

TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
January 13, 2021

A regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on January 13, 2021 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, Jon Anderson, Jody Zakrevsky

PUBLIC HEARING-CDBG project 848PW39-14

Motion was made by Riddell Kent to open the public hearing for CDBG project 848PW39-14, Southside Water at 7:00PM. Seconded by Mowers. Town resident Jon Anderson asked what the public hearing was about. Supervisor Wood explained that it was a requirement because we received a \$600,000 community development block grant which is a HUD program. No one was present to speak about the public hearing. Motion was made by Riddell Kent to close the public hearing. Seconded by Mowers.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

PUBLIC HEARING- CDBG project 848ED916-18

Motion was made by Jacob to open the Public Hearing for CDBG project 848ED916-18, Custom Electronics at 7:15PM. Seconded by Riddell Kent. Jody Zakrevsky from Otsego Now stated that he appreciates the Town of Oneonta working with them to get the grant. This was the first CDBG that has been awarded in a long time. Jody acknowledged Attorney Panasci in being instrumental in working on agreements. They spent the entire grant and 50 jobs were created. He also thanked the town board for being tremendous on working with them. No one else addressed the board. Motion was made by Mowers to close the public hearing. Seconded by Jacob.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway/Water & Sewer –

Motion was made by Riddell Kent to approve the purchase of a broom for the skid steer for \$8900. Seconded by Mowers.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mowers to approve Change Order for McCarthy Electric. Seconded by Riddell Kent. Supervisor Wood stated that this was proposed at the last meeting. The rest of the items on the change order were acceptable. Highway Superintendent Hurtubise and Supervisor Wood met with Brendon Becker from Lamont. Lamont Engineers will pick up the cost of the moving of the wiring and the lights in the closet. We will receive a credit on our bill for that portion of the change order.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Highway Superintendent Hurtubise stated that he got 3 quotes on equipment trailers. It's a trailer that could be pulled behind the pickup or the 1 ton. It is a 16,000 pound trailer with a tilt bed. It will work ideally for the roller and the new skid steer. Supervisor Hurtubise got two prices for a PJ Brand Trailer and one was for a Cam Superline Trailer. The PJ trailer is a heavy duty equipment trailer through Roy Teitsworth Trailers out of Rochester. The price came in at \$8302.50. \$600 cheaper than the second quote. It meets all the criteria we are looking for. Motion was made by Jacob to approve the purchase of a PJ Trailer. Seconded by Mowers.
VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Public Safety – Nothing to Report

Facilities, Technology and Parks-

Proposal for use of Fortin Park for Baseball- Mowers stated that they received a copy of the City of Oneonta's contract, there are some things that need to come out of it.

Human Resources and Public Benefit- Nothing to Report

Legislative- Nothing to report.

Attorney- Nothing to report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT-

MISCELLANEOUS-

Motion was made by Holleran to approve the contract with Superheroes in Ripped Jeans as a Secondary Shelter. Seconded by Jacob.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mowers to approve Evergreen Terrace and Melody Village Mobile Home Park Renewals. Seconded by Riddell Kent.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mowers to amend the appointment of the Fair Housing Officer to the Code Officer. Seconded by Jacob.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mowers to amend the appointment of the Labor Standards Compliance Officer to the Town Supervisor. Seconded by Jacob.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Jacob to approve the ADA notice, Grievance Procedure for Section 504 Complaints. Seconded by Mowers. Both notices will be posted on the town website.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Riddell Kent to approve the resolution for the Aged STAR Exemption. Seconded by Jacob.
VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Town of Oneonta
Resolution for the Aged STAR Exemption

Whereas the Governor of the State of New York has issued an Executive Order regarding renewals for Aged STAR for those earning less than \$26,000 a year.

Whereas cases of COVID-19 have been increasing dramatically in the Town of Oneonta and the County of Otsego over the last few weeks.

Whereas it has been shown that elderly persons are at risk should they contract the virus.

Whereas the town hall in the Town of Oneonta is a public building.

Whereas residents who qualify for the Aged Star visit the Assessor at the town hall annually to verify their income.

Whereas residents who are retired are generally on a fixed income which does not change from year to year.

Therefore, for the year 2021, the Town Board of the Town of Oneonta, grants permission to the Town of Oneonta Assessor to automatically renew the Aged Star Exemption for those who qualify under the Executive Order.

Motion was made by Riddell Kent to approve the Town Clerk Record of Activities and to submit the report to the State. Seconded by Holleran.
VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

The town board discussed a request by Stacy Frederick of Holbrook-Wade School of Dance to use Fortin Park hangers for their annual show. They have submitted a plan that the board basically agreed was adequate. However, the town wants to ensure that they comply with NYS standards that will be in effect at the time of performance.

MINUTES- Motion was made by Jacob to approve the minutes for December 9th, 2020. Seconded by Holleran.
VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

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 #	2020 953-1048	2021 1-24
	General	\$ 111,077.85	
	Highway	\$ 62,607.31	
	St Lighting	\$ 2,132.57	
	Highway Garage	\$ 262,987.46	
	Fire Protection	\$ -	
	WESD	\$ 5,966.03	
	WSSD	\$ 1,645.96	
	SSD	\$ 3,065.75	
	WWD	\$ 1,634.25	
	PWD	\$ 595.33	
	SSWD	\$ 189,874.81	
	T&A	\$ 6,134.31	
	CDBG	\$ -	
		<u>\$ 647,721.63</u>	

Motion made by Riddell Kent to adjourn at 8:10PM. Seconded by Jacob. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Robinson
Town Clerk