

TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
November 9, 2016

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

Others present: Rob Panasci, Town Attorney; Steve Kent; and Randy Mowers.

PETITIONERS - None

PUBLIC HEARING – 2017 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Motion was made by Stolzer, seconded by Riddell Kent to open the public hearing.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

No one spoke for or against.

Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Stolzer to close the public hearing.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Supervisor Wood said this is a good budget that offers the services taxpayers expect with no increase to the taxpayer.

Motion was made by Holleran, seconded by Jacob to adopt the 2017 Budget as presented.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

PUBLIC HEARING - REPEAL TOWN CODE SECT. 94-2 (TOWN BOARD ESTABLISHED COMMITTEES)

Motion was made by Stolzer, seconded by Riddell Kent to open the public hearing.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

No one spoke for or against.

Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Stolzer to close the public hearing.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Supervisor Wood explained his proposal to amend Chapter 94 by repealing Section 2 'Established Committees' and replacing it with the option by any Supervisor to appoint certain committees as he sees fit. He said that he would like to appoint a 'Legislative Committee', but can't according to the current Section 94.2. A 'Legislative Committee' would eliminate the need for lengthy review and deliberation of proposed laws at Town Board meetings. The Supervisor would determine the number of committee members by those requesting to serve on a specific committee. Attorney Panasci clarified that a Town Board member can attend any committee meeting and have input regardless of not being appointed to that committee. The Board agreed to postpone action until the December meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway/Water & Sewer – Councilwoman Riddell Kent gave the following report and recommendations:

Highway Agreement – Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Holleran to amend the Highway Agreement to include Courtyard Drive, Elmwood Avenue, and Orchard Street drainage work.
VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Sewer/Water delinquent accounts – Motion was made by Holleran, seconded by Riddell Kent to certify the following sewer and water accounts are delinquent for 2016, and submit to the County Treasurer for collection:

West End Sewer District	\$35,488.78
West Street Sewer District:	\$908.60
Southside Sewer District:	\$36,103.38
Woodland Water District:	\$7,516.19
TOTAL:	\$80,016.95

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

- Highland Terrace – culvert work done and road patched; bigger pipe put in and set deeper to better deal with runoff from a neighboring pond
- Sewers were flushed and pump stations cleaned out as maintenance measure;
- Board members walked portions of Southside with Lamont Engineering to get an idea of where to lay the water pipe.

Public Safety

Low-Light training for Constable – Motion was made by Stolzer, seconded by Riddell Kent to authorize Constable Robinson to attend “Low light live fire qualifications and Reality Based Training SIMS exercises”, Nov. 9th and Nov. 14th in Delhi.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Parks & Recreation – Councilwoman Riddell Kent gave the following update:

- Steve Kent finished making the Fortin Park/OWL sign that will be placed at the corner of Youngs Road and County Highway 47.

Upon suggestion of Councilman Holleran, a motion was made by Stolzer, seconded by Holleran to purchase clamp-on forks for the tractor to make moving of tables, benches and soccer goals safer and less time consuming, at a price not to exceed \$300.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Stolzer to purchase a diesel fuel tank for the back of the park/sewer truck that could carry fuel for the mowers, at a cost of \$550.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

OWL has requested ‘Children at Play’ signs to be put near the OWL house. Supervisor Wood will check with the town’s insurance carrier regarding their recommendation because of potential liability.

Community and Health – Councilwoman Riddell Kent gave the following update from the Nov. 8th Fire Commissioner meeting:

- Passed two resolutions - Override the Real Property Tax Cap and 2017 Final Budget approval;
- Consultant now including square miles in the Fair Funding Formula where last month he said that variable was not applicable;
- Commissioner Peachin believes it's time to explore Plan B, the establishment of their own Fire Dept.
- Next meeting with Consultant and City of Oneonta is Dec. 6th at 11am at City Hall;
- Fire Commission Election will be Dec. 13th, 6-8pm at Elm Park United Methodist Church; Nov. 23rd is the deadline for candidates who wish to be on the ballot; Gene Molinari has submitted his letter of intent to run;
- Dec. 14th is the next regular Fire Commissioner meeting.

ATTORNEY – Nothing to report

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Abandon/Junk Vehicles – Councilman Holleran will discuss this at the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Board of Assessment Review appointment – Motion was made by Stolzer, seconded by Jacob to reappoint Donna Null to the Board of Assessment Review, term to expire 9/30/21.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Flood Damage Prevention – Motion was made by Holleran, seconded by Riddell Kent to set a public hearing for Dec. 14, 2016 at 7:15 pm to repeal Chapter 37 “Flood Damage Prevention” and adopt the new Local Law “ Flood Damage Prevention” local law.

Discussion: Supervisor Wood said the town must adopt the new Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Maps to maintain eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). He added that whenever a revision is made to the flood maps, a new law must be adopted.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Association of Towns (AOT) Annual meeting – Supervisor Wood said he would like to the attend AOT meeting in February 2017 and asked if any other board members were interested.

Facebook discussion – Councilman Stolzer entertained the idea of a Town of Oneonta Facebook page at the August meeting. He and Councilman Holleran agreed that either Facebook or an Email Group would be the best way to disseminate town information.

Motion was made by Stolzer, seconded by Holleran to have the Supervisor obtain an estimate from Vibrant Creative to administer a Facebook page or Email Group/List Serve.

Discussion: Attorney Panasci reminded the board that a written policy would have to be established first.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Holleran to approve the October 12, 2016 minutes.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

BILLS/BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Stolzer to approve the following bills and budget modifications:

General	\$71,200.05	784,788,789,793-799,809,814-822,824,840-846,848
Highway	\$68,311.23	784,804-808,827,828,832-839,843
Street Lights	\$3,169.28	817,824
Trust & Agency	\$3,397.86	780-783,791,792,829
DISTRICTS:		
WESD	\$4,328.94	779,785-787,790,800-803,812,813,823,825,826,830,831,847
WSSD	\$1,428.09	779,785,790,800-803,812,813,823,826,830,831,847
SSD	\$3,300.28	779,785,790,800-803,813,823,826,831,847
WWD	\$2,769.35	779,785-787,790,800,801,810,811,813,823,847
PWD	\$561.93	779,785,790,800,801,813,823

13554.01	-4170	51301.03	4988
13554.01.411	-128	51101.03	-4988
90608.01	4298	51424.03.446	150
14102.01	49	51424.03.462	-150
14104.01.442	-49		
16802.01	200	West End Sewer District	
16804.01.442	-200	81304.08	3388
31202.01	1185	2120.08	3388
31204.01	476		
19904.01	-1661	Southside Sewer District	
50104.01.419	-50	81301.10.034	92
50104.01.441	50	81304.1	-92
50104.01.471	-1081		
50104.01.472	1081		
71101.01	3793		
71101.01.034	-3600		
71104.01	-193		
80204.01.471	406		
80204.01.472	759		
19904.01	-1165		

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Shackelton
Town Clerk