



Town of Oneonta  
TOWN BOARD  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
September 11, 2024  
7:05pm

The regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on September 11, 2024, with the following members present:

Supervisor:	Randal I. Mowers
Town Board Member:	Skylar J. Thompson
Town Board Member:	Patricia Riddell Kent
Town Board Member:	Brett Holleran
Town Board Member:	Kim Fierke
Town Clerk:	Ryan F. Pereira
Town Attorney:	Robert Panasci

Others present: James A. Hurtubise, Supt. of Highways; Charlotte Ballard; Jason Ballard; Charlotte Santamount; J. Caroline Williams; Rodger Moran; Dale Webster; Rich Harlem; Bob Harder; Karen Smallen; Lisa Waller; Theresa and David Cyzeski; Barbara Brown; Julie Ward; Bob Harlem; Steve Kent.

“Privilege of the floor.”

Charlotte Santamount speaking to ask the board to consider reducing the bond repayment for The Wesleyan Church on the Southside of Oneonta regarding the new water infrastructure on the Southside. The board agreed to investigate the legalities of changing the status of the property to allow for potential changes.

Bob Harlem asked if the board was aware of inflationary factors/changes that may come to the funding of the downtown/Southside sidewalk project in regard to the bond and how funds are going to be made available to the town through the grant process. Mr. Harlem warns Board members should look closely at changing labor laws and obligations being mandated from the state as it may impact the financial viability of the project. He states that the NYS DOT may face a budget shortfall, alluding to the NYS DOT’s planned sidewalk project on Route 23 Southside, separate from the City/Town planned project, which runs the James F. Lettis corridor. The Board thanked Mr. Harlem, then Member Thompson wished to remind those present that he had voted “no” on the Intermunicipal Agreement with the City for a sidewalk venture citing lack of a pedestrian study or anything that would better inform the board as to the need. Supervisor Mowers and Member Riddell Kent both expressed safety concerns over the increased pedestrian traffic on and towards the Southside of town, however, Supervisor Mowers reminded everyone that he had no intention of putting the town at risk financially for the endeavor.

Julie Ward asked the board for better communication regarding the Woodland Water System, as many of the residents there are still experiencing issues with “muddy” water. James A. Hurtubise, Superintendent of Highways and Water Operator for the Woodland Water District, reassured Mrs. Ward that the town is doing everything possible to remedy the situation to everyone’s satisfaction. Mr. Hurtubise explained that the town has been working with NY Rual Water





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RESOLUTION 2024-0089 (08:33) Motion by RM, seconded by BH;  
Whereas the Town Board votes to approve a Solar Energy grant application;  
Now therefore be it resolved that the Town Board of Oneonta shall approve the application advanced by Patricia Jacobs for solar energy panels for the Town Hall, at no cost to the town.  
VOTE AYES (5) AIF MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0090 (08:40) Motion by SJT, seconded by PRK;  
Whereas the Town Board votes to appoint Terry Harkenreader as Water Operator for the Town of Oneonta;  
Now therefore be it resolved effective October 1, 2024; Mr. Harkenreader shall replace Mr. Hurtubise as such.  
VOTE AYES (5) AIF MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0091 (08:46) Motion by SJT, Seconded by RM;  
**WHEREAS** the Cooperstown All-Star Village is proposing the Cooperstown All-Star Village Forcemain Replacement Project (Project), located in the Town of Oneonta, Otsego County, New York; and  
**WHEREAS** the Project has been classified as an “Unlisted Action” as defined by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in 6 NYCRR Part 617.2(al); and

**WHEREAS** it is the intent of the Town of Oneonta Town Board to assume the role of “Lead Agency” for purposes of conducting a SEQRA assessment of the Project; and

**WHEREAS** Part I of a Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) has been completed, reviewed by the Town of Oneonta Town Board, and will be circulated to all Involved and Interested Agencies for purposes of establishing the Town of Oneonta Town Board as “Lead Agency” in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that the Town of Oneonta Town Board will send said Part I of the Short Environmental Assessment Form and associated site figure to the attached list of “Interested/Involved Agencies” under cover of a “Notice of Intent to Establish Lead Agency” letter for purposes of establishing Lead Agency status under SEQRA; and it is further  
**RESOLVED** that the Town of Oneonta Town Supervisor, together with the Town of Oneonta Attorney and B&L, are hereby authorized to take all actions, serve all notices, and complete all documents required to give full force and effect to this determination.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE NAY

Randal I. Mowers	Supervisor	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>
Kim Fierke	Board Member	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>
Skylar J. Thompson	Board Member	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

VOTE	AYES (5)	AIF	MOTION CARRIED
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RESOLUTION 2024-0092 (08:49) Motion by SJT, seconded by RM;

**WHEREAS** the Town Board of the Town of Oneonta votes to authorize Randal I. Mowers;

**WHEREAS** the Town Supervisor agrees to comply with the terms and conditions as set forth in the System User Agreement;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, the Town Supervisor has access to and use of the Internet Government Solutions (IGS) Equitable Business Opportunities (EBO) system.

**WHEREUPON** the Resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Supervisor Mowers	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>
Board Member Holleran	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>
Board Member Riddell Kent	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>
Board Member Fierke	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>
Board Member Thompson	<u>  X  </u>	<u>    </u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

VOTE	AYES (5)	AIF	MOTION CARRIED
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RESOLUTION 2024-0093 (08:50)

Whereas the Town Board approves payment of the bills.

VOTE	AYES (5)	AIF	MOTION CARRIED
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RESOLUTION 2024-0094 (08:53)

Motion by KF, seconded by SJT;

Whereas the Town Board votes for adjournment;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town Board of Oneonta shall under the authority given; and having no further business, shall adjourn the meeting.

VOTE	AYES (5)	AIF	MOTION CARRIED
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Respectfully submitted,

Ryan F. Pereira

Town Clerk