

TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
February 10, 2021

A regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on February 10, 2021 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, Greg Klein, Kim Griswold

PETITIONERS

Greg Klein from Film Coop was present to speak. Greg stated that Film Coop is short for Cooperstown, Oneonta and Otsego County film partnership. They are a film commission office. They are the first film commission office for Otsego County, City of Oneonta and Cooperstown. They are nonprofit and volunteer. The Film Commission is an agent for the county. People coming in could help bring economic development. Greg stated that we were the only part of the state not using the tax credit to make films in the state. They have been making their rounds talking to everyone. They were hoping that maybe like the other entities, we would make them the official film commission for the town.

Girl Scouts leader Kim Griswold was present with the girl scouts. Riddell Kent stated that the Girl Scouts would like to build an interactive butterfly garden in Fortin Park. The name of their project is Flowers with Wings. This project will help them work towards their silver award. The butterfly garden would be at the OWL house. The butterfly garden would be for families visiting OWL or the park. The girl scouts would include signs that would identify the different species in the garden. They would also like to incorporate benches in the garden so that families could come and sit and enjoy the relaxing atmosphere of the garden. The plan is that the garden would be completed in early May or June and they would like to host a grand opening. The girl scouts shared that they have a maintenance plan to refresh the gardens in the spring and weed twice a month as well as have a schedule for dry weather. They will also do a fall cleanup. Once the girls graduate they will turn over the garden care to a younger troop. Supervisor Wood stated that several groups have done projects and they have fallen to disrepair. Supervisor Wood stated he would let them know the decision later on.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway/Water & Sewer – Riddell Kent stated that Supervisor Wood received a request from Greg Mattice from the City of Oneonta. Greg is looking to apply for a GIGP Grant for \$160,000 for a sewer camera truck with I&I infiltration. They would like a letter of support from us. The local share for the city is \$40,000. Riddell Kent asked Supervisor Wood to tell us about the \$5,000. Supervisor Wood stated that he and Highway Superintendent Hurtubise spoke and the

\$5,000 sounded reasonable considering the amount of sewer lines we have vs. the amount they have. Holleran asked if that could be used as part of the shared services agreement. Supervisor Wood stated yes. Supervisor Wood stated that this would help us preserve the capacity we purchased from the city which is up for negotiation this year. Highway Superintendent Hurtubise stated that if we had a blockage we could do camera work to help identify it. If we had an area that had I&I or flows changed due to a water table event it would help identify it. It could also help identify if someone was dumping sub pumps into the sanitary system. This is a better way to help us monitor our system. Supervisor Wood stated that the funds would come from the water district. Motion was made by Riddell Kent to approve the request. Seconded by Mowers.
VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Resolution in Support of City of Oneonta GIGP Grant Application

Whereas, the Town of Oneonta has a significant number of sewer lines which carry sewage to the City of Oneonta's waste water treatment plant.

Whereas, the Town of Oneonta recognizes the value of inspecting all of the sewer lines for problems such as infiltration of storm water in to sanitary sewers.

Whereas, the Town of Oneonta is dependent on the City of Oneonta's waste water treatment plant to dispose of sewage.

Whereas, the Town of Oneonta recognizes the value of reducing infiltration to extend the life and capacity of the City of Oneonta's waste water treatment plant;

Whereas, the Town of Oneonta and the City of Oneonta recognize that they share many services and that sharing equipment costs save both communities tax payer money.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Oneonta supports the City of Oneonta Green Innovation Grant Application not only by resolution, but also with a financial commitment to the local share of the cost of the grant in the amount of \$5,000.

Update on new Highway Garage- Supervisor Wood stated that he met with Highway Superintendent Hurtubise, Councilman Mowers, and Paul Neske and they consulted with Brendan from Lamont and Milan and came to a consensus opinion that even though the building did not pass the air quality test, Lamont will sign off that it was constructed to the energy code. They will also add to the list that spray foam material will need to be applied to help comply. Supervisor Wood stated that letters of substantial completion should be in by tomorrow from the vendors that were involved with the project. The insurance company was notified that we are adding the new building to the policy effective tomorrow. We should be able to occupy the building as soon as tomorrow. Councilman Mowers stated that the Geo-Thermal will be on line shortly.

Use of Salt & Grit on roads- Supervisor Wood stated that Pat Jacob was contacted by a resident that lives on Lower Reservoir Road about the use of salt and sand on the road. Highway Superintendent Hurtubise stated that the mix that we use is about 20% salt and 80% sand. We do not get any complaints from the reservoir about sodium levels. Highway Superintendent

Hurtubise stated that the road is a low traffic road, the salt does not get kicked off to the shoulder.

Motion was made by Mowers. Seconded by Riddell Kent for Highway Superintendent Hurtubise to purchase a 12x42 snow pusher from Express Steel for \$5,200. Highway Superintendent Hurtubise stated that with the new parking lot and the lot for the highway department they feel that it would be helpful to have the snow pusher attachment for the loader. It will help them transport the snow and get it over the curb and out of the way. It will also help with street cleanup. It does a much more efficient job than a pickup.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Public Safety – did not meet.

Facilities, Technology and Parks- Mowers stated that he spoke with Art Rigas. Art stated that a copy of the City of Oneonta contract is with their attorney. When it is finished it will get dropped off to Town Attorney Panasci and Town Supervisor Wood.

Human Resources and Public Benefit- Nothing to report.

Legislative- Nothing to report.

Attorney - Nothing to report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT - Motion was made by Holleran to approve the codes request for dues. Seconded by Riddell Kent.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Supervisor Wood stated that NYS is requiring us to create a Public Health Emergency Operations Plan. It will need to be passed in March.

Update on Hazard Mitigation Plan Annual Review- Supervisor Wood stated that Paul Neske, Highway Superintendent Hurtubise and Walt Schmidt met for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Annual Review. The review is as follows;

Pandemic- Started March 2020, no major issues noted in the Town. Share services for emergency plan received by T01 with neighboring towns & city.

Snow storm 12/26/2020 26” snow 12 hour removal time. No issues noted.

Wind Storms- nothing significant thru the year, minor trees down.

Dam/Flooding- No major flooding events.

SWPPP- Completed Winney Hill Rd. and Chestnut St. - improved Butler Creek flow system functioning at this time.

Work to be looked at; extend improvements up stream along Butler Creek and upsize culverts at Winney Hill, Blanchard and Jefferson Ext.

2018- Bridge NY appl no go

Erosion Sedimentation and Controls; additional highway employer training & certification.

Rescue/911-

WOFD install new announcement system. Continue to develop notification to public via proprietary (sign up) and/or social media. LED sign board.

With the new highway garage available shortly. Develop plans for use during emergency designate portion of the building. How to use in plans and who makes the call for use. Lost highway repeater last summer at Spectrum tower. Repaired and operational. Spectrum evaluating tower need to look at tower options (Tri-County-County).

Power outages

DOT looking at installing pads for portable generators to operate traffic signals. It was understood from JH that Supervisor Wood was following this.

MISCELLANEOUS - Motion was made by Jacob to approve the 2020 budget modifications. Seconded by Mowers.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Supervisor Wood stated that money was received for the Blanchard Ave property.

MINUTES- Motion was made by Jacob. Seconded by Riddell Kent to approve the January 13, 2021 minutes.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried

BILLS- Motion was made by Mowers to approve the following bills. Seconded by Riddell Kent. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Clerk:	Approved Expenses / Voucher #	1049-1069, 28-102		
	General	\$ 42,268.99	*Includes Bond Interest \$4,305.94	
	Highway	\$ 113,549.05		
	St Lighting	\$ 2,964.76		
	Highway Garage	\$ 20,116.79		
	Fire Protection	\$ -		
	WESD	\$ 1,258.96		
	WSSD	\$ 144.86		
	SSD	\$ 1,060.70		
	WWD	\$ 961.62		
	PWD	\$ 7,846.15		
	SSWD	\$ 342,356.14		
	T&A	\$ 1,502.36		
	CDBG	\$ -		
		<u>\$ 534,030.38</u>		

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Robinson
Town Clerk