



Town of Oneonta TOWN BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2022
07:00pm

The regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on August 17, 2022, @07:00PM, with the following members present:

Town Board Member:	Kim Fierke	(KF)	
Town Board Member:	Skylar J. Thompson	(SJT)	
Town Board Member:	Patricia Riddell Kent	(PRK)	
Town Board Member:	Brett Holleran	(BH)	ABSENT
Supervisor:	Randal I. Mowers	(RM)	
Town Clerk:	Ryan F. Pereira	(RFP)	
Town Attorney:	Robert Panasci	(RP)	

Others present: Dale Webster; David Kropp; Patrick Calhoun; Denise Wist; Barbara Belknapp; Brian Belknapp; Bridgette Shepardson; Ben Cotter; Ben Holscher; Steve Kent.

Petitioners: Dense Wist; Dale Webster (statement appears at end); David Kropp.

Public Hearing: Barbara Belknapp; Brian Belknapp; Bridgette Shepardson; Ben Cotter; Ben Holscher.
Speaking in regards to short-term rentals (STR), comments ranged from; benefits of rehabbing homes, and families supplementing their income, to the support for some regulation.

RESOLUTION 2022-68 Motion made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Fierke to set Public Hearing for Adjustment to the allowed uses within the Industrial Development District aka Oneonta Business Park/Pony Farm Industrial Park, to allow wedding/event venues within the district. Date of Hearing: September 14th, 2022 07:00PM

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 0 PRK KE Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2022-69 Motion made by Fierke, seconded by Riddell Kent to close the Public Hearing on a proposed moratorium writ large to the issuance of short-term transient rental permits.

VOTE – Ayes 3, Nays 0 KE Abstain BH PRK Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2022-70 Motion made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Thompson to not pursue a moratorium on short term rentals. Board Member Fierke offered a proposal to form an Advisory Committee to address short-term rentals.
Advisory Committee Proposal for Short Term Rentals in the Town of Oneonta

Committee Membership: 6-7 total members. 2 Town Board members, 2 Planning Board Members, and 2-3 community members.

Purpose: The Advisory Committee will be comprised of the elected and appointed Town of Oneonta officials and community members to research and make recommendations to the Town Board on issues surrounding Short Term Rentals (STRs).

Charge of the Committee: The advisory committee will be charged with investigating and research the following areas regarding STRs, add additional areas if needed to the list, and ultimately present the findings and making recommendations to the Town Board.

Areas of Research:

- Local law support/enforcement
- Maximum number of rental dates
- Minimum/Maximum nights of stays
- Parking
- Owner contact information to neighbors
- Required written rules and policies
- Penalties for non-compliance or poor tenant behavior
- Minimum acreage
- Septic inspections
- Insurance requirements

- Limit of STR in communities
- Types of STR (room, duplex, camper, etc.)
- Review of permit process
- Permit amounts
- Impact of STR's as 'business' classification:

Proposed Timeline:

- August 2022 -Creation of Committee
- September - November 2022 - Committee Work
- December 14- Committee presentation to the Board
- January/February 2023- finalize

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 0

PRK SJT Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2022-71 Motion made by Thompson, seconded by Fierke awarding Town of Oneonta Southside Water Project Contract No.04, Well Site Construction to Vacri Construction Corporation.

A RESOLUTION AWARDING TOWN OF ONEONTA SOUTHSIDE WATER PROJECT
CONTRACT NO. 4- WELL SITE CONSTRUCTION

At a meeting of the Board of the Town of Oneonta, Otsego County, New York, held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, the following resolution was offered by Board Member Thompson, who moved for its adoption, seconded by Board Member Fierke.

WHEREAS, The Board of the Town of Oneonta ("Town") has issued solicitations for sealed bids for the construction of the Southside Water Project- Contract 4- Well Site Construction ("Project") as set forth in the bid documents prepared by Lamont Engineers P.C.; and

WHEREAS, Lamont Engineers P.C. has reviewed the submitted bids for Contract No. 4 and has identified Vacri Construction Corporation of Binghamton, New York as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and has recommended that the Town Board award Contract No. 4 in the amount of nine hundred fourteen thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$914,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board may issue the Notice of Award for Contract No. 4, attached hereto as Exhibit A, upon review and approval of the low bid and Engineer's recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby award Contract No.4- Well Site Construction to Vacri Construction Corporation, in the amount of nine hundred fourteen thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$914,000.00), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes and directs the Supervisor to execute the related contract documents necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing resolutions in a form acceptable to Lamont Engineers P.C. and the Counsel for the Town as appropriate.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Randal I. Mowers	x
Kim Fierke	x
Skylar J. Thompson	x
Patricia Riddell Kent	x
Brett D. Holleran	-

The resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

VOTE - Ayes 4, Nays 0

KF SJT Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2022-72 Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Thompson to seek bids for West Oneonta sidewalk repair along County Route 8.

VOTE - Ayes 4, Nays 0

PRK SJT Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2022-73 Motion was made by Mowers, seconded by Thompson to increase Parking Ticket rates from \$10.00 to \$40.00.

VOTE - Ayes 4, Nays 0 RM SJT Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2022-74 Motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Mowers to pay the bills.

VOTE - Ayes 5, Nays 0 SJT RM Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2022-75 Motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Riddell Kent to accept the July 13, 2022 minutes.

VOTE - Ayes 5, Nays 0 SJT PRK Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2022-53 Motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Fierke to adjourn.

❖ Meeting adjourned 09:10pm. SJT KF Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan F. Pereira
Town Clerk

Statements for the record:

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I, Dale Webster, would like to go on the record to say that the survey sent to some, but not all, West Oneonta residents is slanted and unfairly twisted. It appears to me that the Town of Oneonta is attempting to influence a favorable outcome in order to proceed with the next phase of the evaluation of a water and sewer district in West Oneonta. The taxpayers will bear the brunt of the cost of the engineering study to prepare the map, plan and report. The survey attempts to gather "yes" votes for water and sewer but does not gather "no" votes in the same fashion. It is also possible that once the engineering study is complete, approval of the project could be based on property assessments, which would favor the commercial developers in West Oneonta and not individual homeowners and residents.

In closing, your gathering of information is improper and not in the best interests of the individual homeowners and residents of West Oneonta.