



Town of Oneonta
TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2022
07:00pm

The regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on April 13, 2022, @07:00pm, with the following members present:

Town Board Member: Skylar J. Thompson (ST)
Town Board Member: Patricia Riddell Kent (PRK)
Town Board Member: Brett Holleran (BH) [ABSENT]
Town Board Member: Kim Fierke (KF)
Supervisor: Randal I. Mowers (RM)
Town Clerk: Ryan F. Pereira

Others present: Robert Panasci, Town Attorney; James A. Hurtubise II, Superintendent of Highways; Michelle Catan, County Representative; Teresa DeSantis; Gary Maffei; Charlie Maffei; Jordan Shepardson; Bridgette Shepardson; David Cyzeski; Theresa Cyzeski; Dale Webster; Dave Webster; Greta Taylor; Maryann Hurtubise; Jackie Hitt; Katrina Van Zandt, Destination Oneonta; Steve Kent, "Play ball!"

Petitioners: Theresa DeSantis; Michelle Catan; Katrina Van Zandt, "Destination Oneonta"; Gary Maffei.

Committee Discussion:

Councilwoman Riddell Kent's statements:

Councilwoman Riddell Kent repeated the 2013 statistics she gave at the last board meeting, from before she became a board member. At that time, 185 letters were mailed to West Oneonta residents and businesses. There were 65 responses with 34 No's to both. The board at that time concluded there's insufficient interest and dropped the discussion.

PRK stated Supervisor Mowers asked the Highway, Water and Sewer Committee to revisit the discussion and plan a door to door poll. Riddell Kent reiterated it would be her preference to provide accurate cost numbers of a 30 year bond repayment for both water and sewer districts, usage and connection costs in the discussion so the residents would know what the actual costs would entail. She said using Southside Water District costs would not be relevant to West Oneonta. In absence of relevant numbers, she emphasized the importance of letting the residents and businesses know there would be undetermined costs involved, as well as the possibility of a mandatory connection in the outreach letter. We need to be transparent. She emphasized, if there is no clear need for municipal water and sewer, she will definitely not get behind the project.

During the discussion of the Town website postings, Riddell Kent thanked the Town Clerk, Ryan Pereira for keeping the Town website up to date with minutes he receives from Planning Board Clerk, Wendy Cleaveland and his attention to detail in his work.

Highway Supervisor Hurtubise reported on Blanchard Culvert. The road is closed for now and he is looking at different options for repair or replacement. PRK added she and Jim Hurtubise had worked on a Bridge NY grant for 4 new culverts in the West End last fall but we were not awarded funding.

West Oneonta water and sewer outreach. Riddell Kent said she pretty much covered this topic during petitioner's portion of tonight's meeting. Her requirement for transparency would be including these elements in the survey letter: There will be a cost, not yet determined, and possibility of mandatory connection. This would not be a free service.

Attorney Panasci explained mandatory connection may possibly be a requirement to help cover Operation and Maintenance costs.

Pump House Design (Southside Water District) Update-Riddell Kent emailed Jodie at Lamont Engineers to obtain an update for the board. Jodie is currently working on final design and specifications from the Well Control Building. They are working on responses to requests for more information from Susquehanna River Basin Commission. The next step will be sending the design for review by DOH and EFC before it can be put out to bid. Riddell Kent said the board had hoped it would be ready to be put out to bid by the beginning of April when bidding is usually more competitive.

RESOLUTION 2022-29 Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Thompson to set the Plains of Parish Water District rates; the vote to set rates, Residential \$12.70/1000 gallons and Commercial \$18.50/1000 gallons.

VOTE - Ayes 5, Nays 0 RK ST Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2022-30 Motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Fierke to approve payment of the bills.

VOTE - Ayes 5, Nays 0 ST KF Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2022-31 Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Thompson to accept the March 09th, 2022 minutes.

VOTE - Ayes 5, Nays 0 RK ST Motion Carried

Petitioners:

"From: Teresa DeSantis, PO Box 113, 5 Center Street, West Oneonta, NY 13861
teresadesantis@hotmail.com

To: Town Board, Town Supervisor, and Town Clerk

Re: Proposed West Oneonta and East End Water and Sewer Districts

April13, 2022

Dear Town of Oneonta:

The Proposed West Oneonta and East End Water and Sewer Districts would be a huge megaproject for our Town. Would the Town Board please consider as a first step holding a public workshop/scoping meeting to gauge community interest? This would establish if there is enough momentum to move forward.

Thank you for your service to the Town.

Best regards,

Teresa DeSantis
West Oneonta, NY”

County Representative Michelle Catan spoke on behalf of a vote that took place at the County Board; in which the Board approved a one-time bonus payment of 1.4 million dollars of ARPA relief funding to be used for bonuses to county employees that remained at post, and did not do or were unable to do remote ‘telework’; Representative Catan informed the Board, and those present, she voted ‘NO’ on the measure.

Katrina Van Zandt spoke on behalf of “Destination Oneonta”, and agreed to submit an RFP in order to receive funding through the Board.

Gary Maffei, issued this statement introducing a group of concerned residents:
“Oneonta Neighbors aims to promote a peaceful, friendly neighborhood through group action so that the quality of life in the area shall be in keeping with the social, environmental and cultural interests of the residents.

Oneonta Neighbors is organized specifically for the purpose of making our neighborhood a safer and more stable area. We agree with the Town that the residents are entitled to a peaceful, calm, quiet and comfortable atmosphere undisturbed by annoying or obnoxious noise.”

RESOLUTION 2022-32 Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Thompson to adjourn.

❖ Meeting adjourned 09:15pm.

PRK SJT Motion Carried

Abstract #	4	Dates 3/11/22-4/13/22			
		Friday - Wednesday			
General Checking					
Fund		PrePaid	To Be Paid	Total PrePaid/To Be Paid	
General	1	\$ 4,766.27	\$ 30,311.89	\$ 35,078.16	
Highway	3	\$ -	\$ 33,884.61	\$ 33,884.61	
St Lights #1	7	\$ -	\$ 1,678.87	\$ 1,678.87	
St Lights #2	14	\$ -	\$ 173.82	\$ 173.82	
St Lights #3	15	\$ -	\$ 608.55	\$ 608.55	
St Lights #4	16	\$ -	\$ 35.15	\$ 35.15	
St Lights #5	17	\$ -	\$ 166.75	\$ 166.75	
Highway Garage	20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Fire Protection	25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Subtotal		\$	\$	\$	

		4,766.27	66,859.64	71,625.91	
District Checking					
WESD	8	\$ 124.08	\$ 1,552.31	\$ 1,676.39	
WSSD	9	\$ 186.71	\$ 409.38	\$ 596.09	
SSD	10	\$ 38.59	\$ 864.67	\$ 903.26	
WWD	11	\$ 591.55	\$ 4,323.64	\$ 4,915.19	
PWD	12	\$ 2.81	\$ 7,373.71	\$ 7,376.52	
SSWD	23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
District Subtotal		\$ 943.74	\$ 14,523.71	\$ 15,467.45	
Trust and Agency Checking					
T & A	99	\$ 1,136.16	\$ 150.87	\$ 1,287.03	
		\$ 1,136.16	\$ 150.87	\$ 1,287.03	
CDBG					
CDBG Grants	26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Totals		\$ 6,846.17	\$ 81,534.22	\$ 88,380.39	
Clerk:		Approved Expenses / Voucher #		179-271	
		General	\$ 35,078.16		
		Highway	\$ 33,884.61		
		St Lighting	\$ 2,663.14		
		Highway Garage	\$ -		
		Fire Protection	\$ -		
		WESD	\$ 1,676.39		
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Respectfully submitted,

Ryan F. Pereira
Town Clerk