

TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
August 9, 2017

The regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on August 9, 2017 with the following members present:

Supervisor: Robert T. Wood
Councilman: Brett Holleran
Councilman: Randal Mowers
Councilwoman: Patricia Riddell Kent
Town Clerk: Cheryl L. Shackelton

Absent: Councilwoman Jacob

Others present: Rob Panasci, Town Attorney; James Hurtubise, Supt. of Highways; and Steve Kent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway/Water & Sewer - Councilwoman Riddell Kent gave the following update:

- Pony Farm Road, Emmons Hill Road, Angel Heights and Ceperley Avenue projects have been completed
- Would like to surplus the Chevy Malibu for the September online auction.

Public Safety

133 Southside Drive – Motion was made by Holleran, seconded by Riddell Kent to affirm the order to remove the garage and all garbage and debris at 133 Southside Drive (Tax Map #300.14-1-20.00), pursuant to Chapter 18 ‘Unsafe Buildings’ of the Town Code.

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Radar gun – Supervisor Wood said DCJS (Dept. of Criminal Justice) has agreed to provide a radar gun for the Town Constable’s use.

Councilman Holleran reported that after receiving complaints, he asked the Town Constable to patrol Southside Drive for speeders. After several days only one person was ticketed for speeding, he said.

Facilities, Technology, Parks – Councilman Holleran reported and recommended as follows:

Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Holleran to advertise RFP’s (Request for Proposals) for the Town Hall roof with an addendum to include a steel option.

Discussion: Councilman Holleran said he was concerned with the steel option because of snow sliding off.

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 0 Motion Carried

- Is currently working on specifications for a new Town Hall boiler. Supervisor Wood suggested he talk with the plumber that has worked on the current boiler. Councilman Mowers said that parts for the new boiler should be kept on hand to eliminate wait time;

- Would like to include money in the 2018 budget for new pedestal grills at Fortin Park. Will meet with Steve Kent soon to discuss other needed items. Councilman Mowers said he would like to see the deteriorated platform around the Grove spigot replaced.

Human Resources and Public Benefit

Supervisor Wood said he and Councilwoman Jacob are currently working with the Teamsters on a new contract for the Town Constable, as well as some revisions for the Town Handbook for the next meeting.

Legislative –

ATTORNEY

Attorney Panasci discussed the option of partial payment of real property taxes with the Town Board. He will look into matter further and report at the September meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Fire Commissioners – Councilwoman Riddell Kent attended the August Fire Commissioner meeting and gave the following report:

- Task Force will not meet with the City until the Commissioners appoint a new chairman to replace Mike Butler;
- Discussed the fact that a portion of the SUNY Oneonta \$200,000 public safety budget should go to the Town of Oneonta Fire District. Currently the entire \$200,000 goes to the City;
- Independent audit will be performed later this month; and
- Discussed possibly partnering with neighboring volunteer fire departments.

Supervisor Wood presented the commissioners with a letter dated 1995 from the Mayor to the city council indicating that the ambulance contract is basically in place to make the city whole for uncollectible. Supervisor Wood said he feels strongly that ambulance services is incorporated into the fire contract and wanted to make the commissioners aware of that.

Attorney Panasci researched this issue with the Association of Towns and the legal opinion indicates that fire districts can contract for ambulance services.

Budget – Supervisor Wood stated that he will be starting the 2018 budget process in the next couple of weeks and asked the board to contact him with any budget requests.

OPT Service – Councilman Mowers said he’s been approached about extending OPT bus service to the Rufrano Health Center on Southside Drive. Supervisor Wood stated that the Rufrano’s would need to negotiate a contract with the City of Oneonta to extend the service to their business, as other businesses currently do.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Holleran to approve the July 12, 2017 minutes.

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 0 Motion Carried

BILLS

Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Holleran to approve bills as follows:

General	\$79,200.86	542-545,547,550,554-559,565-567,569,572-583,598,600, 603,604,606
Highway	\$235,658.59	536,550,577,584-597,599,604,605,608
Street Lights	\$3,648.86	546,598,600
Trust & Agency	\$4,160.45	538-541,551-553,610,611
DISTRICTS:		
WESD	\$5,435.82	537,548,549,560-563,568,570,601,602,607,609
WSSD	\$878.63	537,549,560-562,568,570,601,607,609
SSD	\$1,514.60	537,549,560,561,568,570,607,609
WWD	\$2,767.87	537,549,560-562,564,568,570,571,601,602,607,609
PWD	\$581.19	537,549,560,561,568,570,609
VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried		

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Holleran to enter into Executive Session to discuss a real estate purchase.

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Holleran to authorize Councilman Randal Mowers to act on behalf of the town and bid up to \$4400 for a vacant parcel of land going up for public auction on August 16th, being described as Tax Map #287.19-2-21.00, located at 38 Richards Avenue (Butler Creek).

Discussion: Supervisor Wood stated that this parcel would benefit the town in that it would give the town access to Butler Creek for maintenance work.

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Holleran to close the Executive Session.

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 0 Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Shackelton
Town Clerk