

TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
November 10, 2020

A regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on November 10, 2020 via Zoom with the following members present:

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

Others present: Rob Panasci; Town Attorney

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Motion was made by Jacob, Seconded by Mowers to re-open the public hearing for the 2021 budget.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Supervisor Wood asked if there was anyone there to address the board regarding the 2021 budget. No one addressed the board.

Supervisor Wood stated it stands as proposed. We are at the tax cap, we have not exceeded it. It offers a modest increase. We were able to get through the budget and stay under the cap. It was a difficult task.

Motion was made by Riddell Kent to close the public hearing. Seconded by Jacob.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Holleran to approve the 2021 budget. Seconded by Jacob.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

PETITIONERS-

Bob Goble with the Oneonta travel baseball program stated that Art Rigas and Kevin Morse were also present with him. Kevin is the president of Oneonta Little League. Different then what Bob is involved with right now. The Oneonta travel program is a Segway from little league to high school. Bob stated that they have run in to problems with fields. The U-11 to U-12 age groups play on a 50-70 field. It's slightly bigger than the little league field and slightly smaller than the regulation size field that you'd see at Damaske or field 6 in the city. They have an agreement with the little league program to allow them to use their fields. Weather always plays havoc and schedules always get messed up. Bob stated they were thinking of Fortin Park and the softball field that has gone unused at the other end of the park as a field that through grants and fund raising could turn into a nice baseball complex. Supervisor Wood stated that Art has signed up in the past for practice in that field. This year they used the fields closer to the airport hangers due to that field being harder to play on due to overgrown grass. Bob Goble stated they would like to take control of the field and groom it, put it back to playable condition with dugouts and an outfield fence. Jacob asked how it would work when the field needs to be used by soccer teams or track teams. Bob stated the soccer field is back toward the entrance so he didn't think that would come in to play. Bob Goble stated he doesn't know the lay out of the track field. Jacob stated the only problem she could see would be the dugout because the track teams utilize the whole area. Supervisor Wood stated that he would like to refer this to the parks committee and they could do a presentation to them.

Highway/Water & Sewer –

Supervisor Wood asked for authority to authorize a change order for concrete in the parking island. Supervisor Wood stated that he does not have the price yet. The town board agreed to accept the change order once Supervisor Wood receives the price.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Riddell Kent. Seconded by Jacob to approve the snow and ice contract with Otsego County.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Holleran. Seconded by Jacob to approve water and sewer delinquent list and submit it to Otsego County for reimbursement. Riddell Kent stated that Lantern Hill and BJ's have not paid their sewer bill and asked if the county will make us whole. Supervisor Wood stated yes.
VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

RESOLUTION certifying delinquent and submitting same to the Otsego County Treasurer for collection.

Resolved, the Town Board certifies that the following town sewer and water accounts are Delinquent for the year 2020, and submits same to the Otsego County Treasurer for collection:

District	Total Due
West End Sewer District	\$ 42,114.38
West Street Sewer District	\$ 345.40
Southside Sewer District	\$ 39,037.15
Woodland Water District	\$ 11,158.53
TOTAL:	\$92,655.46

Moved by Councilperson Holleran. Seconded by Councilperson Jacob.

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Public Safety – Supervisor Wood stated that Constable Robinson had surgery last week. The court has requested that we hire a temp. Supervisor Wood stated that he thinks a temp. is probably our best situation right now. Holleran stated that there has been continuing problems with burglaries. Holleran stated that it has become even more concerning, O'Neil Drive had someone try to break in to a front door. It went from car burglaries to a potential home invasion. Holleran wanted to bring it to the attention of the town so that we are aware. Court has been struggling with admitting people in. Staffworks proposed \$15 hr. with a four hour minimum. We are looking at \$60 a day, 6 days a month. Potentially \$700 to cover the time period. Motion was made by Mowers to hire a temp. through staff works. Seconded by Riddell Kent.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Facilities, Technology, Parks- Referral of request to build baseball fields.

Human Resources and Public Benefit-

Legislative- did not meet.

Attorney- Attorney Panasci stated that they thought the case concerning the tax grievance with Marty Patton should be dismissed due to him not providing information. The BAR asked him to provide information and he didn't do it. Panasci told him the case was dismissed and then he provided the information. We lost the lower court. It then went to the Appellate Division and they agreed with the lower court's decision that Marty did not have to provide the information in a timely fashion. We are now back in front of Judge Burns trying to negotiate a potential settlement or to move forward with trial.

CODE ENFORCEMENT-

MISCELLANEOUS- The town board discussed an energy storage law.

Motion was made by Mowers to approve a new server for the town hall for \$4,999.99 Seconded by Holleran.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Jacob to enter in to a 3 year contract with MEGA for electricity for the Town. Seconded by Riddell Kent.

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 1 Motion Carried

PETITIONERS- None.

MINUTES- Motion was made by Jacob. Seconded by Riddell Kent to approve the October 14th minutes.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Riddell Kent asked to list the names of the petitioners that live on West St. Riddell Kent stated she would forward the names to the town clerk.

Motion was made by Riddell Kent. Seconded by Jacob to approve the November 4th minutes.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

BILLS Motion was made by Mowers to approve the following bills. Seconded by Jacob.

Clerk:		Approved Expenses / Voucher #		812-881
		General	\$	79,764.35
		Highway	\$	280,111.81
		St Lighting	\$	2,416.56
		Highway Garage	\$	406,592.41
		Fire Protection	\$	355,765.00
		WESD	\$	547.40
		WSSD	\$	175.08
		SSD	\$	208.04
		WWD	\$	858.19
		PWD	\$	7,739.93
		SSWD	\$	393,749.48
		T&A	\$	1,132.35
			\$	1,529,060.60

Motion was made by Riddell Kent to enter into executive session after which no action will be taken. Seconded by Mowers.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

The town board entered into executive session at 8:20PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:16PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Robinson
Town Clerk