

TOWN BOARD  
Regular Meeting  
January 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on January 11, 2017 with the following members present:

Supervisor: Robert T. Wood  
Councilwoman: Patricia Jacob  
Councilman: Randal Mowers  
Councilwoman: Patricia Riddell Kent  
Councilman: Brett Holleran

Others present: Rob Panasci, Town Attorney; Jim Hurtubise, Supt. of Highways; Steve Kent; Sharon Corrado; Maureen Blanchard; and Lynae Wyckoff.

**PETITIONERS**

**Complete Streets** – Maureen Blanchard and Lynae Wyckoff gave a power point presentation on ‘Complete Streets’. In summary:

- ‘Complete Streets’ are streets designed and operated to enable safe access for all users – pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders.
- Benefits are numerous, some of which are: promote good health; fewer injuries and fatalities; improve mobility for older people; spark economic revitalization.
- Communities that adopt ‘Complete Streets’ policies are asking transportation planners and engineers to consistently design and alter the right-of-way with all users in mind.
- Liability – Government entities are accorded a “qualified immunity” for highway planning and design decisions – both initially and when correcting design defects.

They said that this policy sets the stage for what’s next as far as repairs or future work. They responded that it doesn’t work for all roads, after Supervisor Wood stated that the town has many rural roads. The Southside (St. Hwy. 23) was discussed as an area badly in need of sidewalks. Supervisor Wood stated that the town will receive a \$125,000 grant for sidewalk construction along Southside.

They added: The City of Oneonta has been awarded a \$10 million grant and have formed a task force and begun to develop a plan. The time is right to adopt a policy; there is a lot of regional interest and other towns and villages have already adopted the policy. It will definitely influence neighboring towns (Davenport and Otego) if the Town of Oneonta adopts it. New York State says any community applying for state or federal transportation money needs to consider ‘Complete Streets’. Transportation grant applications receive preference if a policy has been adopted. Councilman Holleran asked if the ‘mule path’ on the Lettis Highway arterial is included in their plan. They responded that the city is aware of walkers going from the city to the Southside.

**Flood Damage Protection Local Law**

SEQR – Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Riddell Kent to declare a negative environmental impact based on the EAF (Environmental Assessment Form) regarding the Flood Damage Protection Local Law.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0

Motion Carried

Supervisor Wood stated that the County Planning Department returned their recommendation stating that there are no significant county-wide or inter-community impacts.

Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Mowers to adopt Local Law #1 of 2017 entitled “Flood Damage Protection”.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0

Motion Carried

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Highway/Water & Sewer – Councilwoman Riddell Kent gave the following report and recommendations:

Southside Sewer District – Motion was made by Holleran, seconded by Jacob to set the Southside Sewer District bond repayment charge at \$86.00 per unit.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0

Motion Carried

Shared Services Agreement with County Highway – Motion was made by Holleran, seconded by Riddell Kent to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a ‘Shared Services Agreement’ with the County. The program is entitled ‘Highway Asset Management Program’ with the goal of creating a comprehensive database of infrastructure in Otsego County.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0

Motion Carried

Public Safety – The next Public Safety committee meeting will be February 13<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

Facilities, Technology, Parks – Councilman Holleran gave the following report:

- Committee authorized Calcio Soccer Club to add their name to the Fortin Park sign at the corner of Co. Hwy. 47 and Youngs Road.
- Working on creating a parking map to hand out to the soccer club; also a member of the committee will try to be present at soccer events;
- working on creating directional trail signs: (Supervisor Wood suggested a covered sign board, like the ‘Greenway’ sign and that possibly that Job Corp. or the High School could help with the project).

The board discussed whether or not food vending is allowable at Fortin Park. Attorney Panasci stated that ‘commercial’ ventures are not allowed in the park. However, clubs and teams could sell food as a ‘fund raiser’ Councilman Holleran stated that he has looked at the City’s food truck ordinance and possibly the town should consider something similar. Councilwoman Jacob agreed saying food trucks are very popular at social events.

Into the Streets – The committee will coordinate the town’s annual ‘Into the Streets’ project with SUNY Oneonta to plan a community project that students can participate in. Councilwomen Riddell Kent and Jacob reported that past projects of cleaning up the parks has been very successful.

Legislative – Councilwoman Jacob reported that the Legislative Committee is working on the ‘Solar Permitting’ regulations and that Attorney Panasci will draft language for their review.

Human Resources and Public Benefit – The next Human Resources and Public Benefit committee meeting will be Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Meetings will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 1pm.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Purchases – Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Holleran to authorize the following budgeted items:

- 2017 NFPA Membership - \$175.00
- 2017 STBOA Membership - \$150.00
- 2017 NYS Fire marshals & Inspector Membership - \$30.00

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0                                      Motion Carried

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Town Logo – Supervisor Wood stated that he would like to contact the colleges and the high school to promote a project to design a new Town of Oneonta logo. The board agreed and thought it would be a good project.

Fire Commissioner meeting update – Councilwoman Riddell Kent reported from the Commissioners’ Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting: they continue to explore forming their own department; and consultant submitted his report (a copy of which she distributed to the town board).

Informational:

CCA Meeting – Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30pm, Town Hall

Foreclosed properties/Land banks presentation – January 17<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm, Benton Hall Academy, Little Falls, NY

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Riddell Kent to approve the December 14, 2016 minutes.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0                                      Motion Carried

**BILLS/BUDGET MODIFICATIONS** – Motion was made by Holleran, seconded by Riddell Kent to approve the following bills and budget modifications:

2016 Expenses

General	\$93,036.84	929,932-935,937-940,942,944,949,951-961,963,969,974,984-988
Highway	\$14,804.83	940,965-973,975-977,983,987
Street Lights	\$4,361.50	960,961
Trust & Agency	\$4,918.20	917-925,927,928,943
<b>DISTRICTS:</b>		
WESD	\$9,951.20	926,930,931,941,945-948,950,962,978-982,989
WSSD	\$880.85	926,930,941,945,946,948,950,978,979,989
SSD	\$4,466.35	926,930,941,945-948,950,978,989
WWD	\$2,041.68	926,930,931,936,941,945,946,948,950,964,989
PWD	\$7,148.35	926,930,941,945,946,948,950,990

2017 Expenses

General	\$76,340.47	1,2,3,6,9-21
Highway	\$55,375.35	3,5,6,22
Trust & Agency	\$1,587.62	25,26
DISTRICTS:		
WESD	\$5,879.95	991,4,7,8,23,24
WSSD	\$1,993.10	991,4,7,8
SSD	\$2,831.46	991,4,7,8
WWD	\$1,582.45	991,4,7,8
PWD	\$683.10	991,4,7,8

Budget Modifications

General Account		Street Lighting District - East End	
11104.01.411	150	51824.14	119
11104.01.471	-150	599.14	119
14104.01.022	49	914.14	119
14104.01.411	-49	915.14	-119
14204.01.023	-177		
14204.01.025	177	Street Lighting District - West Oneonta	
19904.01	-1484	51824.15	191
31201.01.028	353	599.15	191
31202.01	391	914.15	191
31204.01	50	915.15	-191
51824.01	690		
71101.01	689	Street Lighting District - Cemetery Hill	
71102.01	-174	51824.16	6
71104.01	-515	599.16	6
90108.01	2355	914.16	6
90308.01	-2116	915.16	-6
90608.01	-239		
Highway Fund		West End Sewer District	
51301.03	19125	81301.08.034	181
51421.03	-19125	90608.08	-181
51304.03.418	29		
51304.03.463	2711	Southside Sewer District	
51304.03.465	-2740	81304.1	-41
51424.03.413	580	81304.10.035	41
51424.03.446	2090		

51424.03.414	-2670	Plains Water District	
		83404.12	-29
Street Lighting District - Plains		97957.12	29
51824.07	533		
599.07	533		
914.07	533		
	-533		
915.07			
VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0		Motion Carried	

**ADJOURNMENT** – Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Jacob to adjourn the meeting (8:25pm).

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0      Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Shackelton  
Town Clerk