

TOWN BOARD  
Regular Meeting  
August 11, 2021

A regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on August 11, 2021 with the following members present:

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

Others present: Sandy Bollinger, Skylar Thompson, Vicky Klukkert, Jon Anderson

**PETITIONERS-** Sandy Bollinger was present and stated that she has concerns with people crossing the road at All Star Village. She stated that people are not using the pedestrian lights and are letting their children cross the road unsafely. Sandy is concerned that someone is going to get hurt. Supervisor Wood stated that the Town Planning Board does have regulations in place. In the past people have petitioned for a speed reduction but the state has said that it is not necessary. Riddell Kent asked if we could ask the owner to reach out to the patrons. Supervisor Wood stated that the procedures are outlined in the rules for the park.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Highway/Water& Sewer-**

Possible Use of ARPA funds- Supervisor Wood stated that we could possibly use these funds for road paving as the roads need it. To use the funds it has to have a COVID related impact directly related to infrastructure. Their definition is water, sewer or broadband. There is some other opportunity there. Supervisor Wood stated that he has been looking at our five year plan, looking to see what our lost revenue was from last year to see if we can claim that as a COVID loss. Supervisor Wood stated that Southside Drive needs to be paved and that is directly related to infrastructure.

Motion was made by Mowers to approve the purchase of Eldorado Billing Software. The estimated cost is \$350 per month. Seconded by Holleran.

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 0      Motion Carried

Councilwoman Riddell Kent stated that Highway Superintendent Hurtubise placed the speed sign on Upper West Street.

Councilman Mowers stated that the sidewalk concrete pour on county highway 8 is complete.

**Facilities, Technology, Parks-** Councilman Mowers stated that he went to the park and someone has been shooting a rifle. One of the trees is full of holes. Supervisor Wood stated that the State Police do patrol the park when they can.

Councilman Mowers stated that we are going to need to keep having the extra pumping done on the port a jons at least through mid-September.

Human Resources and Public Benefit – Nothing to report.

Legislative – Proposed Zoning Change-4147 St Hwy 23- the proposed zoning change is to change from RA-40 to PDD.

Motion was made by Riddell Kent to set a public hearing for the proposed zoning change of 4147 St Hwy 23 for October 13, 2021 at 7:00PM. Seconded by Mowers.

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 0      Motion Carried

Benchmarking- Benchmarking is a process of measuring a buildings energy use. Tracking it over time and comparing performance to similar buildings. To promote the public health, safety and welfare by making available good, actionable information on municipal building energy use to help identify opportunities to cut costs and reduce pollution in the Town of Oneonta. Supervisor Wood stated that this is part of the climate smart community. Supervisor Wood stated that there has to be a representative of the town there permanently to make the reports and ensure that they are accurate. Supervisor Wood stated he spoke with Paul to let him know that we may be assigning him in a few weeks. Riddell Kent stated that she spoke with Amy and she stated that the town clerks do it in their town. She doesn't want to see Paul be burdened with this. Supervisor Wood asked the board if they would like to work on this when Councilwoman Jacob is back. Councilwoman Riddell Kent stated yes. Riddell Kent stated the purpose of this action item is to make towns be more aware of where they are having energy loss.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT** –

**MISCELLANEOUS-** Motion was made by Holleran to approve the purchase of a new computer for the bookkeeper for \$999.99. Seconded by Mowers.

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 0      Motion Carried

Input on Marijuana sales in the Town- Supervisor Wood stated that we have until the end of December to decide whether we want to opt out of allowing marijuana sales in the town. Different towns have been talking about it-whether they want to do a public hearing or allow for public input regarding whether or not to allow sales in the town. Councilman Holleran stated that he thinks it would be most appropriate to have a public hearing. Councilman Holleran asked who the tax revenue is split between or who receives the tax revenue. Riddell Kent stated that she had concerns about traffic, she has a family member that lives in Massachusetts near the dispensaries and it is overwhelmed with traffic. Councilwoman Riddell Kent also wanted to know how a law enforcement officer can see if there is impaired driving.

Comprehensive Plan- Supervisor Wood stated that we would want to look at this in conjunction with an update. Supervisor Wood stated the he doesn't think the process needs to be as full blown as it was. It was last done in 2014. We would want to do similar things or add the sustainability component to the plan. Supervisor Wood stated any of this work would likely be done in 2022. The resolution for this was due July 30<sup>th</sup> but we were granted time. Councilman Riddell Kent stated that she would like to just add the sustainability element update to the current plan. She asked if this is something that the new board will want to take on.

Motion was made by Mowers to approve the OCCA Resolution for the Climate Smart Community Planning Grant. Seconded by Holleran.

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 0 Motion Carried

WHEREAS, the Town of Oneonta is interested in obtaining a Climate Smart communities cost-share grant from the Department of Conservation for the purpose of updating our comprehensive plan with sustainability element.

WHEREAS the Town of Oneonta authorizes the submission of the application through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application.

WHEREAS the town will supply the following match;

\$ 410.00 cash in Staff salary  
\$ 590.00 in-kind in Meeting Space  
\$ 2,645.90 in-kind in Volunteer hours  
\$ 1,183.80 in-kind in Printing Services  
\$ 2,170.30 in-kind in Mailing Services  
Totaling \$7,000

and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Oneonta will meet the financial obligations necessary to complete the project fully and satisfactorily and hereby authorizes and empowers town officials to submit the application.

Motion was made by Riddell Kent to authorize Supervisor Wood to sign an agreement with OCCA for the CSC grant. Seconded by Mowers.

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 0 Motion Carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES-** Motion was made by Holleran to approve the July 11, 2021 minutes. Seconded by Riddell Kent.

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 0 Motion Carried

**BILLS-**Motion was made by Riddell Kent. Seconded by Holleran to approve the following bills.

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Clerk:	Approved Expenses / Voucher #	560-649
	General	\$ 65,812.59
	Highway	\$ 73,513.17
	St Lighting	\$ 2,280.39
	Highway Garage	\$ 2,657.04
	Fire Protection	\$ 398,194.33
	WESD	\$ 735.19
	WSSD	\$ 1,010.08
	SSD	\$ 476.84
	WWD	\$ 2,055.53
	PWD	\$ 8,624.25
	SSWD	\$ 462,561.31
	T&A	\$ 4,445.06
	CDBG	\$ -
		\$ 1,022,365.78

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Robinson  
Town Clerk