

TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
January 8th, 2020

A regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on January 8th, 2020 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: Dale Webster, Walt Schmitt, Mike Schmitt, Katherine O'Donnell, Andrea Lister

PETITIONERS

Dale Webster asked about putting in pedestrian walkways on County Highway 8. It would be from the West Oneonta Firehouse to NYSEG. Wood stated that while he liked the idea, he wasn't sure the town would be able to do much with the project as it is a county road. It will be referred to the Highway Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway/Water & Sewer –

The Town will advertise for bids for production wells for Southside Water Districts #5 & #6. Bids will be opened on Feb 6th @ 3:00PM

The following resolution was presented:

WHEREAS, Springbrook NY, Inc. owns a parcel of vacant land, which is designated as Tax Map No. 300.00-3-43.00, located off Southside Drive, Town of Oneonta, State of New York 13861; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that a portion of the property is required for Water District No. 5 and Water District No. 6; and

WHEREAS, the parcel is needed for a valid public purpose; and

WHEREAS, Springbrook NY, Inc. and the Town of Oneonta agreed to a purchase and sale contract for the Town to purchase a portion of the parcel; and

WHEREAS, consistent with 6 NYCRR 617.7, the Town Board had issued a negative declaration confirming that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment at a meeting held on July 12, 2011; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the purchase of the property from Springbrook NY, Inc. and that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign any required documents and make all required payments to close on the purchase of the property; and it is

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

TOWN BOARD MEMBER Jacob so moved

TOWN BOARD MEMBER Riddell-Kent Seconded said motion, and the Town Board voted as follows:

Town Board Member Jacob	Aye
Town Board Member Holleran	Aye
Town Board Member Riddell Kent	Aye
Town Board Member Mowers	Aye
Supervisor Wood	Aye

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Supervisor Wood reported that Community Development Block Grant for the Southside Water project was granted another one year extension.

Riddell-Kent reported that the Highway department workers prepared the building pad for the highway garage. Compaction testing on the site is complete with 97+ compaction.

Riddell Kent stated that the committee discussed the Plains proposed one-way traffic pattern and decided to plan to meet one more time with the residents. The Town will send traffic plan to DOT for comment and approval.

Southside sidewalks – The town board had a conference call with NYS DOT during which they indicated that they have a \$3 million project to provide traffic improvements and sidewalks in the Rt 23/28 corridor. They will install approximately 2,100 feet of sidewalk sometime in 2020-2021.

Public Safety – Supervisor Wood reported as follows: There are new laws affecting the issuance of tickets. There is a 2 page checklist for the issuance of 1 ticket.

Clean up of West St. property has begun.

Facilities, Technology, Parks. Fortin Park ice skating rink is up and running.

Human Resources and Public Benefit. There are coming vacancies at the Town Offices, Court Clerk and Bookkeeper. The court clerk position is being advertised. The bookkeeper is leaving effective April 10th. Wood requested approval to appoint Nicole Camarata to the position of bookkeeper at a pro-rated salary of \$50,000 for the remainder of the year. Her expected start date will March 10, 2020 to allow for training. Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Mowers.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Nothing to report.

MISCELLANEOUS

The following resolution was presented:

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received an application from the Michael S. Archer seeking to establish the State Highway 7 Planned Development District on 21.57 acres in the Town of Oneonta; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board conducted an environmental assessment according to SEQRA, NYS 6 NYCRR Part 617; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the comments and other material presented at the public hearing, including a review of the environmental impacts that may arise as a result of the enactment of the State Highway 7 Planned Development District Local Law; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the Work.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS BY THE
TOWN BOARD OF ONEONTA, OTSEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK:

THAT THE Town Board determines that the enactment of the State Highway 7 Planned Development District Local Law will not have a negative impact on the environment; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts the attached State Highway 7 Planned Development District Local Law; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town Board hereby authorizes and requires the Supervisor, the Town Clerk and the Attorney for the Town to take the appropriate steps to effectuate this resolution including any filing and distribution requirements; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Highway 7 Planning Development District is hereby referred to the Town of Oneonta Planning Board for consideration any site plan applications.

TOWN BOARD MEMBER Mowers so moved

TOWN BOARD MEMBER Holleran seconded said motion, and the Town Board voted as follows:

Town Board Member Jacob	Aye
Town Board Member Holleran	Aye
Town Board Member Riddell Kent	Aye
Town Board Member Mowers	Aye
Supervisor Wood	Aye

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Supervisor Wood stated that the town has received Mobile Home Park complete renewal applications from Lantern Hill, Evergreen Terrace, Peaceful Flats, Byams and Oneida Village. Only Melody Village is outstanding. Motion was made by Mowers to approve the renewals. Seconded by Jacob.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

The following resolution was presented by Riddell Kent. Seconded by Jacob:

Municipal Cooperation Resolution

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o (“Section 119-o”) empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, town and villages, and districts] to enter into, amend, cancel and terminate agreements for the performance among

themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers and duties on a cooperative or contract basis;

WHEREAS, the Town of Oneonta wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Town of Oneonta wishes to assure the safety and liquidity of its funds;

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved as follows:

That Robert T. Wood as Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Cooperative Investment Agreement in the name of and on behalf of the Town of Oneonta.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Holleran to approve the annual contract with Destination Oneonta. Seconded by Mowers.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

PETITIONERS- Dale Webster stated that the Hem Street park boat launch steps are in need of repair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion was made by Kent. Seconded by Jacob to approve minutes for December 11.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

BILLS

General	\$27,157.71	944,946,947,967-971,975,977,978,985-993,1003-1005, 1007-1012,1014,1016,1017
Highway	\$16,254.11	944,979-982,994-1000,1005,1007
Street Lights	\$3,987.26	993,1014
Trust & Agency	\$3,605.20	950-966,1002
Highway Gar.	\$103,975.68	943,973
DISTRICTS:		
WESD	\$2,244.50	945,948,949,976,983,984,1001,1006,1013,1015
WSSD	\$499.70	945,948,976,983,1006,1013
SSD	\$1,026.52	945,948,976,983,984,1006,1013,1015
WWD	\$1,075.71	945,948,976,983,1001,1006,1013,1015

PWD	\$278.87	945,948,976,983,1006
SS Water Dist	\$23,529.03	972,974

Motion was made by Jacob. Seconded by Mowers to approve the bills.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Robinson
Town Clerk