

TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
April 11, 2018

A regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on April 11, 2018 with the following members present:

Councilman: Randy Mowers
Councilwoman: Patricia Riddell Kent
Councilman: Brett Holleran
Councilwoman: Patricia Jacob
Supervisor: Robert Wood
Town Clerk: Cheryl L. Shackelton

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

The annual town roads tour will be May 1st at 1:30pm.

New highway garage – SEQR Resolution

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Oneonta is undertaking the New Highway Garage (hereinafter called “the Project”) to provide a new highway maintenance facility for the Town Department of Highway, Water and Sewer.

WHEREAS, the Town The Town Board hereby determines that the Project is an Unlisted Action and an uncoordinated review will be conducted pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation law and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Oneonta adopts the findings and conclusions relating to the probable environmental impacts contained in the attached Short Environmental Assessment Form and file the Negative Declaration in accordance with the applicable provisions of the law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign all environmental review and funding documents for the Project on their behalf.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Asbestos assessment for demolition of Highway Garage – Supervisor Wood received a quote of \$5,200.00 from The Home Team Inspection Service to conduct an asbestos survey and sampling of the current highway garage. Since the amount exceeds the town’s Purchasing Policy amount it will have to be advertised.

Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Mowers authorizing Supervisor Wood to write a ‘Request for Proposal’ and advertise it.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Speed Sign – During the annual town roads tour, the Board will assess where to place the speed sign. Holleran suggested sleeving the speed sign pole for ease of moving it. Mowers said the sign should be added to the town’s insurance, since it could be a target.

Public Safety - Supervisor Wood gave the following report:

Vehicle purchase for Constable – He compared both vehicle packages (Tahoe SSV and PPV) and found the only difference being top speed.

Motion was made by Mowers, seconded by Holleran to purchase on State Contract from VanBortel Chevrolet a 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe SSV 4WD at a cost of \$40,974.44.

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 1 (Riddell Kent voted no because she wants to get the new Highway Garage built and the vehicle purchase can wait) Motion Carried

133 Southside Drive – The Fannie Mae company was given a deadline of April 13th to have 133 Southside Drive cleaned up. The Code Officer will inspect on April 13th. The Fannie Mae representative must appear in court on May 1st. Wood will request that they be fined if the work is not completed.

Taser Policy – Supervisor Wood will check with NYMIR to see if they have model taser policies.

Councilman Holleran stated that the burned out mobile home at Lantern Hill should be removed for safety reasons. Wood will speak with the Code Officer about this.

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

Roof bid – Motion was made by Holleran, seconded by Mowers to accept Joseph Camarata’s bid to replace the roof on Town Hall, including a modification that there will be an extra charge of \$120/sheet for additional sheathing above the quoted 25 sheets.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Cleaning proposals – Holleran will work up an RFP with the cleaning requirements the Town needs.

Holleran brought up the seemingly excessive amount of litter along the roadways this spring. The board recognized that litter is a severe problem at this time of year and that all property owners need to be responsible to clean up their own properties.

Into the Streets – Holleran said the annual ‘Into the Streets’ will be held April 28th with a group of SUNY students assisting in the clean up of Fortin Park.

Human Resources and Public Benefit

Handbook modifications – Motion was made by Mowers, seconded by Jacob to approve ‘Employee Handbook’ changes, effective April 11, 2018. These changes were the result of concerns raised by the highway department which include: minimum time for call backs; double time pay on holidays; granting of 5 weeks vacation after 25 years of service; rolling over of some vacation time; and paying for approved training.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

ATTORNEY

Nothing to report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Nothing to report.

MISCELLANEOUS

Fire District Report – Councilwoman Riddell Kent reported:

- Johna Peachin maintains that the fire and ambulance should be 2 separate contracts;
- Peachin stated that the Town Board should not allow West Oneonta Fire District to get a ‘free ride’ for ambulance.

Riddell Kent invited the Commissioners to the May 7th Public Safety Committee meeting to discuss this issue with the Town Board. Attorney Panasci said an opinion as to whether or not ambulance service should be a town wide function should be requested from the State Comptroller. West Oneonta Fire Chief Walt Schmitt said West Oneonta would be willing to give the Town 20% of the current ambulance contract. Councilman Holleran said we should insist they negotiate the formula that was previously used. The full board expressed concern that we are nearing the end of the contract and little progress has been made to resolve the issue. It is town residents who will suffer the consequences of no contract in place.

Finance School – Motion was made by Mowers, seconded by Holleran to authorize the Supervisor to attend Finance School, May 3rd and 4th in Saratoga Springs.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Standard Work Day & Reporting Resolution – Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Jacob that the Town of Oneonta establishes standard work days for the following titles and will

report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on their record of activities:

Town Clerk - Cheryl Shackelton
Town Supervisor - Robert Wood
Highway Supt. - James Hurtubise
VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Old Metal Detector – Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Jacob to declare the old metal detector as surplus and up for donation, since it was donated to the town.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Informational:

- SADD Run/Walk - The 20th Annual SADD Run/Walk is scheduled for April 15th at Oneonta High School

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Holleran to approve the March 14, 2018 minutes.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

BILLS

Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Holleran to approve the following bills with the addition of payment of the Southside Sewer Bond P&I in the amount of \$35,891.00:

General	\$86,715.48	184,198-200,203,204,209-215,217,223-227,229-236,238,239, 266-269
Highway	\$18,667.00	200,218-220,222,224,240-254
Street Lights	\$3,962.13	227,231
Trust & Agency	\$5,142.15	187-197,206-208,221
DISTRICTS:		
WESD	\$9,424.09	186,201,205,228,237,255,256,261,262,264,265,270,271
WSSD	\$2,371.35	186,201,205,228,237,255,256,265,270,271
SSD	\$3,946.23	186,201,205,237,255-257,261,262,265,270,271
WWD	\$4,682.47	186,201,202,205,228,237,255,256,259,260,263,265,270,271
PWD	\$6,843.98	186,201,205,237,255,255-258,270
SS Water Dist.	\$636.72	185,216

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Jacob to enter into Executive Session to discuss a real estate agreement.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Riddell Kent to close the Executive Session.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Springbrook property – Motion was made Riddell Kent, seconded by Jacob to accept the purchase contract of \$27,000 from Springbrook for land located on Southside Drive, Tax Map #300.00-3-42.00 (which will be subdivided) for placement of a water tank for the Southside Water District.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Shackelton
Town Clerk