



**Town of Oneonta TOWN BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**July 10, 2024**  
**07:00pm**

The regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on July 10, 2024, with the following members present:

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

Others present: James A. Hurtubise, Supt. of Highways; Michele Catan, County Rep.; Andrea Lister; Patricia Jacobs; Josh McClenon; Sharon Corrado; Heather Babbitt; Peter Hill; Eileen Hill; Bruce Downie; Rich Harlem; Mike Ranieri; Steve Kent.

Presentation: Fisher Associates did a presentation on the TAP Grant for the Southside Sidewalks Project. Riddell Kent said it is exciting to be able to see a project through that the board applied for a few years ago. In her opinion, this is one of the most important projects because it's a matter of Public Safety. The representative for Fisher Associates showed those present the design options being considered for the project.

RESOLUTION 2024-0071 (08:20) Motion by KF, seconded by BH;  
 Whereas the Town Board votes to set a public hearing to solicit public input on proposed "Property and Building Nuisance Reform Law";  
 Now therefore be it resolved that the Town Board of Oneonta shall under the authority given; the hearing shall be on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, on or approximately at 07:10pm.  
 VOTE AYES(5) AIF MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0072 (08:30) Motion by PRK, seconded by BH;  
 Whereas the Town Board votes to approve water & sewer rates as unchanged;  
 Now therefore be it resolved that the Town Board of Oneonta shall under the authority given, accept the rates for Woodland, West End, and South Side, rates as unchanged from the previous year. Rates available in the Hwy/Water Department.  
 VOTE AYES (5) AIF MOTION CARRIED

Statement on Campground Code

July 10, 2024

As a member of the Town Board and chair of the Legislative Committee, we have been discussing the current town code that allows for campgrounds in an RA-40 and RA-80 zones to exist with

virtually no additional requirements needed. We also understand that this has been a cause of concern and contention for homeowners particularly that live on Lower Reservoir Road.

Discussion about potential changes to the campground code has occurred at monthly committee meetings or at Board meetings since February 2024. Ideas to changes to the current zoning code and a draft of a campground code were presented and created and the Board, in committee meetings, continued to discuss. These robust discussions have shown that this topic is much more than adding some a few lines of code. And that it needs to be given the consideration it deserves.

At the June legislative committee meeting, we were reminded that a group of homeowners have filed a lawsuit disputing a decision made by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Since that lawsuit is pending and some citizens of that lawsuit have been very active in trying to insert the changes they wish to see, we have been advised by legal counsel to disengage with any conversations about campground legislation pending the results of the lawsuit. This means the Board will cease from any discussions at either monthly Board meetings or at monthly committee meetings until the lawsuit has been settled.

Given the amount of time already devoted to this area, I believe we are all committed to exploring options that serve the serene nature of our Town and balance that with citizens rights to use their property. I look forward to continuing this discussion in the future.

Town Board Member Kim Fireke

RESOLUTION 2024-0073 (08:48) Motion by PRK, seconded by KF;  
Whereas the Town Board votes to appoint Christine Vadney to the position of Part-time Court Clerk;  
Now therefore be it resolved that the Town Board of Oneonta shall approve the appointment.  
VOTE AYES(5) AIF MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0074 (08:50) Motion by SJT, seconded by RM;  
Whereas the Town Board votes to approve the NYSWIMS grant application;  
Now therefore be it resolved that the Town Board of Oneonta shall approve the application advanced by Town Board Member Thompson.  
VOTE AYES (5) AIF MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0075 (08:51) Motion by KF, seconded by PRK;  
Whereas the Town Board approves payment of the bills.  
VOTE AYES (5)AIF MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0076 (08:52) Motion by SJT, seconded by PRK;  
Whereas the Town Board votes to accept the minutes of the June meeting.

