



**Town of Oneonta
TOWN BOARD
Town Board Special Meeting
July 29, 2026
05:00 PM**

Call to Order, Roll Call was taken, a quorum was established, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The special meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on July 29, 2026, with the following members present:

Town Supervisor	William Rivera Jr.	(WRJ)
Deputy Town Supervisor	Patricia Riddell Kent	(PRK)
Town Board Member	Joseph M. Camarata	(JMC)
Town Board Member	Brett D. Holleran	(BDH)
Town Board Member	Teresa DeSantis	(TD)

Others present: Ryan F. Pereira, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION 2026-0116 (05:22) Motion by PRK; seconded by TD;

Whereas the Town Board votes to approve the Smart Growth Community Planning Grant application for the "Town of Oneonta Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan Update.";

Now, therefore be it resolved;

Whereupon the resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

		AYE	NAY
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Teresa DeSantis	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
William Rivera Jr.	Supervisor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
VOTE	AYES (5)		

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE 2026-2027 NYS DEPARTMENT OF STATE (NYSDOS) SMART GROWTH COMMUNITY PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PROJECT "TOWN OF ONEONTA SMART GROWTH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE"

WHEREAS, the Town of Oneonta has determined it is in the best interests of the community that the Town, in concert with its residents and local and regional stakeholders, update its 2014 Comprehensive Plan;

WHEREAS, New York State has issued a request for applications entitled, 2026-2027 New York State Department of State (NYSDOS) Smart Growth Community Planning Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Oneonta has determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to undertake the necessary activities for the submittal of an application under the 2026-2027 NYSDOS Smart Growth Community Grant Program for the development of a Comprehensive Plan Update to replace the Town's 2014 Comprehensive Plan to incorporate smart growth principles to guide the future of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Oneonta is committed to incorporating the NYS Smart Growth Principles to guide the development of the Comprehensive Plan Update to enhance livability, sustainability, and equity in Oneonta; and

WHEREAS, the Smart Growth Community Planning Grant requires local matching funds equal to at least 15% of the total project cost;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to submit an application for the “Town of Oneonta Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan Update” under the Smart Growth Community Planning Grant Program through NYSDOS and to execute all documents necessary for the implementation of this work relating to the financial and/or administrative processes of the grant program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Oneonta has committed to providing the required 15% matching funds associated with the Smart Growth Community Planning Grant Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to the extent any or all location actions hereby authorized have been executed and/or performed by the Supervisor, are hereby ratified and confirmed, and this Resolution takes effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2026-0117 (05:32)

Motion by JMC; seconded by BH;

Whereas the Town Board votes to approve the 2026 Environmental Protection Fund Grant Program for Parks, Preservation and Heritage application for the "Greater Plains Park Completion Project";

Now, therefore be it resolved;

Whereupon the resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

		AYE	NAY
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Teresa DeSantis	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
William Rivera Jr.	Supervisor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

VOTE AYES (5)

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2026-0118 (05:52)

Motion by BH; seconded by TD;

Whereas the Town Board votes to approve the ESD feasibility-study application for the "Town of Oneonta Comprehensive Growth and Opportunity Study";

Now, therefore be it resolved;

Whereupon the resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

		AYE	NAY
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Teresa DeSantis	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
William Rivera Jr.	Supervisor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

VOTE AYES (5)

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLANNING AND FEASIBILITY STUDIES PROGRAM FOR THE PROJECT "TOWN OF ONEONTA TOWNWIDE DEVELOPMENT READINESS AND INDOOR RECREATION MARKET FEASIBILITY STUDY"

WHEREAS, the Town of Oneonta has determined it is in the best interests of the community to undertake the "Town of Oneonta Townwide Development Readiness and Indoor Recreation Market Feasibility Study" (the "Study"); and

WHEREAS, the Study will identify and evaluate development-ready sites and infrastructure opportunities throughout the Town and assess the market, financial, and economic feasibility of a potential privately developed, owned, and operated year-round indoor recreation, sports, entertainment, and events facility; and

WHEREAS, Empire State Development's Strategic Planning and Feasibility Studies Program may provide up to fifty percent of eligible project costs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed total project cost is \$85,000, consisting of an ESD grant request of up to \$42,500 and a local share of \$42,500; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to submit an application for the "Town of Oneonta Townwide Development Readiness and Indoor Recreation Market Feasibility Study" through Empire State Development and to execute all documents necessary for the financial and administrative processes of the grant program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Oneonta commits \$8,500 in cash and proposes to provide the remaining \$34,000 local share through documented in-kind planning support, including volunteer participation, local planning knowledge, professional expertise, and Town personnel services, to the extent accepted by ESD; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if ESD requires a greater cash match, the matter shall return to the Town Board before the Town makes any cash commitment above \$8,500; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this authorization is limited to the Study and does not authorize the selection of a site or developer or the acquisition, design, construction, ownership, or operation of a facility by the Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to the extent any actions hereby authorized have been taken by the Town Supervisor, they are hereby ratified and confirmed, and this Resolution takes effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2026-0119 (06:30)

Motion by BH; seconded by TD;

Whereas the Town Board votes to approve the 2026 NYSDEC Climate Smart Communities Grant Program application for the "Town of Oneonta Highway Garage Solar Project"; and

Whereas the

Now, therefore be it resolved;

Whereupon the resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

		AYE	NAY
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Teresa DeSantis	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
William Rivera Jr.	Supervisor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

VOTE AYES (5)

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE 2026 NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE "TOWN OF ONEONTA HIGHWAY GARAGE SOLAR PROJECT"

WHEREAS, the Town of Oneonta requests financial assistance through the New York State Climate Smart Communities Grant Program pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law Article 54, Title 15, for the "Town of Oneonta Highway Garage Solar Project"; and

WHEREAS, the Town certifies that it has identified \$65,000 in matching funds from the Town's General Fund for the proposed \$130,000 project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to submit a Consolidated Funding Application requesting \$130,000 for the Town of Oneonta Highway Garage Solar Project and to execute documents necessary for the financial and administrative processes of the application; and be it further

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town commits the identified \$65,000 General Fund match; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any actions previously taken by the Town Supervisor consistent with this Resolution are ratified and confirmed, and this Resolution takes effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 2026-0120 (07:12)

Motion by BH; seconded by JMC;

Whereas the Town Board moves to reject the 2026 NYSDEC Climate Smart Communities Grant Program application for the "West End Oneonta Sidewalk Project" as written;

Now, therefore be it resolved;

Whereupon the resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

		AYE	NAY
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Teresa DeSantis	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
William Rivera Jr.	Supervisor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

VOTE AYES (5)

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE 2026 NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE "WEST END ONEONTA SIDEWALK PROJECT"

WHEREAS, the Town of Oneonta requests financial assistance through the New York State Climate Smart Communities Grant Program pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law Article 54, Title 15, for the "West End Oneonta Sidewalk Project"; and

WHEREAS, the Town certifies that it has identified \$2,000,000 in matching funds from General Funds, eligible Town personnel services and municipal equipment use, and municipal bond proceeds for the proposed \$4,000,000 project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to submit a Consolidated Funding Application requesting an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the West End Oneonta

Sidewalk Project and to execute documents necessary for the financial and administrative processes of the application; and be it further

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town commits the identified \$2,000,000 local match from the sources stated above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any actions previously taken by the Town Supervisor consistent with this Resolution are ratified and confirmed, and this Resolution takes effect immediately.

Members were not comfortable with the amounts presented in the resolution and asked for a vote to NOT approve.

Procedurally speaking resulting in a move to reject.

RESOLUTION 2026-0121 (07:15)

Motion by WRJ; seconded by BH;

Whereas the Town Board votes to adjourn;

Now, therefore be it resolved;

Whereupon the resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

		AYE	NAY
Joseph M. Camarata	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Brett D. Holleran	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Patricia Riddell Kent	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Teresa DeSantis	Board Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
William Rivera Jr.	Supervisor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

VOTE AYES (5)

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan F. Pereira

Town Clerk