

TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
September 11, 2019

A regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on September 11, 2019 with the following members present:

Councilman: Brett Holleran
Councilwoman: Patricia Jacob
Councilman: Randy Mowers
Councilwoman: Patricia Riddell Kent
Town Attorney: Robert Panasci
Supervisor: Robert Wood
Town Clerk: Sara Robinson

Others present: Andrew Capra, Karen Liddle, Sean Farrell, Steve Kent

Public Hearing-

The Public Hearing on Local Law #1 of 2019 was opened with a motion from Jacob seconded by Riddell-Kent regarding the amendment the zoning law to require Public Hearings whenever a non-conforming use in a residential district modifies or expands it use. Public Hearing was opened at 7:15pm.

Andrew Capra stated that this was a good amendment and that he wished the town had done it before.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:25 with a motion from Jacob, seconded by Holleran.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Wood, seconded by Jacob to make a negative declaration under SEQRA as this local law will have no negative effect on the environment.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Riddell-Kent to approve Local Law #1 of 2019.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

PETITIONERS

Town Justice Karen Liddle requested that the town board increase Victoria Robbins annual salary. Supervisor Wood stated that it would be discussed in executive session at the end of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway/Water & Sewer – A letter was received from the home owners association requesting Plains Drive be converted to one way. The town board met at the Plains and discussed changing the traffic pattern with the residents. The board heard the residents' concerns. This request will be considered.

Supervisor Wood stated that the highway garage bid was supposed to go out to bid last week. Hopefully it will be out this week. Supervisor Wood asked that the bid be back by October 1st, which seems unrealistic

now.

Public Safety- Did not meet.

Facilities, Technology, Parks – Nothing to report.

Human Resources and Public Benefit –

Motion made by Mowers. Seconded by Riddell Kent to permanently appoint Kevoy Howard to the position of MEO as he has completed his one year probationary period.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion to appoint Keirra Jester to court clerk subject to one year probationary period at a salary of \$29,250 pro-rated for the remainder of the year. Motion was made by Jacob. Seconded by Holleran.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Legislative – Did not meet.

ATTORNEY – Panasci stated that UPS and All-Star grievances are pending.

Wood also stated that we still haven't heard anything from the owners of Aarons Rent a Center. Holleran asked if the eminent domain process could delay the time line of the water project. Wood stated it could delay it.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Training September 25th 2019 for Paul, David and Shane with a cost of \$35 per person. Mowers made a motion. Seconded by Jacob.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

MISCELLANEOUS- Re-appointment of Richard Maxwell Assessor to a term ending September 30, 2025. Mowers made a motion. Seconded by Wood.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

PETITIONERS- Jacob stated that the NYSEG rate increase of 27% is a lot. NYSEG is not in line with the climate initiative. Now is the time to comment if you have personal feelings on it. There was discussion about the need for the rate increase.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mowers, seconded by Jacob to approve the August 14th 2019 minutes.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

BILLS

Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Mowers to pay bills as follows:

General \$41,375.34 636,638,639,643,646-657,667-671,674,676-678,681,682,684,

		686,688
Highway	\$17,833.05	636,658-666,671-673,675,678-680,685
Street Lights	\$3,536.15	681,686
Trust & Agency	\$609.29	631-635,641,642,696
Highway Gar.	\$1,744.25	644
DISTRICTS:		
WESD	\$5,491.99	630,637,640,683,687,689-692,694
WSSD	\$925.75	630,637,640,683,689,690,694
SSD	\$1,425.80	630,637,640,683,687,689,690
WWD	\$2,702.49	630,637,640,683,689,690,693-695
PWD	\$417.16	630,637,640,689,690
SS Water Dist	\$16,548.00	645

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Mowers to go into executive session to discuss a specific employee and their pay rate.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Town board emerged from executive session at 8:35pm.

Motion was made by Holleran, seconded by Wood to adjourn at 8:36PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Robinson
Town Clerk