

TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
May 9, 2018

A regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on May 9, 2018 with the following members present:

Councilwoman: Patricia Riddell Kent
Councilman: Brett Holleran
Councilwoman: Patricia Jacob
Councilman: Randy Mowers
Supervisor: Robert Wood
Town Clerk: Cheryl L. Shackelton

Others present: Rob Panasci, Town Attorney; Jim Hurtubise, Hwy. Supt.; Steve Kent; Michael Schmitt, Walt Schmitt, Faith Tiemann, Rachel Lutz Jessup, Johna Peachin, and Ronald Peters

PETITIONERS

Destination Oneonta – Faith Tiemann and Rachel Lutz Jessup were present to thank the town for being a participant of Destination Oneonta (DO) and contributing \$10,000. Destination Oneonta is a non-profit organization supported by local business owners who volunteer their time and resources to promote events in downtown Oneonta. They said Destination Oneonta provides services such as: social media marketing; ‘destination dollars’ to shop at local businesses; a ‘welcome center’ that helps to connect college students with businesses; as well as special events every month, parades, fairs and entertainment.

Supervisor Wood said there are more town businesses every year and that he’s glad that DO is including the town more.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway/Water & Sewer - Councilwoman Riddell Kent gave the following report and recommendations:

Highway Agreement - Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Jacob to approve the Highway Agreement for 2018.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Asbestos Testing Proposals – The following bids were received:

Expert Environmental & Construction Group	- \$2,560.00
Energy & Environment	- \$2,411.00
Atlantic Testing Labs	- \$5,827.00
Home Team Inspection Service	- \$5,200.00
GYMO Watertown	- \$1,545.00

Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Jacob to accept the bid submitted by GYMO Watertown to conduct an asbestos survey and sampling of the current highway garage.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

New highway garage update – Supervisor Wood said a decision is needed by June whether or not to proceed with the new highway garage. Councilwoman Riddell Kent stated that she

understands the safety concerns with existing garage and the need for a new highway garage. However, she would like to come together again to see if the board can do better to minimize the cost and impact on taxpayers. Councilman Holleran questioned if a tax increase would derail the project. Attorney Panasci said the board could move ahead forward with the final design package, but put off construction until 2020.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Placement of speed sign – Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Jacob to place the new speed sign on Winney Hill Road first, then followed by Southside Drive and West Street.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Public Safety - Supervisor Wood gave the following report:

Taser Policy – Supervisor Wood drafted a Taser Policy and Attorney Panasci and NYMIR will review it.

133 Southside Drive update – Supervisor Wood reported that Fannie Mae has informed him that the property at 133 Southside Drive was sold at auction 14 days ago. He will contact County Real Property to see if the Transfer Report has been filed. Attorney Panasci said PEMCO has until May 16th to clean up the property. If not done, they will be in ‘contempt of court’ and then the town can proceed.

Facilities, Technology, Parks - Councilman Holleran gave the following update and recommendations:

Pool opening agreement – Motion was made by Holleran, seconded by Mowers to accept Natural Resource Services, Inc.’s proposal to open the town pool at a cost of \$800.00.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Cleaning proposals – Holleran presented an RFP for cleaning of the Town Hall. Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Holleran to advertise the ‘Request for Proposal’ with a return date of July 2nd.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Into the Streets – Holleran said the annual ‘Into the Streets’ was successful with ten SUNY students assisting in the clean up of Fortin Park.

Fortin Park - The Board discussed the softball/baseball field and ways to eliminate the weeds. Councilman Mowers said Ed Bordinger repaired the barbeque grills at Fortin Park at no cost and thanked him for his community service. Mowers also said that parking continues to be an issue and suggested extending the current parking area to the end of the maintenance building; also that wooden posts need replacing. Supervisor Wood suggested a chain-link fence to keep people off the grass. J. Hurtubise said a ‘ribbon rail’ fence would be more reasonable.

ATTORNEY

Nothing to report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Conference approval – Motion was made by Mowers, seconded by Holleran to approve the Code Officer’s request to attend the NYS Fire Marshalls and Inspectors Conference in Cazenovia, NY, Sept. 11-13, at a cost of \$1000.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

MISCELLANEOUS

Recertification of the Record of Activities – Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Mowers to approve Town Justice Sean Farrell’s ‘Recertification of the Record of Activities’ for the New York State and Local Retirement System.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Standard Work Day Resolution for Employees – Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Mowers that the Town of Oneonta hereby establishes the following as standard work days for its employees and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the clerk:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)</u>
Town Clerk	6
Town Supervisor	6
Town Board Member	6
Planning Board Member	6
Zoning Board Member	6
Planning Board Clerk	6
Zoning Board Clerk	6
Town Justice	6
Town Highway Superintendent	6
Assessor	6
Dog Warden	6
Health Officer	6
Recreation Supervisor	6
Park Maintenance Worker	6
Water/Wastewater Technician	6
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	6
Administrative Assistant	7.5
Court Clerk	7.5
Clerk	7.5
Code Enforcement Officer	7.5
Secretary to the Supervisor	7.5
Lifeguard	7.5
MEO	8
Constable	8

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

WOFD siren placement – Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Mowers to approve the request of the West Oneonta Fire Department to place their new Emergency Alert Siren at the back edge of the town’s property behind the salt shed. The new alerting system will allow for

severe weather alerts, all clear alerts, evacuation warning, tornado warning, general emergency conditions, and live public addressing.

Discussion: Attorney Panasci will draw up an agreement.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

CDBG Request – Motion was made by Holleran, seconded by Riddell Kent to approve the pre-submission form for NYS CDBG Economic Development/Small Business funds to assist Custom Electronics.

Discussion: Supervisor Wood stated that this agreement is non-binding.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Riddell Kent to approve the April 11, 2018 minutes.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

BILLS/BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Mowers to approve the following bills and budget modifications:

General	\$46,417.91	272,278,280,281,288-291,293,295,300-302,309-313,315-327,332,336-339,341,345,346
Highway	\$17,583.50	278,291,300,301,303-308,328-331,334,340,346
Street Lights	\$3,791.69	317,318
Highway Gar.	\$849.00	295
Trust & Agency	\$2,537.55	274-277,285-287,335
DISTRICTS:		
WESD	\$3,421.93	273,279,283,284,292,297,314,333,342,344
WSSD	\$873.45	273,279,284,292,314,333,342
SSD	\$37,358.96	273,279,282,284,292,297,314,342,344
WWD	\$3,077.44	273,279,283,284,292,297-299,314,342-344
PWD	\$394.16	273,279,284,292,314
SS Water Dist.	\$16,781.86	294,296

Budget Modifications

General Account	
14404.01.025	-5000
14404.01.027	5000
16202.01	3664
16204.01	-3664
16802.01	1070
19904.01	-1070
VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0	Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Shackelton
Town Clerk