



Town of Oneonta  
TOWN BOARD  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
November 13, 2024  
7:00pm

The regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on November 13, 2024, with the following members present:

|                    |                       |          |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Supervisor:        | Randal I. Mowers      | (ABSENT) |
| 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: Joe Camarata; Karen Smallin; Mike Schmitt; Danny Lapin; Tom Armao; Charlotte & Eric Santamount; Sharon Corrado; Dale Webster; Jason Ballard.

“Privilege of the floor.”

Eric 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 implications of changing the status of the property or reclassifying the bond to allow for potential changes.

Sharon Corrado addressed the Board to bring forth a complaint of proliferation of vermin in and around her property. The Board agreed to follow up with the Town Codes Official regarding the matter.

Presentation:

Danny Lapin, Revitalization Specialist with the Office of Planning, Development & Community Infrastructure, New York State Department of State; discussed grant funding opportunities available to the town through programs offered by New York State.

Jason Ballard, Senior Associate of Water Resources with Barton & Loguidice, was present to answer questions about the Sanitary Forcemain Installation Project going in for the Cooperstown All-Star Village, now entering the final stages of the SEQR process.

**Proposed Action: COOPERSTOWN ALL-STAR VILLAGE FORCEMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT  
RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE PROPOSED COOPERSTOWN ALL-STAR VILLAGE FORCEMAIN  
REPLACEMENT PROJECT IS AN UNLISTED ACTION AND WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT  
ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

**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,** pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, as amended, the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and the implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the "Regulations"), the Town of Oneonta Town Board desires to comply with SEQRA and the Regulations; 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; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Oneonta Town Board sent a letter and Part 1 of a Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) to other potentially "Interested Agencies" and "Involved Agencies" (as these terms are defined in the SEQRA Regulations found at 6 NYCRR Part 617.2), indicating the Town of Oneonta Town Board's desires to serve as the "Lead Agency" (as this quoted term is defined in the SEQRA Regulations) and to complete a coordinated review of the Project (in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.6); and

**WHEREAS,** responses from Interested and Involved Agencies were requested, and each of the potentially Interested and Involved Agencies has agreed to, or raised no objections to, the Town of Oneonta Town Board serving as Lead Agency for the Project; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to the SEQRA Regulations, the Town of Oneonta Town Board has considered the significance of the potential environmental impacts of the Project by (a) using the criteria specified in Section 617.7 of the SEQRA Regulations, and (b) examining the SEAF for the Project, including the facts and conclusions in Parts 1, 2 and 3 of the SEAF, together with other available supporting information, to identify the relevant areas of environmental concern.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town of Oneonta Town Board hereby establishes itself as Lead Agency for the Project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that based upon an examination of the SEAF and other available supporting information, and considering both the magnitude and importance of each relevant area of environmental concern, and based further upon the Town of Oneonta Town Board's knowledge of the area surrounding the Project, the Town of Oneonta Town Board makes the determination that the Project will not have a significant adverse environmental impact and that the Project will not require the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that as a consequence of such findings and declaration, and in compliance with the requirements of SEQRA, the Town of Oneonta Town Board, as Lead Agency, hereby directs the Town of Oneonta Town Supervisor to sign the SEAF Part 3 — Determination of Significance indicating that the project will not result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts (negative declaration); this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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   | _____        | _____ |
| Brett D. Holleran     | Board Member | <u>  X  </u> | _____ |
| Patricia Riddell Kent | Board Member | <u>  X  </u> | _____ |
| Kim Fierke            | Board Member | <u>  X  </u> | _____ |



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Skylar J. Thompson Board Member  X  \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

VOTE AYES (4) AIF MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0104 (07:57) Motion by PRK, seconded by BH;

Whereas the Town Board votes to approve the purchase of a Post Pounder;

Now therefore be it resolved accepting the quote from McQuade and Bannigan for \$3,285.00 ;

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   | _____      | _____ |
| Brett D. Holleran     | Board Member | <u> X </u> | _____ |
| Patricia Riddell Kent | Board Member | <u> X </u> | _____ |
| Kim Fierke            | Board Member | <u> X </u> | _____ |
| Skylar J. Thompson    | Board Member | <u> X </u> | _____ |

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

VOTE AYES (4) AIF MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0105 (08:30) Motion by BH, seconded by SJT;

Whereas the Town Board votes to approve the Constable’s contract;

Now therefore be it resolved;

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   | _____      | _____ |
| Brett D. Holleran     | Board Member | <u> X </u> | _____ |
| Patricia Riddell Kent | Board Member | <u> X </u> | _____ |
| Kim Fierke            | Board Member | <u> X </u> | _____ |
| Skylar J. Thompson    | Board Member | <u> X </u> | _____ |

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

VOTE AYES (4) AIF MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0106 (08:31) Motion by SJT, seconded by PRK;

Whereas the Town Board votes to approve the new road servicing the HEG/Stewart’s building at junction of NY 205 and NY 7, subject to proper “No Outlet” signage;

Now therefore be it resolved that the said road should be named Hailey Lane and Jessica Lane, maintained by the town.

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>      </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 (4)                  AIF    MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0107                  (08:32)    Motion by KF, Seconded by PRK;

Whereas the Town Board votes to approve switching insurance carriers for the town;

Now therefore be it resolved switching local insurance carrier to "One Group";

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>      </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 (4)                  AIF    MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0108                  (08:39)

Whereas the Town Board votes to approve moving forward with a solar panel project for the Town Hall;

Whereas the project will be funded with a \$50,000 grant award.

Whereas the Town Board approves covering the initial costs of \$18,759.64, reimbursed by credit obtained through tax incentives.

Now therefore be it resolved;

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>      </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 (4)                  AIF    MOTION CARRIED



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RESOLUTION 2024-0109 (08:40) Motion by SJT, Seconded by PRK;

Whereas the Town Board votes to approve a change of regular cleaners;

Now therefore be it resolved the "Night Shift" will be contracted for cleaning services;

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>    </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 (4) AIF MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0110 (08:41) Motion by SJT, Seconded by PRK;

Whereas the Town Board votes to approve to amend a resolution put forth at the October meeting;

Whereas the application for United Court Systems grant funds for new equipment up to \$30,000;

Now therefore be it resolved;

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>    </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 (4) AIF MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0111 (08:42) Motion by KF, seconded by BH;

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

Now therefore be it resolved the town's bills be paid.

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   | _____        | _____ |
| Brett D. Holleran     | Board Member | <u>  X  </u> | _____ |
| Patricia Riddell Kent | Board Member | <u>  X  </u> | _____ |
| Kim Fierke            | Board Member | <u>  X  </u> | _____ |
| Skylar J. Thompson    | Board Member | <u>  X  </u> | _____ |

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

VOTE            AYES (4)        AIF                                    MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0112            (08:50)                                    Motion by SJT, seconded by KF;

Whereas the Town Board votes to enter Executive Session;  
Whereas the purpose of which is to discuss current litigation;  
Now therefore be it resolved;

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

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

VOTE            AYES (4)        AIF                                    MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2024-0113            (09:10)                                    Motion by SJT, seconded by KF;

Whereas the Town Board votes to exit Executive Session;  
Now therefore be it resolved;

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

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

VOTE            AYES (4)        AIF                                    MOTION CARRIED



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RESOLUTION 2024-0115 (09:11) Motion by SJT, seconded by BH;  
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   | _____        | _____ |
| Brett D. Holleran     | Board Member | <u>  X  </u> | _____ |
| Patricia Riddell Kent | Board Member | <u>  X  </u> | _____ |
| Kim Fierke            | Board Member | <u>  X  </u> | _____ |
| Skylar J. Thompson    | Board Member | <u>  X  </u> | _____ |

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

VOTE            AYES (4)        AIF

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,  
Ryan F. Pereira  
Town Clerk