

TOWN BOARD  
Regular Meeting  
May 11, 2016

A regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on May 11, 2016 with the following members present:

Councilman: Michael Stolzer  
Councilman: Brett Holleran  
Councilwoman: Patricia Jacob  
Councilwoman: Patricia Riddell Kent  
Supervisor: Robert Wood  
Town Clerk: Cheryl L. Shackelton

Others present: Rob Panasci, Town Attorney; James Hurtubise, Highway Supt.; Steve Kent; Charlotte Georgia; Robert Peebles; Joe Rufrano; and Andrew Stammel, Co. Rep.

**PETITIONERS**

Joe Rufrano, 531 Southside Dr. sent a letter dated August 2015 asking to the town to expand the HDD (Highway Development District) from Walmart to the town line. He said other business owners along Route 23 Southside support this zone change as well. He was present inquiring about his request. Supervisor Wood said he and the town attorney have been working on this and hope to have a draft version soon. He said the draft would include language addressing 'buffer' protection for properties on Southside Drive.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Highway/Water & Sewer – Councilwoman Riddell Kent reported and recommended as follows: Conference – Motion was made by Holleran, seconded by Jacob to authorize Jim Hurtubise, Highway Supt. to attend the NYS Assoc. of Supt. of Highways conference, Sept. 13-16, 2016 in Lake Placid, NY.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0      Motion Carried

Outside User agreement – Supervisor Wood reported that Attorney Panasci is reviewing the outside user agreement for Cobleskill Stone Products and JoAnn Winn properties. He said that he has modified the agreement because the connection of these two systems is different than ones in the past in that they have septic tanks.

Buildings & Technology – Councilwoman Riddell Kent gave the following report:

Fortin House – OWL House & Grounds committee update:

- Radon has been mitigated, they will follow up and retest;
- Discussions with Job Corps masonry expert to build a handicap accessible ramp at he side door;
- Also, a project to widen the doorway from the kitchen into bathroom;
- 'Into The Streets' washed walls and interior painting;
- Expect to receive a \$7,000 Community Foundation Grant; Use of funds includes roof repair, addressing asbestos, install emergency lighting, fire extinguishers;

- Have transferred electricity, set-up phone & internet, and garbage removal.

### Public Safety

Unsafe structure – Supervisor Wood reported that the board held a hearing on May 9, 2016 to consider whether to modify, revoke or affirm said order to secure the dwelling and garage located at 2825 Co. Hwy. 8.

Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Riddell Kent to affirm said order and further to solicit bids to secure the structures at 2825 Co. Hwy. 8 in West Oneonta.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0      Motion Carried

Parks & Recreation – Councilwoman Riddell Kent reported and recommended as follows:

Lifeguard appointments – Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Stolzer to appoint lifeguards for the 2016 season as follows:

Mathew Robinson	Head Guard	\$11.50
Stephanie Havens	Assistant Head Lifeguard	\$11.50
Mackenzie Miller	Lesson Supervisor	\$11.50
Frank Microni	Part Time Lifeguard/Lesson Aide	\$11.50
Madison Miller	Lifeguard/Lesson Instructor	\$10.20
Brandon Corna	Lifeguard/Lesson Instructor	\$10.20
Theresa DiMartin	Lifeguard/Lesson Aide	\$9.20
Alexis Ramsey	Lifeguard/Lesson Aide	\$9.20
Justin Corna	Lifeguard sub	\$9.00

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0      Motion Carried

Fortin Park – ‘Into the Streets’ project April 30<sup>th</sup>:

Councilwoman Riddell Kent thanked Councilwoman Jacob for working alongside her on this project for the past 3 years. She reported that the SUNY swim team painted the maintenance building and parking lot posts and raked and cleaned up debris in the park. She thanked Jim Hurtubise for setting them up with supplies for the projects. She also thanked Hurtubise and his crew for enhancing the parking behind the Fortin house and for resurfacing the driveway and parking area. She said it greatly improves the grounds and now provides ample parking.

The Recreation Committee met earlier today and discussed the park’s future use going forward as they have a few larger scale events scheduled, including safety concerns and efforts to protect the fields when the ground is wet and soft. The committee decides to try a 4 yard dumpster with limited access to hopefully help with the garbage issue. Emergency egress with cars parked on both sides of the shoulder was discussed. Hurtubise will post ‘No Parking’ signs.

Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Stolzer to have Casella Waste Services place a dumpster at Fortin Park and pay them a monthly service fee of \$70.00 for a bi-monthly pickup during the spring/summer months; and \$45.00 for a monthly pickup during the winter.

Discussion: Councilman Holleran recommended to not sign an agreement with them.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0      Motion Carried

### Community and Health



Councilman Stolzer attended last night's meeting of the Town of Oneonta Fire Commissioner and gave the following report:

- Not eligible for a tax anticipation note;
- Haven't heard back from the City regarding people to serve on the 'Task Force';
- Haven't appointed a mediator to serve on the 'Task Force';
- Looking into alternatives to City Fire Department;
- Commissioners to attend an 'equipment expo' in Sept., in Saratoga, NY as well as trainings.

Supervisor Wood said he would consult with the City regarding the Task Force.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

NYS Retirement – Standard Work Day Reporting resolution:

Motion was made by Holleran, seconded by Riddell Kent to pass the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the Town of Oneonta hereby establishes a 6 hour work day for Regina McGuinness, Planning Board member and will report the officials to the NYS and Local Retirement System based on time keeping system records or their record of activities.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Chevrolet Volt – Motion was made by Stolzer, seconded by Jacob to authorize Supervisor Wood to enter into the aggregated mini-bid through OGS (Office of General Services) for a Chevrolet Volt.

Discussion: Supervisor Wood said the town could back out if the price is too high.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0                      Motion Carried

PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) Resolution - Councilman Stolzer offered a resolution to 'Promote Utilization of Renewable Energy Technologies to Enhance Local Economic Development through Increased Incentives and Enactment of PACE Enabling Legislation'. Stolzer said a lot of people are saving money with this program, but the best part is that there are no pollutants; he said funding is the incentive and the issue because of the financial disparity of what downstate pays per kilowatt hour and what upstate pays. Supervisor Wood and the board agreed that they support the concept of renewable energy. Attorney Panasci said the point is to get the county to pass the PACE legislation. Councilman Holleran suggested a statement expressing support that the county look further into the benefits associated with PACE legislation and that the town would support the adoption of such legislation if found to be beneficial for county residents.

### **PETITIONERS**

Andrew Stammel, County Representative reported as follows:

- The PACE and Natural Gas Infrastructure resolutions are winding their way through committee; not sure about the PACE resolution because the county could lose money if things go south; Councilman Stolzer said PACE completed their one thousandth project and there has not been one default. Supervisor Wood said the resistance comes from the defaults; and that he's sure there will be a funded insurance group to protect the county's money because the state will not allow them to lose money. Councilman Holleran said taxpayers should not bear the cost of this insurance. Stolzer responded that the county purchases insurance protection (something like

‘private mortgage insurance) in case there is a default; with the premium being refunded to the county. Supervisor Wood said that the majority of projects are based on ‘energy efficiency’. Stolzer agreed.

- Land Banks – A group affiliated with ‘Make Mohawk Valley Beautiful’ would like to establish a six county land bank. County Board voted in favor of creating that land bank. This land bank would be able to take possession of blighted properties. This would give towns another option to invest in blighted properties within their town.

- Susquehanna Animal Shelter (SAS) – County is reviewing what to do with seized animals that rack-up excessive costs. The county currently has an approximate bill of \$6,000.00 to pay to SAS. Councilwoman Riddell Kent said she and the SAS Director are planning a summit to address this and other issues. County and town officials, law enforcement agencies, and dog control officers will be invited, she said.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Riddell Kent to approve the April 13, 2016 minutes.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0      Motion Carried

### **BILLS**

Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Riddell Kent to approve bills as follows:

General	\$34,262.01	268-273,275,281-293,295-305,307-311,321,322,326,331,332 334-338,349,350
Highway	\$32,361.06	275,311,313-320,336,339-348
Street Lights	\$3,705.83	332,335
Trust & Agency	\$3,202.46	264-267,279,280
DISTRICTS:		
WESD	\$3,806.01	263,274,276-278,294,312,323,324,326-330,333
WSSD	\$976.89	263,276,278,294,312,323,324,327,329,330,333
SSD	\$38,073.66	263,276,278,294,306,312,323,324,326,327,330
WWD	\$2,246.65	263,274,276-278,294,312,323-327,330
PWD	\$563.15	263,276,278,294,323,324,327

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0      Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Shackelton