

TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
March 14, 2018

A regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on March 14, 2018 with the following members present:

Councilwoman: Patricia Jacob
Councilwoman: Patricia Riddell Kent
Councilman: Randy Mowers
Councilman: Brett Holleran
Supervisor: Robert Wood
Town Clerk: Absent

Others present: Rob Panasci, Town Attorney; Jim Hurtubise, Hwy. Supt.; Steve Kent; Michael Ranieri.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway/Water & Sewer - Councilwoman Riddell Kent gave the following report and recommendations:

- Plains at Parish Water Rates (\$16/1000 gallons for big building and \$10.00/1000gallons for houses.

Motion was made by Mowers, seconded by Wood to accept water rates.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

- Advertise for new Motor Equipment Operator in anticipation of the retirement of Ralph Hedman. Riddell Kent said she will be losing another experienced & valued employee.

Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Riddell Kent to publish notice for the MEO.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

- Purchase of solar speed sign from Evolis at price of \$2925.

Riddell Kent stated this will help address speed concerns we've been hearing about from our residents on Southside Dr and West St.

Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Jacob to purchase solar sign.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Public Safety - Supervisor Wood gave the following report:

Taser has been ordered and confirmed

New metal detector and video cameras have been installed.

Consideration for looking into new vehicle for constable. Have time to consider.

Facilities, Technology, Parks - Councilman Holleran gave the following update and recommendations:

- Roof bid. The only bid received was from Unique Builders and Remodeling, LLC for \$70,279.11 for asphalt shingles and \$117,327.33 for metal roofing. Tabled until the Town Board gets a per sheet value of sheathing.
- Pedestrian bridge between Schoolhouse Lane and Greater Plains School. \$4,000 grant from Complete Streets. Had to be used for street safety. Idea was pedestrian bridge to cross stream. School is interested in talking about it but will be difficult to complete for \$4,000. Councilwoman Jacob will explore an alternate project to get a grant for bike racks at the Lawn Park Pool.
- Cleaning proposals. Submit an RFP with the cleaning requirements the Town needs.

Human Resources and Public Benefit

Amendments to Employee Handbook discussed. The issue is whether the changes should apply retroactively. Board decided that changes will take effect when the handbook modifications are finalized.

Legislative

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Real Property Exemption for Aged Persons Local Law

Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Holleran to open the public hearing at 7:03.
VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Supervisor Wood explained the reason for the local law. The law allows for a sliding scale for the exemption. The sliding scale is based upon the scale adopted by the County.

No public comment.

Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Riddell Kent to close the public hearing.
VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Riddell Kent thanked the board for their consideration in this which will protect elderly low income homeowners from increased cost of living.

Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Jacob to adopt a local law that would amend the exemption for aged persons within the Town per the attached.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

PETITIONERS

Michael Ranieri discussed a zone change from an RD-40 to a PDD on property located on East Street the former Oneonta Tractor property.

When the property was purchased, it was a commercial property. Removed the buildings after purchased.

Entrance from Town parcel on East Street was removed per the request of the Town

The project is intended to be market rate apartments, 12 to 18 apartments per building, two buildings in the Town and one in the city. If the developer was to receive grants for low income housing, some of the units would be let at lower rates.

Parcel is only 2.52, can add additional lots to get 4.00 acres but the other lots can only be used for single family or duplex homes. It can be part of the PDD.

Property has sewer and water available.

Mr. Ranieri was told he would be responsible for initiating an application for a zone change which would require a long form EAF.

ATTORNEY

Nothing to report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Nothing to report.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Fire District Report. Alan Ruben had an email dialogue with Mayor to discuss negotiations with City staff. Alan wants engagement from Town Board members to discuss a methodology. Meet at public safety to discuss ambulance.
- Supervisor has signed the CDBG preliminary application for the Tent RR Administrator for the \$215,000 grant.
- Designate Supervisor as Certifying Officer and Environmental Responsibility Cert. Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Jacob to designate the Supervisor as the Certifying Officer.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Informational:

- Received a thank you letter from Susquehanna Animal Shelter for the Town's letter of support for the \$500,000 Grant

Supervisor Wood gave a summary of the classes he took in NYC at the Association of Towns meeting. He wanted the board members to know that the conference

offered many excellent opportunities to learn about many of the issues we discuss monthly. He also advised the board of the legislative agenda the association was lobbying for in Albany.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Holleran, seconded by Mowers to approve the February 14, 2018 minutes.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

BILLS

Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Holleran to approve the following bills:

General	\$46,324.46	109,110,113-116,118-121,130-145,159,161,163,168,176,178-180
Highway	\$29,611.42	110,133,141,146-158,166,168,170-174
Street Lights	\$3,985.32	134,163
Trust & Agency	\$2,536.55	105-108,123-125,169
Highway Gar.	\$1,421.38	178
SS Water Dist.	\$71,104.30	117,118,131,178
DISTRICTS:		
WESD	\$4,977.10	104,111,112,122,126,129,160,162,164,165,167,175,177
WSSD	\$1,467.09	104,111,122,126,129,160,162,165,167,175,177
SSD	\$1,630.00	104,111,122,129,160,162,164,165,167,177
WWD	\$2,080.97	104,111,112,122,127-129,162,164,165,177
PWD	\$456.42	104,111,122,129,162,165

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Panasci
Town Attorney