

TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
December 9, 2020

A regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on December 9, 2020 via Zoom with the following members present:

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

Others present: Rob Panasci; Town Attorney, Arthur Rigas

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PETITIONERS- Art Rigas with the Oneonta Baseball Club shared improvements that they would like to make to the Grove Field to make it playable. Art stated that they would like to make the following improvements;

Backstop- \$7140.00

Protective Fence- \$2980.00

Removable Mound- \$9540.00

Removable Bases- \$1000.00

Infield Preparation-\$1000.00

Total- 21,660.00

Art stated that if the proposal is approved by the board they would like to start the process of fundraising to pay for the project. If approved they would ask the town to help with the project by adding a parking lot near the field. Art also shared their COVID protocol.

The town board stated that he would need to provide insurance and we will have to draw up a contract for the use of the fields and equipment.

Highway/Water & Sewer – Supervisor Wood stated that Gary Enck is requesting to connect to Woodland Water District. Gary Enck would like to connect to two units. The town will explore putting in a hydrant. Highway Superintendent Hurtubise is getting pricing together.

Motion was made by Riddell Kent. Seconded by Holleran to approve the purchase of a 2020 excavator for \$56,650 after a trade in of an excavator for \$30,000. Highway Superintendent Hurtubise stated that, this is to get a brand new machine with buckets and rubber pads on the tracks so that it doesn't damage the new concrete floor. To get a good value on our trade in, it's the right time to move forward on this.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Delaying piping to Swart Hollow Road- The board discussed how delaying the piping to Swart Hollow Road would affect the project. Supervisor Wood stated that EFC may deem the project incomplete if it is delayed. Attorney Panasci stated a property within the district that is getting the benefit of a fire hydrant would have to pay the annual bond repayment fee. The usage is charged by the unit, he stated whether or not they are using water they are still charged the

usage/unit fee he said. The board asked what the savings might be if the town doesn't do the piping. Supervisor Wood stated that he doesn't have a dollar amount but will get more information from the engineering firm. Councilman Holleran asked why there is a need to save this money at this point in the project

Motion was made by Mowers. Seconded by Jacob to approve change order 3.1 from Mancini for \$7728. Change Order 3.1 includes the following; Credit for changing garage door opener to side jackshaft, charge for installing concrete sidewalk in center of island of parking lot, charge for adding 20x20 section of asphalt to paving scope, charge for installing vapor barrier under entirety of new building slab. One was the concrete in the island we had discussed last month. The other one is additional vapor barriers being installed and expansion joints, concrete work and finishing of the sidewalk.

Motion was made by Mowers. Seconded by Riddell Kent to approve change order 3.2 from McCarthy Electric for \$2250. The change order includes the following; several electric upgrades including moving garage door opener plugs, lift conduit, temp wire in existing highway garage, truck lift circuit & wire, relocate dampers and extra pipe, install second welder outlet, relocate compressor, relocate unit heater, credit for setting generator, office reconfiguration, lighting fixture change truck bays. It is offset by \$4400 savings in Mancinis contract because the side operated door openers are less expensive. Holleran asked if that is where the change is coming from, going from overhead door openers to side openers. Supervisor Wood stated yes.

Public Safety – Did not meet.

Facilities, Technology, Parks- Referral of request for use of park by dance school in May. Councilwoman Jacob will reach out to her.

Human Resources and Public Benefit- Supervisor Wood stated that Gale Gilmartins last day is 12/18. She has worked for the town for 17 ½ years. We appreciate all of the work she has done and we wish her well in her retirement.

Legislative- Nothing to report.

Attorney- Nothing to report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT-

MISCELLANEOUS- Motion was made by Riddell Kent to set the public hearing for CDBG Southside Water Project #848PW39-14 for January 13th at 7:00PM. Seconded by Mowers.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Holleran to set the public hearing for CDBG Custom Electronics Project #848ED916-18 for January 13th at 7:15PM. Seconded by Riddell Kent.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Jacob to approve Riddell Kent to attend virtual accounting training January 12th and Advanced Accounting February 2nd. Seconded by Holleran.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mowers to approve the contract with Susquehanna SPCA for shelter services. Seconded by Holleran.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Holleran to appoint Philip Konstantine to the BAR for a term ending 9/30/2025. Seconded by Riddell Kent.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mowers to approve Mobile Home Park Renewals for Lantern Hill, Oneida Village, Peaceful Flats and Byams. Seconded by Jacob.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mowers to appoint Paul Neske the Fair Housing Officer and to Appoint Supervisor Wood as the Labor Standards Compliance Officer. Seconded by Jacob.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

The Town Board authorized Supervisor Wood to enter in to an agreement with a security company to monitor the fire alarm system for the new highway garage.

Motion was made by Riddell Kent to set the organizational meeting for January 13th at 7:00PM. Seconded by Jacob.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

MINUTES- Motion was made by Riddell Kent. Seconded by Jacob to approve the minutes from November 10, 2020.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Riddell Kent asked that a change be made under miscellaneous (MEGA).

BILLS- Motion was made by Jacob to approve the following bills. Seconded by Holleran.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Clerk: Approved Expenses / Voucher #		882-952
General	\$ 43,972.35	
Highway	\$ 70,373.64	
St Lighting	\$ 2,501.28	
Highway Garage	\$ 208,406.90	
Fire Protection	\$ -	
WESD	\$ 1,445.92	
WSSD	\$ 332.63	
SSD	\$ 979.84	
WWD	\$ 1,192.81	
PWD	\$ 137.99	
SSWD	\$ 208,233.29	
T&A	\$ 1,572.60	
CDBG	\$ 293,447.34	
	<u>\$ 539,149.25</u>	

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM

Motion made by Jacob, seconded by Riddell-Kent to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion made by Holleran, seconded by Jacob to close executive session at 8:54pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion made by Jacob, seconded by Riddell-Kent to set the salary of court clerk Christine Vadney at \$32,845 for 2021. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn made by Jacob, seconded by Riddell-Kent. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Robinson
Town Clerk