

Special Town Board Meeting  
August 15, 2018 4pm

In attendance: Wood, Mowers, Holleran, Riddle-Kent, Hurtubise  
Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Wood at 4:10pm

Motion to approve contract to design a new highway garage by Lamont Engineering

Motion made by: Holleran

Seconded by: Mowers

Discussion: The costs of the design seem reasonable after checking with some other firms. The town will encourage the engineers to be creative in their design with keeping expenses down as much as possible.

Vote: all in favor

Motion to approve change order #1 for the Westgate Drainage Project reducing the cost to \$345,000

Motion made by: Riddle-Kent

Seconded by: Holleran

Discussion: Jim Hurtubise reviewed the changes and agreed that the town was able to take some of the additional work. Jodie Serowski also reviewed the design and noted that the changes to the length of the wall and slightly reducing the area of water storage would have little effect on the effectiveness of the design.

Vote: all in favor

Motion to approve a Transportation Alternatives Program grant application shared with the City of Oneonta with the following resolution:

Motion made by: Mowers

Seconded: Holleran

**Whereas**, the Town of Oneonta (“Town”) recognizes the need for sidewalks in the Route 23/28 business corridor for the safety of Town residents and visitors,

**Whereas**, this need is recognized in the Town’s Comprehensive Plan,

**Whereas**, the Town has a Complete Streets Policy, which recognizes that multi-modal transportation enhances the Town residents’ mobility,

**Whereas**, the Town has the only grocery stores available for Oneonta residents, and many of these residents are dependent on walking to these stores which are located within the Route 23/28 business corridor,

**Whereas**, the City of Oneonta is applying for a Transportation Alternatives Program (“TAP”) grant with a commitment from the Town to split the cost of said application,

**Therefore**, be it resolved that the Town does hereby agree to support the City of Oneonta's TAP grant and agrees to accept a proportionate amount of local share of funding for the grant, if received, based on cost allocations for work done in the Town compared to work within the City of Oneonta. The maximum amount will not exceed \$1,446,003.

Discussion: There were several alternatives presented by Delta Engineering. The project costs were much higher than initially anticipated. The board felt that it was important to look at getting the sidewalks all the way from Lowes at the eastern edge of the town to connect with Main St past Home Depot on the western edge of the business district.

Additional discussion occurred concerning how it will be paid for, and who will do the maintenance. It was suggested that the town will do the maintenance and the project be bonded over an appropriate length of time to minimize the impact to the businesses in the area.

It was recognized that the sidewalks are very much needed for pedestrian safety and should be an asset for the businesses.

Vote: Holleran Yes  
Mowers Yes  
Riddle-Kent Yes  
Wood Yes  
Jacob Absent

Motion to adjourn  
Made by: Holleran  
Seconded by: Riddle-Kent

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Wood