

TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
October 9, 2019

A regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on October 9, 2019 with the following members present:

Councilman:	Brett Holleran
Councilwoman:	Patricia Jacob
Councilman:	Randy Mowers
Councilwoman:	Patricia Riddell Kent
Supervisor:	Robert Wood
Town Clerk:	Sara Robinson

Others present: Walter Schmitt Jr, Arley Lau, Katherine O'Donnell, Skylar Thompson, and Tina Winstead

PETITIONERS

Tina Winstead from the Huntington Library gave her annual presentation to support her budget request from the town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway/Water & Sewer –

Supervisor Wood consulted with Danielle Besso at NYS DOT to review the idea of making Plains Drive a one way street converting the abandoned lane to a bicycle and a pedestrian lane, she recommended that the town use adequate signage to mark the new traffic patterns. Highway Superintendent Hurtubise recommends not doing this work until spring.

Motion was made to refer to the county a request to consider reducing the speed limit on East St. from the City line to the northern entrance of Lower Reservoir Road. Motion was made by Riddell-Kent seconded by Jacob.

VOTE- Ayes- 5, Nays 0 Motion carried

The Town received a request from Ryan Brooks, owner of Brooks BBQ asking that the Town consider extending sewer to the restaurant and bottling plant. The business has born the expense of a new septic treatment facility that has been expensive to operate and if he wishes to continue to grow the business at this site an extension of sewer would be needed. Motion made by Riddle-Kent seconded by Mowers to have the supervisor do a mailing to residences and businesses in the Rt 7 East End corridor to determine the level of interest in having municipal sewer extended to them.

VOTE- Ayes- 5, Nays 0 Motion carried

Public Safety-

Update on unsafe properties- Supervisor Wood stated that the deed was issued for 238 West St. The previous owner must be given time removing his property before the new owner can do so. The new owner of 14 Jackson Ave has not received his deed and will start to clean up the property as soon as he does.

Facilities, Technology, Parks – Councilman Holleran discussed improving parking and traffic flow at Fortin Park. Supervisor Wood stated that the 2020 budget has \$10,000 from the Fortin Park Capital Improvement fund earmarked for parking improvements due to the substantial amount of use the park is getting.

Human Resources and Public Benefit – Nothing to report

Legislative – Town Clerk Robinson discussed that the state has created a waiver of the marriage license fee of active service member. The board will consider waiving the local fee as well at the next meeting.

ATTORNEY –

CODE ENFORCEMENT –

MISCELLANEOUS-

The owner of the East End Plaza, Olon Archer, submitted a request for a zone change on his property. He requests that the zoning be changed from a B-1 to a PDD commercial and industrial. He has been in contact with a local business that is interested in moving into the site that would do some light manufacturing. The application will be referred to the town planning board and the county planning department.

The town hall will be closed the afternoon of the 21st. for training session from 1-4pm on sexual harassment, active shooter, and cyber security.

Motion made by Mowers, seconded by Jacob, to approve the court submitting a JCAP grant for the purchase of a shade for the vestibule window, a color printer, a new computer for the justices, a new table for conferencing and more remodeling of the meeting room. These projects are at a price of \$8,272.88. In the event that any part of the JCAP grant is not approved that work will not be done.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Supervisor Wood requested authorization to attend Sothern Tier 8 Regional Planning meeting regarding the study they had done on energy planning. The conference is on October 24th from 1-5PM at Tioga Downs. Motion made by Holleran, seconded by Riddell Kent.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Supervisor Wood made a motion to set the Public Hearing on the 2020 budget for Monday November 4th at 7pm. Motion was seconded by Jacob.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Mowers.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

BILLS

Motion made to approve bills and budget modifications, including the City of Oneonta meter charge of \$25 (received late) by Riddell Kent. Seconded by Mowers.

General	\$44,595.46	702-705,707,708,710,724-733,736,738,740,741,748-755,771,772,775-777,779
Highway	\$65,582.71	705,738,743,754,756-771,781-783
Street Lights	\$3,687.93	775,779
Trust & Agency	\$3,938.57	698-701,711-717,719-723,786
Highway Gar.	\$6,408.00	734
DISTRICTS:		
WESD	\$3,577.12	697,706,709,718,739,742,745,746,774,778,780
WSSD	\$903.64	697,706,718,739,742,745,746,778,780
SSD	\$1,470.09	697,706,718,739,742,745,746,778
WWD	\$6,492.51	697,706,709,718,739,742,744-747,773,774,778,780,784
PWD	\$8,710.18	697,706,718,739,742,746,785
SS Water Dist	\$11,604.40	735,737

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Jacob to adjourn meeting.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Robinson
Town Clerk