



**Town of Oneonta
TOWN BOARD
Town Board Meeting
September 09, 2026
07:00 PM**

Call to Order, Roll Call was taken, a quorum was established, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on September 9th, 2026, with the following members present:

Town Supervisor	William Rivera Jr.	(WRJ)
Deputy Town Supervisor	Patricia Riddell Kent	(PRK)
Town Board Member	Brett D. Holleran	(BDH)
Town Board Member	Joseph M. Camarata	(JMC)
Town Board Member	Teresa DeSantis	(TD)

Others present: Ryan F. Pereira, Town Clerk; Keegan Coughlin, Attorney for the Town; Rich Harlem; Caroline Williams, SUNY Oneonta; Dan Hooper; Marie Pierce; Hunter Grace; Richard Thomas; Karen Smallin; Bob Harlem; Theresa Cyzeski; Melissa Jervis; David Koehn; Trista Luecken; Kerensa Jones; Greg Harlem.

Privilege of the floor

Richard Thomas of Stillwater Road thanked the Highway Department for the paving work done on the road. However, raised concerns regarding a raised asphalt edge at his driveway entrance creating drainage and potential snow removal issues. Highway Superintendent Cody Schmitt advised the matter had been identified and would be corrected.

Paul Layton asked about the encampment near Southside properties, namely at the river dam. Supervisor Rivera reported that deed research determined the property is owned by NYS DOT, and responsibility for enforcement and maintenance rests with the State.

Highway, Water & Sewer Report

PRK thanked Superintendent Cody Schmitt for his team doing the East Street Culvert work as a cost savings to the Town.

Leaf and Brush pickup is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13 then Mondays, November 09 being the end.

Short-Term Rental (STR) Task Force

Finalizing proposed regulations; a formal presentation to the Town Board is scheduled for the October meeting followed by a workshop/public review process.

Otsego County Rep.

Representative Hinchey updated the Board on discussions with the County regarding the 1991 Sales Tax distribution agreement and upcoming regional outdoor recreation planning workshops.

Public Hearing: Cooperstown All Star Village PDD Application (TB000028) (Continued)

Public Comments:

Mary Pierce expressed concerns regarding new fields near Route 23/28 causing extra lighting, noise pollution (amplified music/announcers), driver distraction, and stormwater runoff into nearby creek from added parking spaces. Submitted a formal letter to the Board.

Theresa Cyzeski inquired as to whether plans were being made to develop the properties adjacent, which had been purchased and are currently owned by the organization on Route 8, colloquially known as “Leahy Farm”. Dan Hopper indicated that there currently were no plans

Applicant Response (Dan Hooper, General Manager & Grace Hunter, Director of Facilities; CASV):

Lighting: All new parking lot lighting will be “Dark Sky” compliant. Field lighting utilizes directional, modern LED fixtures to eliminate light bleed. They committed to upgrading existing older floodlights to LED within 3 years.

Stormwater: A full Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) with underground detention systems was submitted to manage runoff. Parking spaces were resized slightly to reduce total new impervious surface area by 19%.

Sound & Traffic: Actively exploring sound mitigation and enforcing park rules against guest noisemakers/amplifiers. Hiring local law enforcement at their expense for traffic control on busy days.

Community Connectivity: Expressed strong support for sidewalk/pedestrian connectivity to West End businesses and mentioned ongoing partnerships (e.g., funding OPT shuttle buses to downtown Oneonta, hosting local food trucks, purchasing local beer).

Board Discussion:

Keegan Coughlin, Attorney to the Town clarified that consolidating the site plan, special permit, map amendment, and lot-line adjustments into a single Planned Development District (PDD) application prevents illegal "segmentation" under SEQR.

Discussion of the proposed pedestrian overpass (engineered plans submitted to DOT) was well received by those present.

Ms. DeSantis voted ‘NO’ stating she would have liked to see the period for public review and input extended for such a massive undertaking.

A majority of members felt that closing the public hearing would allow the Planning Board (Lead Agency) to proceed with completing the environmental review under SEQR.

Ms. Riddell-Kent: “I voted no on the zone change request last year because I didn't want more parking on the opposite side of the state highway without a pedestrian overpass or underpass. Thank you to Supervisor Rivera for your efforts to finally bring this forth.

Have "Porous Pavement" options been explored as a more environmentally friendly option to address impervious surfaces in the planned new parking lot since the porous material helps capture overflow? Also, I would like to see sidewalk/pedestrian area considered within the parking lot area to safely connect patrons

over to the West End of Oneonta. Sidewalks to protect patrons within the parking lot from cars coming and going. "

RESOLUTION 2026-0136 (07:58)

Motion by JMC, seconded by BH;

Whereas the Town Board votes to close the public hearing; and
Whereas the public hearing for the Cooperstown All Star Village PDD application;
Whereupon the resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

		AYE	NAY
William Rivera Jr.	Supervisor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Teresa DeSantis	Board Member	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
VOTE	AYES (4) NAY (1) TD		

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2026-0137 (08:00)

Motion by PRK, seconded by BDH;

Whereas the Town Board votes to open public hearing; and
Whereas a public hearing was called for the purpose of amending section 65-1 of the town code regarding professional fees;
Whereupon the resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

		AYE	NAY
William Rivera Jr.	Supervisor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Teresa DeSantis	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
VOTE	AYES (5)		

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2026-0138 (08:01)

Motion by JMC, seconded by BDH;

Whereas the Town Board votes to close public hearing; and
Whereas a public hearing was called for the purpose of amending section 65-1 of the town code regarding professional fees;
Whereupon the resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

		AYE	NAY
William Rivera Jr.	Supervisor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Teresa DeSantis	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
VOTE	AYES (5)		

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2026-0139 (08:03)

Motion by JMC, seconded by BDH;

Whereas the Town Board votes to approve local law amending Section 65-1 of the Town Code regarding Professional Fees;
Whereupon the resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

		AYE	NAY
William Rivera Jr.	Supervisor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Teresa DeSantis	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

Joseph M. Camarata Board Member X _____
VOTE AYES (5) MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2026-0141 (08:14) Motion by BDH, seconded by JMC;

Whereas the former Woodland Water District Pump House is no longer in service and has been replaced by new facilities; and

Whereas the structure has deteriorated and presents a potential safety concern; and

Whereas removal of the structure is in the best interests of the residents of the Woodland Water District;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Town Board authorizes demolition of the former Woodland Water District Pump House.

Whereupon the resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

		AYE	NAY
William Rivera Jr.	Supervisor	<u> X </u>	_____
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	<u> X </u>	_____
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	<u> X </u>	_____
Teresa DeSantis	Board Member	<u> X </u>	_____
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	<u> X </u>	_____
VOTE	AYES (5)		

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2026-0142 (08:15) Motion by PRK, seconded by JMC;

Whereas a vacancy exists within the Highway Department; and

Whereas the Highway Superintendent has recommended the appointment of Troy Hurlburt as Motor Equipment Operator;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Town Board approves the hiring of Troy Hurlburt as Motor Equipment Operator under the terms established by the Highway Department and Town policies.

Whereupon the resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

		AYE	NAY
William Rivera Jr.	Supervisor	<u> X </u>	_____
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	<u> X </u>	_____
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	<u> X </u>	_____
Teresa DeSantis	Board Member	<u> X </u>	_____
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	<u> X </u>	_____
VOTE	AYES (5)		

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2026-0143 (08:16) Motion by WRJ, seconded by PRK;

Whereas the Water and Wastewater Department requires additional temporary staffing assistance; and

Whereas the department has recommended the appointment of Eric Phillips as a Temporary Part-Time Water and Wastewater Technician;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Town Board approves the hiring of Eric Phillips as a Temporary Part-Time Water and Wastewater Technician pursuant to the terms established by the department.

Whereupon the resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

		AYE	NAY
William Rivera Jr.	Supervisor	<u> X </u>	_____
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	<u> X </u>	_____
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	<u> X </u>	_____
Teresa DeSantis	Board Member	<u> X </u>	_____
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	<u> X </u>	_____
VOTE	AYES (5)		

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2026-0144 (08:18) Motion by PRK, seconded by JMC;

Whereas the Woodland Water District continues to experience water system concerns requiring professional evaluation; and

Whereas the Woodland Water Task Force has solicited proposals for completion of a District Needs Analysis; and

Whereas the Woodland Water District Reserve Fund contains funds designated for system improvements and planning;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Town Board authorizes expenditure from the Woodland Water District Reserve Fund in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for completion of the Woodland Water District Needs Analysis, subject to permissive referendum.

Whereupon the resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

		AYE	NAY	
William Rivera Jr.	Supervisor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Teresa DeSantis	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
VOTE	AYES (5)			MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2026-0145 (08:21) Motion by PRK, seconded by TD;

Whereas the Highway Department has identified the need for replacement of aging heavy equipment; and
Whereas the Highway Superintendent has recommended purchase of a 2027 Western Star truck; and
Whereas funding is available through the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and Highway Fund Balance;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Town Board approves purchase of a 2027 Western Star truck and further authorizes appropriation of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and One Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars (\$164,374) from available Highway Fund Balance, subject to permissive referendum and compliance with all applicable procurement requirements.

Whereupon the resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

		AYE	NAY	
William Rivera Jr.	Supervisor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Teresa DeSantis	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
VOTE	AYES (5)			MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2026-0146 (08:31) Motion by PRK; seconded by TD;

Whereas Otsego County has completed preparation of the 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan; and
Whereas adoption of said plan is necessary to maintain eligibility for certain state and federal hazard mitigation and emergency management funding opportunities; and
Whereas the Town participated in the planning process and reviewed the completed document;
Now, therefore be it resolved that the Town Board hereby adopts the Otsego County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Whereupon the resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

		AYE	NAY	
William Rivera Jr.	Supervisor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Teresa DeSantis	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
VOTE	AYES (5)			MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2026-0147 (08:33)

Motion by JMC; seconded by BDH;

Whereas the Town is proceeding with the East Street Bridge/Culvert Project; and

Whereas acquisition of certain property rights and easements are necessary to complete the project; and

Whereas required appraisals and negotiations have been completed in conjunction with the project;
Now, therefore be it resolved that the Town Board authorizes acquisition of certain property rights-of-way and easements necessary for completion of the East Street Bridge/Culvert Project, subject to permissive referendum.

Whereupon the resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

		AYE	NAY
William Rivera Jr.	Supervisor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Teresa DeSantis	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
VOTE	AYES (5)		

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2026-0148 (08:51)

Motion by BDH; seconded by TD;

Whereas Claims and Vouchers numbered 2026-486 through 2026-546 have been audited and approved for payment; and

Whereas the total amount of claims approved for payment equals approximately \$234,549.39;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Town Board approves payment of the bills and transfers as presented.

Whereupon the resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

		AYE	NAY
William Rivera Jr.	Supervisor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Teresa DeSantis	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
VOTE	AYES (5)		

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2026-0149 (09:06)

Motion by PRK; seconded by BDH;

Whereas all business properly brought before the Town Board has been completed;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the September 9th , 2026, meeting of the Town Board be adjourned.

Whereupon the resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

		AYE	NAY
William Rivera Jr.	Supervisor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Teresa DeSantis	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
VOTE	AYES (5)		

MOTION CARRIED

Final Privilege of the Floor

Logan Mack (JHA Companies): Inquired about the Woodland Water RFP process and submission timelines.

Caroline (Resident): Asked about local school tax assessment adjustments and status updates on ongoing solar/utility projects.

Flock / Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR): Board members discussed proposed local legislation ("STALK Act") addressing privacy concerns related to aggregated algorithmic location tracking technology.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan F. Pereira

Town Clerk

Abstract #	9	8/14/26-9/9/26			
		Friday - Wednesday			
General Checking					
Fund		PrePaid	To Be Paid	Total PrePaid/To Be Paid	
General	1	\$ 500.00	\$ 45,676.54	\$ 46,176.54	
Highway	3	\$ -	\$ 42,200.60	\$ 42,200.60	
St Lights #1	7	\$ -	\$ 2,590.89	\$ 2,590.89	
St Lights #2	14	\$ -	\$ 272.62	\$ 272.62	
St Lights #3	15	\$ -	\$ 915.55	\$ 915.55	
St Lights #4	16	\$ -	\$ 54.69	\$ 54.69	
St Lights #5	17	\$ -	\$ 258.44	\$ 258.44	
Butler Creek-Blanchard Capital	28	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Butler Creek-Winney Hill Capital	29	\$ -	\$ 30,751.75	\$ 30,751.75	
Fire Protection	25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Subtotal		\$ 500.00	\$ 122,721.08	\$ 123,221.08	
District Checking					
WESD	8	\$ -	\$ 14,888.34	\$ 14,888.34	
WSSD	9	\$ -	\$ 34,390.61	\$ 34,390.61	
SSD	10	\$ -	\$ 47,569.04	\$ 47,569.04	
WWD	11	\$ -	\$ 6,067.03	\$ 6,067.03	
PWD	12	\$ -	\$ 2,004.59	\$ 2,004.59	
SSWD	21	\$ -	\$ 6,175.19	\$ 6,175.19	
District Subtotal		\$ -	\$ 111,094.80	\$ 111,094.80	
Trust and Agency Checking					
T & A	99	\$ 67.24	\$ 166.27	\$ 233.51	
		\$ 67.24	\$ 166.27	\$ 233.51	
CDBG					
CDBG Grants	26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Totals		\$ 567.24	\$ 233,982.15	\$ 234,549.39	
Clerk: Approved Expenses / Voucher # 2026-486 to 2026-546					
		General	\$ 46,176.54		
		Highway	\$ 42,200.60		
		St Lighting	\$ 4,092.19		
		Blanchard Ave-Butler Crk	\$ -		
		Butler Creek-Winney Hill Capital	\$ 30,751.75		
		Fire Protection	\$ -		
		WESD	\$ 14,888.34		
		WSSD	\$ 34,390.61		
		SSD	\$ 47,569.04		
		WWD	\$ 6,067.03		
		PWD	\$ 2,004.59		
		SSWD	\$ 6,175.19		
		T&A	\$ 233.51		
		CDBG	\$ -		
			\$ 234,549.39		
			\$ 234,549.39		
			\$ -		
		I have reviewed/audited the PrePaid Invoices.			
		I have reviewed/audited and approve for payment the invoices to be paid			
		Town Supervisor			Date
		Town Board Member			Date
		Town Board Member			Date