

TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
May 12, 2021

A regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on May 12, 2021 via ZOOM with the following members present:

Councilman: Randy Mowers
Councilwoman: Patricia Riddell Kent
Councilman: Brett Holleran
Councilwoman: Patricia Jacob
Supervisor: Robert Wood

Others present: Rob Panasci, Town Attorney; Teresa DeSantis, Skyler Thompson

Supervisor Wood recognized that we had two candidates in attendance.

PETITIONERS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway, Water & Sewer- Motion was made to set the Plains Water District \$10.30/1000 residential, \$16.50 Commercial by Riddell Kent. Seconded by Jacobs.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Highway Superintendent Hurtubise stated that we are waiting on two more bids for the West Oneonta sidewalks.

Motion was made to approve the purchase of two speed signs from Elan City for \$5799 from Elan City by Mowers. Seconded by Jacob.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Riddell Kent stated that once this was approved the board was in agreement to place one of them on Upper West St.

Riddell Kent stated that she and Highway Superintendent Hurtubise are still working on the Bridge NY culvert application. The final one is due on May 19th. Highway Superintendent Hurtubise received feedback on the first submittal. It is now a matter of tweaking what they have listed and adding more things.

Holleran asked for an update on the road tour. Riddell Kent stated that Highway Superintendent Hurtubise gave them a list of his highway projects that he wants to accomplish for the coming year.

Public Safety – There was a codes referral for an unsafe property at 8 Hubbell Avenue. The property owner has until the end of the week to initiate repairs or contact the office. Supervisor Wood stated that it could possibly be a referral to public safety next month.

Facilities, Technology, Parks- Holleran stated that he sent an email to the board about changing our Fortin Park pavilion rental application to reflect the CDC guidelines. He attached a copy of the City of Oneonta's rental application. Supervisor Wood recommended that Mowers and Holleran confer with the town clerk and make a recommendation to the board. Mowers stated that there is going to be a parking issue at the park. Mowers stated that he would like to get topsoil down there where it is wet at the end of the road to the right to increase parking.

Human Resources and Public Benefit – Nothing to report.

Legislative – There was a referral for us to reconsider the unified solar permit. Supervisor Wood state that he spoke with Paul and he stated that things are easier under our existing code rather than the unified solar permit. However, we would get points for the climate smart community if we were to pass that.

Update on Climate Smart Community Task Force- Chairperson Jacob reported that we are striving for bronze certification which is 120 points. Since they have re started the committee they are up to 44 points. We have done well. So far we have the task force formulation which was 20 points, advance vehicles was 2 points, led street lights was 8 points, complete streets policy was 4 points. Everyone is working on a separate project right now, they meet once a month with Amy Wyant who has been very helpful. Amy has helped upload and get everything into the database. They meet again May 26th @ 5:30 via ZOOM. They met with someone from community solar (Ampion) and he talked about a clean energy community project and NYSRTA is involved with that. It's a solar community project and would be available to the Town of Oneonta. They are going to look to explore some other company's and get comparisons to see which one would be best to present to the board. This would be a opt in program. Councilwoman Jacob stated that if everything is finished by December, we should have bronze by January.

ATTORNEY – Nothing to report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT- Motion was made by Mowers to approve ARC Site software for \$360. Seconded by Holleran.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

MISCELLANIOUS-

Motion was made by Holleran to approve the asbestos testing with the estimate of \$700-\$1000 to test the property at 3974 State Highway 23, the one with the collapsing roof so that we can see about making an offer to purchase it. Seconded by Jacob.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Jacob to authorize AOT finance school on budgeting for Mowers and Camarata 5/19-5/20 \$65 per person. Seconded by Holleran.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Jacob to authorize the lifeguard salaries. Seconded by Mowers.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Oneonta Town Pool

Summer 2021

<u>Lifeguards</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Year Hired</u>	<u>WSI</u>
Madison Miller	Head Guard	\$13.25	2013	Yes
Abigail Picinich	Assistant Head Guard	\$13.25	2014	No
Michelle Rossi	Lesson Supervisor	\$13.25	2018	No
Frank Microni	Part Time Lifeguard/ Lesson Aide	\$13.10	1992	No
Taylor Microni	Lifeguard/ Lesson Aide	\$12.90	2016	No
Theresa DiMartin	Part Time Lifeguard/ Lesson Aide	\$12.90	2010	No
Kylie McKee	Life Guard/ Lesson Aide	\$12.75	2018	No
Stephanie Havens	Sub/Lessons	\$12.75	2011	Yes
Cole Platt	Sub	\$12.50	2018	No

***Minimum wage is \$12.5 because of costs of certifications and time of getting certified, we have deemed it important to pay lifeguards above minimum wage as long as they are not a sub. My three top guards make the max salary.

Subs \$12.50

Caitlin Cook-Wightman 2% raise = \$114 totaling \$5,829

Supervisor Wood asked for a motion to approve the contract with Destination Oneonta. Councilwoman Riddell Kent stated that she did a search acting as a tourist using google. Riddell Kent stated that she saw a lot of landing sites such as trip advisor. Riddell Kent stated that she would like to see evidence that Destination Oneonta came up in the searches she was doing. Holleran stated that he did not understand why a business has to pay to join. Supervisor Wood stated that they were supposed to become self-sufficient by a certain point. Holleran stated that they have not. Councilman Holleran stated that he did not understand why businesses had to pay if taxpayer money is going to support this. Supervisor Wood stated that he will ask Katrina VandZandt, Director of Memberships for Destination Oneonta if she can do a presentation next month.

Motion was made by Mowers to approve the contract with Destination Oneonta. Seconded by Wood.

Wood-Aye

Riddell Kent- Aye

Jacob- Aye

Mowers- Aye

Holleran- Aye

Ayes- 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Supervisor Wood asked the board if they wanted to resume in person meetings next month. Councilwoman Jacob stated as long as there is strict mask wearing and social distancing. In person meetings will resume June 9th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion was made to approve the minutes from April 14th by Jacob. Seconded by Riddell Kent.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

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

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Clerk:		Approved Expenses / Voucher #	298-384
	General	\$ 91,608.00	
	Highway	\$ 53,548.60	
	St Lighting	\$ 2,735.38	
	Highway Garage	\$ 18,264.09	
	Fire Protecton	\$ 398,194.34	
	WESD	\$ 7,487.67	
	WSSD	\$ 2,210.97	
	SSD	\$ 3,095.26	
	WWD	\$ 1,632.07	
	PWD	\$ 729.54	
	SSWD	\$ 731,768.07	
	T&A	\$ 5,099.29	
	CDBG	\$ -	
		\$ 1,316,373.28	

Motion was made to approve budget modifications to increase DA 5112.4, \$91,000. DA3501, \$166,000 by Mowers. Seconded by Jacob.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion to adjourn was made by Jacob. Seconded by Holleran.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Adjourned at 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Robinson