



Town of Oneonta
TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
December 11, 2024
7:00pm

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

Supervisor:	Randal I. Mowers	(RM)
Town Board Member:	Kim Fierke	(KF)
Town Board Member:	Joseph M. Camarata	(JCM)
Town Board Member:	Patricia Riddell Kent	(PRK)
Town Board Member:	Brett Holleran	(BH)
Town Clerk:	Ryan F. Pereira	
Town Attorney:	Robert Panasci	

Others present: J. Caroline Williams, SUNY Oneonta; Dale Webster; Eric & Charlotte Santamont; Reggie McGuiness; Rich Ranieri; Walt Schmitt; David Koehn.

Supervisor Mowers shared his thoughts on Skylar's Contributions to Town and Community Development. Skylar's departure from the town board is noted, with mention of his move and positive sentiments. Skylar's significant contributions are highlighted, including his dedication and involvement in various projects. His key roles in the procurement of the town's electric vehicle with support from a climate-smart initiative grant, and pro-housing initiatives are emphasized.

Kevin Morse, resident of Hubbel Avenue in the West End of town, contested the permanent closure of parking on his street. Jason Oblinski, Interim Highway Superintendent, cited the need for one-sided parking during snowstorms to ensure emergency vehicle access and concerns about wider snowplows potentially posing risks to parked vehicles. Discussion will be ongoing to find an amenable solution.

RESOLUTION 2024-~~0118~~ (07:15)

Motion by KF, seconded by PRK;

Whereas the Town Board votes to approve change the Wesleyan Southside Church bond repayment;

Whereas the designation for the property, currently commercial one;

Whereas the new designation will be multifamily residential per unit;

Now therefore be it resolved that the bond repayment shall be reduced within the proposed Southside Water Bond Repayment District.

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

NO VOTE

MOTION RECINDED

With the Pastor of the Wesleyan Church, Eric Santamount present; the board discussed the implications of such a change and potentially creating different classifications to accommodate and achieve this. There was some emphasis on differentiating commercial use from non-profit activities, particularly for 501(c)(3) organizations and the like. Further discussion will be required.

RESOLUTION 2024-0118 (07:35)

Motion by RM, Seconded by PRK;

Whereas the Town Board votes for approve the award of Water Meter Bid;

Whereas T&K Harrington LLC will conduct water meter installations for the water districts according to contract terms;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town Board of Oneonta shall under the authority given;

		AYE	NAY
Randal I. Mowers	Supervisor	--X--	----
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	--X--	----
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	--X--	----
Kim Fierke	Board Member	--X--	----
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	--X--	----

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

VOTE AYES (5) AIF

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0119 (07:50)

Motion by KF, Seconded by PRK;

Whereas the Town Board votes to approve the expenditure of funds;

Whereas the repair of an air handler, ductwork and vent, in the breakroom of the Highway Garage;

Whereas the cost of which will be no more than \$1300.00.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town Board of Oneonta shall under the authority given;

		AYE	NAY
Randal I. Mowers	Supervisor	--X--	----
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	--X--	----
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	--X--	----
Kim Fierke	Board Member	--X--	----
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	--X--	----

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

VOTE AYES (5) AIF

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0120 (07:51)

Motion by BH, Seconded by PRK;

Whereas the Town Board votes to approve the expenditure of funds;

Whereas the repair of geothermal pump of the Highway Garage;

Whereas the cost of which will be no more than \$4900.00.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town Board of Oneonta shall under the authority given;

		AYE	NAY
Randal I. Mowers	Supervisor	--X--	----
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	--X--	----
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	--X--	----
Kim Fierke	Board Member	--X--	----
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	--X--	----

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

VOTE AYES (5) AIF

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0121 (08:18)

Motion by BH, Seconded by PRK;

Whereas the Town Board votes to approve Regina McGuinness to the position of Planning Board Chair;

Whereas Ms. McGuinness shall replace Joseph Camarata;



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Now therefore be it resolved that the Town Board of Oneonta shall under the authority given;

		AYE	NAY
Randal I. Mowers	Supervisor	--X--	----
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	--X--	----
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	--X--	----
Kim Fierke	Board Member	--X--	----
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	--X--	----

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

VOTE AYES (5) AIF

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0122 (08:20)

Motion by RM, Seconded by PRK;

Whereas the Town Board votes to approve The Super Heroes Humane Society;

Whereas this organization shall act as a secondary shelter;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town Board of Oneonta shall under the authority given;

		AYE	NAY
Randal I. Mowers	Supervisor	--X--	----
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	--X--	----
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	--X--	----
Kim Fierke	Board Member	--X--	----
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	--X--	----

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

VOTE AYES (5) AIF

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0123 (08:21)

Motion by PRK, Seconded by KF;

Whereas the Town Board votes to accept payment of the bills;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town Board of Oneonta shall under the authority given;

		AYE	NAY
Randal I. Mowers	Supervisor	--X--	----
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	--X--	----
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	--X--	----
Kim Fierke	Board Member	--X--	----
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	-----	----

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

VOTE AYES (4) ABSTAIN (JCM)

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0124 (08:22)

Motion by KF, Seconded by PRK;

Whereas the Town Board votes to accept the minutes of the Nov.13 & Dec.03 meetings;
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.

		AYE	NAY
Randal I. Mowers	Supervisor	--X--	----
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	--X--	----
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	--X--	----
Kim Fierke	Board Member	--X--	----
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	--X--	----

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

VOTE AYES (5) AIF

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0125 (08:23)

Motion by KF, Seconded by PRK;

Whereas the Town Board votes to approve of the Roof Solar Panel Project for the Town Hall;
Whereas pending contract for solar funding and insulation, valued at \$50,000, is under review.
Now therefore be it resolved that the Town Board of Oneonta shall under the authority given;

		AYE	NAY
Randal I. Mowers	Supervisor	--X--	----
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	--X--	----
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	--X--	----
Kim Fierke	Board Member	--X--	----
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	--X--	----

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

VOTE AYES (5) AIF

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0126 (08:30)

Motion by RM, Seconded by PRK;

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.

		AYE	NAY
Randal I. Mowers	Supervisor	--X--	----
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	--X--	----
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	--X--	----
Kim Fierke	Board Member	--X--	----
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	--X--	----

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

VOTE AYES (5) AIF

MOTION CARRIED



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Respectfully submitted,
Ryan F. Pereira
Town Clerk