

TOWN BOARD  
Regular Meeting  
July 12, 2017

The regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on June 14, 2017 with the following members present:

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

Others present: Rob Panasci, Town Attorney; James Hurtubise, Supt. of Highways; Steve Kent; Danny Lapin; Kelly Mallette; and Dave Prouty.

**PETITIONERS**

Danny Lapin, Environmental Planner with OCCA (Otsego County Conservation Association) was present to request a letter of support to submit a joint City/Town grant application on how local governments can plan for the effects of climate change. OCCA in partnership with 3 organizations (Model Forest Policy Program, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, and Northern Institute for Applied Sciences) will conduct a one year study to develop and write a management plan/proposal at no cost. Supervisor Wood and the board agreed that this is a great opportunity.

Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Jacob to authorize Supervisor Wood to submit a letter of support on behalf of the town.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Kelly Mallette was present to answer questions regarding his plan to have a car show at Fortin Park where all proceeds would benefit a local cancer patient. He explained that Bob Escher at Catskill Area Hospice is going to be handling the event and proceeds and will choose the person in need. The board was in agreement that since the event benefits a non-for-profit the issue of vending permits is not applicable (per Section 64-12 of the Town Code which exempts established non-for-profits). Mallette will meet with Park Maintenance Worker Steve Kent and Councilmen Holleran and Mowers prior to the event to work out parking in the event of wet grounds.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Training – Motion was made by Holleran, seconded by Mowers to approve Highway Superintendent Hurtubise to attend the NYS Association of Town Superintendents of Highways annual conference in Ellicottville, NY, Sept. 19-22<sup>nd</sup>.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Speed Reduction Request – Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Wood to submit speed reduction requests for Peebles Hill Rd. and Southside Drive.



VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0      Motion Carried

The test wells in Fortin Park for the Southside Water District are being pump tested. The water is plentiful and good quality thus far.

New Hire – Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Holleran to approve Highway Superintendent Hurtubise choice of Gregory Amerson as Motor Equipment Operator, starting July 31<sup>st</sup>.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0      Motion Carried

Councilwoman Riddell Kent thanked George Griffen for his 17 years of service to the town Highway Department. He has a wealth of knowledge and the town is grateful for his dedication. He will be missed.

#### Public Safety

133 Southside Drive – Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Holleran that the owner of 133 Southside Drive (Fannie Mae), is hereby ordered by the Town Board 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 and upon the Code Enforcement Officer’s determination that said structure is unsafe. Demolition must begin within 30 days of receipt of this order, and must be completed within 60 days of this notice. Further that the Town Board will hold a hearing on August 7, 2017 at 4:00 pm to consider whether to modify, revoke or affirm said order.

Discussion: Supervisor Wood said that people are on site already working.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0      Motion Carried

Councilwoman Riddell Kent thanked Councilwoman Jacob for arranging Narcan training for the Town Constable.

#### Facilities, Technology, Parks – Councilman Holleran reported as follows:

- committee discussed making amendments to the Peddling Chapter that would allow for a one-day permit; and delineating the difference between processed food vending and goods vending;
- discussed whether the Highway men and the Park Maintenance Worker should have ‘universal precautions’ training; it was felt that this training does not pertain to highway or park workers, but agreed that heavy, leather gloves should be worn when emptying garbage receptacles.
- letter from Dr. Davidson thanking the town for mowing Hemstreet Park and furnishing a picnic table, work that had been pushed behind because of the wet weather;
- still working on RFPs (Request for Proposals) for the Town Hall roof and boiler;
- meetings have been posted on the town’s Facebook page by Councilman Holleran; and
- Supervisor Wood will meet with Brian Pokorny, County IT and ISD again to answer questions regarding the possibility of a shared services agreement with the county.

Legislative – Councilwoman Jacob reported as follows:



- Committee has discussed an amendment to Chapter 64 'Peddling and Soliciting' that would allow one-day permits;
- Still working on the 'Complete Streets' law and the 'Sign' law.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Informational:

- Michael Ranieri will present his request to explore zone change for property on Meadowbrook Lane at the August meeting; and
- Planning and Zoning Training on SEQRA July 25, 7pm Town of Otsego Town Hall

Fire Commissioners – Councilwoman Riddell Kent gave the following report:

- Chairman Mike Butler was absent and he has submitted his resignation;
- Johna Peachin said an option could be to dissolve the Fire Commission and have the Town Board take over;
- Commissioners chose an Albany firm to do the audit. The firm is familiar with municipal accounts;
- Task Force negotiations are at a stand still; and
- Commissioners approved an investment policy and procurement policy.

Councilman Holleran asked if the town board could get the job done, if it comes to that. Supervisor Wood said the board would have no negotiating leverage and that he is not a proponent of the Town Board handling it. He went on to explain that the Town of Oneonta Fire District was created around 1980 when there were concerns that the city could overcharge the town and thus gives the commissioners the ability to create their own department.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Mowers to approve the June 14, 2017 minutes.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0      Motion Carried

**BILLS**

Motion was made by Holleran, seconded by Mowers to approve bills as follows, with the addition of \$131,094.23 for the 2018 International Dump Truck:

General	\$52,322.42	463,464,467,468,476-479,481-496,498,506,508,510-518,521,532
Highway	\$86,029.82	464,496,516,519-528,531
Street Lights	\$3,600.74	493,498
Trust & Agency	\$6,115.27	461,462,469-475,534,535

**DISTRICTS:**

WESD	\$4,094.79	460,465,466,480,497,499-502,504,507,509,529,530,533
WSSD	\$1,052.43	460,465,480,497,500-502,504,507,509,529,533
SSD	\$1,735.69	460,465,480,497,499-502,504,507,509,533
WWD	\$2,704.17	460,465,466,480,497,499-502,504,505,507,509,533
PWD	\$6,879.39	460,465,480,497,500,502-504,509,533

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0      Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Shackelton  
Town Clerk