelius Yes Councilor Gucciardi Yes
Councilor Kerstetter Yes Councilor Vitale Yes
Supervisor Wagner Yes**

ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION 21-132 to adjourn the meeting:

Motion by Councilor Gucciardi; Second Councilor Vitale

**Roll call vote: Councilor Cornelius Yes Councilor Gucciardi Yes
Councilor Kerstetter Yes Councilor Vitale Yes
Supervisor Wagner Yes**

Meeting adjourned at 4:44 PM