

Town of Oneonta TOWN BOARD Regular Meeting Agenda September 11, 2024 7:05pm

The regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on September 11, 2024, with the following members present:

- Supervisor: Town Board Member: Town Board Member: Town Board Member: Town Board Member: Town Clerk: Town Attorney:
- Randal I. Mowers Skylar J. Thompson Patricia Riddell Kent Brett Holleran Kim Fierke Ryan F. Pereira Robert Panasci

Others present: James A. Hurtubise, Supt. of Highways; Charlotte Ballard; Jason Ballard; Charlotte Santamount; J. Caroline Williams; Rodger Moran; Dale Webster; Rich Harlem; Bob Harder; Karen Smallen; Lisa Waller; Theresa and David Cyzeski; Barbara Brown; Julie Ward; Bob Harlem; Steve Kent.

"Privilege of the floor."

Charlotte Santamount speaking to ask the board to consider reducing the bond repayment for The Wesleyan Church on the Southside of Oneonta regarding the new water infrastructure on the Southside. The board agreed to investigate the legalities of changing the status of the property to allow for potential changes.

Bob Harlem asked if the board was aware of inflationary factors/changes that may come to the funding of the downtown/Southside sidewalk project in regard to the bond and how funds are going to be made available to the town through the grant process. Mr. Harlem warns Board members should look closely at changing labor laws and obligations being mandated from the state as it may impact the financial viability of the project. He states that the NYS DOT may face a budget shortfall, alluding to the NYS DOT's planned sidewalk project on Route 23 Southside, separate from the City/Town planned project, which runs the James F. Lettis corridor. The Board thanked Mr. Harlem, then Member Thompson wished to remind those present that he had voted "no" on the Intermunicipal Agreement with the City for a sidewalk venture citing lack of a pedestrian study or anything that would better inform the board as to the need. Supervisor Mowers and Member Riddell Kent both expressed safety concerns over the increased pedestrian traffic on and towards the Southside of town, however, Supervisor Mowers reminded everyone that he had no intention of putting the town at risk financially for the endeavor.

Julie Ward asked the board for better communication regarding the Woodland Water System, as many of the residents there are still experiencing issues with "muddy" water. James A. Hurtubise, Superintendent of Highways and Water Operator for the Woodland Water District, reassured Mrs. Ward that the town is doing everything possible to remedy the situation to everyone's satisfaction. Mr. Hurtubise explained that the town has been working with NY Rual Water Association, and have been following their suggestions, as well as those of the NYS DOH. Mr. Hurtubise reiterated that the water is safe by all measures, albeit "muddy". Supervisor Mowers stated the town is seeking funding opportunities via grants to replace the aging infrastructure within the Woodland Water District. Jason Ballard, Barton & Loguidice Water Engineer, the flushing process may disrupt aged deposits in the lines and the muddy, cloudy water should clear overtime. Repeating also, that flushing is the prescribed method of clearing out water lines.

Committee reports:

Bridge NY Grant Updates, stated by Mr. Hurtubise; the funding for the culvert projects, both Blanchard Ave. And Winney Hill Road slated for replacement 2025 and 2026, respectively. Supervisor Mowers added that funding for the Richards Ave. culvert is also being sought.

RESOLUTION 2024-0087 (07:57) Motion by PRK, seconded by BH; WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Oneonta votes to approve the letter from the Highway Superintendent;

WHEREAS the property at 164 Morningside Drive, Oneonta NY 13820, identified as Tax Map #301.11-1-37.00 has continued highway access on both the paper road of Woodland Dr. and existing road of Morningside Dr.;

WHEREAS any repairs, improvements and maintenance of this driveway will be the responsibility of the property owner;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, seeing as the property at 164 Morningside Dr. has continued access without interruption on Town of Oneonta property to Morningside Dr. there is no need for additional access easements at this time.

WHEREUPON the Resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

AYE

Supervisor Mowers	X
Board Member Holleran	X
Board Member Riddell Kent	X
Board Member Fierke	X
Board Member Thompson	X

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.				
VOTE	AYES (5)	AIF	MOTION CARRIED	

NAY

RESOLUTION 2024-0088 (08:13) Motion by BH, seconded by SJT; Whereas the Town Board votes to issue RFQ for Engineering Services for East Main Street Water and Sewer Extension Projects;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town Board of Oneonta approves the issuance of a RFQ for publication in the town's approved paper, set to be completed by the November Town Board meeting.

VOTEAYES (4)NAY (1) PRKMOTION CARRIED



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RESOLUTION 2024-0089 (08:33) Motion by RM, seconded by BH; Whereas the Town Board votes to approve a Solar Energy grant application; Now therefore be it resolved that the Town Board of Oneonta shall approve the application advanced by Patricia Jacobs for solar energy panels for the Town Hall, at no cost to the town. VOTE AYES (5) AIF MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0090(08:40)Motion by SJT, seconded by PRK;Whereas the Town Board votes to appoint Terry Harkenreader as Water Operator for the Town of Oneonta;Now therefore be it resolved effective October 1, 2024; Mr. Harkenreader shall replace Mr. Hurtubise as such.VOTEAYES (5)AIF

RESOLUTION 2024-0091 (08:46) Motion by SJT, Seconded by RM; WHEREAS the Cooperstown All-Star Village is proposing the Cooperstown All-Star Village Forcemain Replacement Project (Project), located in the Town of Oneonta, Otsego County, New York; and

WHEREAS the Project has been classified as an "Unlisted Action" as defined by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in 6 NYCRR Part 617.2(al); and

WHEREAS it is the intent of the Town of Oneonta Town Board to assume the role of "Lead Agency" for purposes of conducting a SEQRA assessment of the Project; and

WHEREAS Part I of a Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) has been completed, reviewed by the Town of Oneonta Town Board, and will be circulated to all Involved and Interested Agencies for purposes of establishing the Town of Oneonta Town Board as "Lead Agency" in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town of Oneonta Town Board will send said Part I of the Short Environmental Assessment Form and associated site figure to the attached list of "Interested/Involved Agencies" under cover of a "Notice of Intent to Establish Lead Agency" letter for purposes of establishing Lead Agency status under SEQRA; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Town of Oneonta Town Supervisor, together with the Town of Oneonta Attorney and B&L, are hereby authorized to take all actions, serve all notices, and complete all documents required to give full force and effect to this determination.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE NAY

Randal I. Mowers	Supervisor	<u> </u>			
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	<u> X </u>			
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	<u> X </u>			
Kim Fierke	Board Member	<u> X </u>			
Skylar J. Thompson	Board Member	<u> X </u>			
The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.					
VOTE AYES (5) AIF		MOTION CARRIED		
RESOLUTION 2024-009	92 (08:49)		Motion by SJT, seconded by RM;		
WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Oneonta votes to authorize Randal I. Mowers;					

WHEREAS the Town Supervisor agrees to comply with the terms and conditions as set forth in the System User Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, the Town Supervisor has access to and use of the Internet Government Solutions (IGS) Equitable Business Opportunities (EBO) system.

WHEREUPON the Resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

	AYE NAY
Supervisor Mowers	X
Board Member Holleran	X
Board Member Riddell Kent	X
Board Member Fierke	X
Board Member Thompson	X

The foregoing	resolution was t	hereupon declared duly adopted	l.	
VOTE	AYES (5)	AIF	MOTION CARRIED	
RESOLUTION 2	024-0093	(08:50)		
Whereas the Town Board approves payment of the bills.				
VOTE	AYES (5)	AIF	MOTION CARRIED	
RESOLUTION 2	024-0094	(08:53)	Motion by KF, seconded by SJT;	
Whereas the Town Board votes for adjournment;				
Now therefore be it resolved that the Town Board of Oneonta shall under the authority given;				
and having no further business, shall adjourn the meeting.				
VOTE	AYES (5)	AIF	MOTION CARRIED	



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Respectfully submitted,

Ryan F. Pereira

Town Clerk