

TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
July 8, 2020

A regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on July 8, 2020 via Zoom 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: Rob Panasci; Town Attorney

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway/Water & Sewer – Jacob made a motion to approve purchase of speed signs from Elan City. Seconded by Riddell Kent. Supervisor Wood stated we have a best value policy; Elan City was \$300.00 more than the low bidder. The functionality of the Elan City sign is better than the low bid because it offers more options. By using the same brand we already have, we can use the same software for data collection on all of our signs.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Payment applications for the highway garage and Southside water project are in the monthly bills. Supervisor Wood wanted to indicate that both projects are progressing.

Supervisor Wood stated that he will be getting the bonding bids for the highway garage in the coming month so the financing is in place. We can anticipate a large pay request at the August meeting, as the steel building is scheduled to arrive July 21, 2020.

Brendon Becker, an engineer with Lamont presented a change order for the geo-thermal wells in the new highway garage. Supervisor Wood stated the increase is \$4,725.00. It covers the cost of testing the conductivity of the wells. We will still be paying for the cost of the well to be drilled as covered under the existing bid. Jacob questioned the need for the change order. Supervisor Wood stated that the original change order included the cost of the well and testing of it. We need to have it tested so we could determine what the actual productivity of the well was going to be. Jacob asked why it is so much less than the original proposed change order. Supervisor Wood stated that it is still going to be pretty similar. We will still be paying the cost of the well itself which will be about \$4,600.00.

Motion was made to authorize change order 2.3 test well for the geo thermal system by Riddell Kent. Seconded by Mowers.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Public Safety – Did not meet.

Facilities, Technology, Parks- Did not meet. Holleran stated that he received an email from Riddell Kent earlier asking if there was any progress on the handicap accessible portable toilet for Fortin Park. Wood stated that he was under the impression we were going to switch one of the regular portable toilets for a handicap accessible one. The board agreed to that. Jacob provided the board with CDC guidelines concerning portable toilets.

Human Resources and Public Benefit- Did not meet.

Legislative- Jacob stated that the Code office has been very busy. She doubted that the code officer has the time to look at the battery storage law she is proposing. Attorney Panasci recommended that the board refer the law to the Planning board for review. Supervisor Wood said he would do that.

Attorney- Panasci stated that the closing on the water tank site being purchased from Springbrook should be on Friday this week.

CODE ENFORCEMENT- Motion was made by Mowers to authorize the code office NYSFMA conference and lodging <\$1,000. Seconded by Holleran.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Supervisor Wood stated that he received a written complaint on the house at 5666 St. Hwy 7. That house is a short-term rental. The complaint was about noise, trespassing, and what appeared to be too many people occupying the property. The complaint was that this had happened several times. Wood turned it over to codes as a formal complaint. The issue is that this house should have had its Special Use Permit renewed in May. It was not renewed in May as the town delayed annual inspections due of COVID. This property failed the safety inspection, and was scheduled to be re-inspected this week. Supervisor Wood consulted with the planning board chair as the code requires STR property owners who receive complaints to appear before the planning for review prior to renewal. The board agreed this is a good policy and will address the neighbor's concerns in the future.

MISCELLANEOUS- Supervisor Wood stated that the owner of the house at 12 Blanchard Ave has signed the purchase offer made by the town. The purchase price agreed to is \$117,500. It should be reimbursed completely by FEMA.

Motion was made by Mowers to approve the purchase of Blanchard Ave. Seconded by Holleran.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mowers. Seconded by Jacob to authorize Supervisor Wood to contact the auditors for assistance with review of the clerk's records if the comptroller's office is unable to assist the town.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

PETITIONERS- None.

MINUTES Motion was made by Jacobs. Seconded by Riddell Kent to approve the June 10, 2020 minutes.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

BILLS Motion was made by Jacobs. Seconded by Riddell Kent to approve the following bills.

General	\$36,720.62	432-435, 498-439, 441-445, 448, 459-461, 463, 476, 479-480, 487-488, 492-494, 495, 498, 499, 503, 511, 514, 515
Highway	\$157,704.91	448, 465-467, 471-473, 481-486, 491, 500-502, 504-506, 508-510, 512
Street Lights	\$1,808.93	476
Highway Garage Trust & Agency Fire Protection	\$118,448.14	431, 446, 468-470, 474, 507
DISTRICTS:		
WESD	\$1,624.60	440, 449, 462, 477-478, 489, 496, 497
WSSD	\$473.13	449, 462, 477, 478, 789, 496-497
SSD	\$582.06	449, 462, 489, 496, 497
WWD	\$798.91	440, 449, 462, 489, 496, 497, 501, 513, 478
PWD	\$8,387.13	449, 462, 490, 496, 497
SS Water Trust & Agency	\$264,556.73	444, 447, 457, 458
	\$5,387.35	436, 450-456, 464
	\$596,492.51	

Meeting adjourned at 7:41PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Robinson
Town Clerk