

TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
December 9, 2015

A regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on December 9, 2015 with the following members present:

Supervisor: Robert T. Wood
Councilwoman: Patricia Jacob
Councilman: David Jones
Councilwoman: Patricia Riddell Kent
Councilman: Andrew Stammel
Town Clerk: Cheryl L. Shackelton

Others present: Rob Panasci, Town Attorney; James Hurtubise, Highway Supt.; Norm Davies; George Brown; Charlotte Georgia; Madolyn Palmer; Steve Kent; Michael Stolzer; and Denise Richardson, The Daily Star.

Supervisor Wood congratulated Charlotte Georgia on her recent election to the West Oneonta Fire Commissioner Board.

PETITIONERS – Because it's Councilman Jones' and Councilman Stammel's last meeting on the Town Board, George Brown extended a heartfelt thank you on behalf of himself and many others for the great job they've done representing their constituents. He added that it's been a pleasure!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway/Water & Sewer – Councilman Stammel reported and recommended as follows:

- Southside Drainage project has been completed and paperwork submitted for grant money; grant has been approved and should receive the money soon – 75% of the expenses;
- Town Hall sidewalk repairs have been completed;
- Highway Committee will review 'Highway Specifications' one more time before referring to town engineer for their review and recommendations.

Shared Services – Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Riddell Kent to accept the contract from the Town of Otego for shared services; renting, leasing of highway equipment; exchanging, borrowing equipment; borrowing or lending of materials and supplies (contract expires 12/31/2020).

Discussion: Attorney Panasci stated that Shared Services Agreements are optional for the Highway Superintendent.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Councilman Stammel stated that Courtyard is going to sign the Southside Water petition.

Buildings – Councilman Jones reported that OWL (Oneonta World of Learning) representatives will conduct an inspection of the Fortin house on Dec. 18th. Supervisor Wood and the board expressed hope that arrangements with OWL would work out.

Recreation – Councilwoman Riddell Kent reported that Todd Forman would be setting up the skating rink at Fortin Park as soon as the weather permits. She added that she reached out to the Town of Milford again for a response to the town’s ‘Watershed Overlay Protection’ law.

Community & Health – Councilwoman Jacob said to spread the word that the Oneonta Community Health Clinic on Lower Main Street is seeing people for free (even if they have insurance?).

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Supervisor Wood stated that he is still pursuing quotes to secure the house at 133 Southside Drive.

Bettiol zoning map amendment – Public hearing was held Nov. 12, 2015 with the Board reserving decision. Attorney Panasci addressed two issues: 1) that the property owner had asked about a mixed use of residential and retail, but that the SEQR process did not address the residential component. Norm Davies, architect representing the applicant, doubted very much a residential use happening, therefore the board could approve without the residential component; and 2) that the Town Code does not address signage in the PDD. Attorney Panasci stated signage would be addressed during site plan review using HDD requirements. Attorney Panasci stated that if a residential use is desired in the future, it would require an additional zoning map amendment.

Town Planning Board recommended approval of the zone change to PDD.

County Planning Dept. recommendation – The proposal does not have a level of impact that is considered County-wide or inter-community and therefore best served by the local reviewing agency. The town will work with the proper agencies, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation and NYS Dept. of Transportation during their site plan review process since the project is subject to approvals from both state agencies.

Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Stammel to approve Local Law 3 of 2015, ‘Establishing the 205/Oneida Street Planned Development District’ by rezoning 13.16 more or less acres situated at the intersection of Oneida St. and State Highway 205 from B-2 to PDD, owned by Bettiol Enterprises Ltd. (Tax Map Nos. 299.00-1-11.21, 299.00-1-11.24, 299.00-1-11.25, 299.10-1-15.01, 299.10-1-16.01, 299.10-1-17.01, 299.10-1-18.01, and 299.10-1-19.01).

Discussion: Mr. Davies thanked the town board and said he appreciated their energies.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

MISCELLANEOUS

OPT Contract – Motion was made by Jones, seconded by Riddell Kent to authorize Supervisor Wood to sign the ‘Transportation Agreement’ between the City of Oneonta and the Town of Oneonta for bus service to the Town, for a two year period (January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017), at \$14,000 per year.

Discussion: Attorney asked if ridership to the Fortin house by OWL customers would increase the contract. Supervisor Wood said they would address that when they come to it.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Ambulance Contract – Motion was made by Jones, seconded by Jacob to authorize Supervisor Wood to sign the ‘General and Emergency Ambulance Services Agreement’ between the City of Oneonta and the Town of Oneonta to provide general ambulance and emergency medical services to the citizens residing and doing business within the Town of Oneonta, for a one year period (January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016), at a cost of \$22,000.

Discussion: Councilwoman Jacob stated that the town has an obligation to provide professionally trained emergency medical services to the town, regardless of the fire contract.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Mobile Home Park renewals – Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Stammel to approve the following Mobile Home Park renewals for 2016: Lantern Hill, Byams Trailer Court, Peaceful Flats, and Oneida Village.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Surplus equipment – Motion was made Riddell Kent, seconded by Jones to declare the Copystar copier as surplus and advertise for sale on the Town Hall signboard.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT

Supervisor Wood stated that two new commissioners were recently added to the Town of Oneonta Fire Commissioners, Donald Lamanna and Carol Malz. Current commissioners Fred Volpe, Mike Butler, and Johna Peachin were reelected. Supervisor Wood said he, as well as residents in the Oneonta Fire District are deeply concerned that the current Town of Oneonta fire commissioners have not negotiated a fire protection contract with the City of Oneonta for 2016. The current contract expires Dec. 31, 2015. The Town Board expressed misgivings regarding the negotiations or lack thereof. Councilman Stammel said he’s equally concerned and that he values the professional fire protection that the City provides. Councilwoman Jacob said she’s frustrated that the town board can’t participate in the negotiations. The City proposed a \$1.2 million contract with the Fire District, but commissioners responded the amount is too much. The City came back with \$1,030,721. Supervisor Wood said if the Fire District accepts the \$1,030,721 figure, the tax rate would increase 15 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value from what it is now under the 2016 budget.

FAREWELLS

Supervisor Wood thanked Councilman Dave Jones for his past four years of dedicated, conscientious, and refreshing work and contributions to the town board. He also thanked Councilman Andrew Stammel for his past two years on the board and said he also demonstrated the same admirable characteristics. The Supervisor and others agreed that it's been a pleasure working with them and wished them well. Councilman Jones stated that it's been an honor and that he enjoyed it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Riddell Kent to approve the November 12, 2015 meeting minutes.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

BILLS

Motion was made by Jones, seconded by Riddell Kent to pay bills and budget modifications as follows:

General	\$87,097.19	865,866,869-871,875-880,885,886,888-890,893-895,897-900, 915-918,920,921,923-926
Highway	\$24,777.67	866,899,902-914,919,926
Street Lights	\$4,822.04	891,892,895,920
Trust & Agency	\$2,627.12	862-864,874
DISTRICTS:		
WESD	\$3,328.04	861,867,873,881,887,895,896,922,927
WSSD	\$751.49	861,867,873,881,887,922
SSD	\$1,342.19	861,867,873,881,887,922
WWD	\$3,141.83	861,867,868,872,873,881-884,887,901,922
PWD	\$540.38	861,867,873,881,887

Budget Modifications

General Account		Highway	
10104.01.472	16	51104.03.443	22897
10104.01.471	-16	51104.03.417	-10000
11104.01.411	107	51104.03.415	-12897
11104.01.471	-107	51301.03	7612
14104.01.471	35	51421.03	-7612
14104.01.470	-35	51304.03.464	2002
14404.01.024	385	51302.03	-2002
14404.01	-385	51424.03.414	7493
14404.01.027	16025	51424.03.446	-4000
14404.01.025	-16025	51424.03.462	-3493
16802.01	4354	90108.03	2071

16804.01.470	-4354		90608.03	-2071
19404.01	5000			
19904.01	-5000	WESD		
35104.01	200		90608.08	36
19904.01	-200		19104.08	-36
36201.01.036	6708			
36201.01.038	-6708	WSSD		
50102.01.419	220		90608.09	11
50104.01.419	-220		19104.09	-11
71101.01	4150			
71101.01.034	-4000	SSD	81301.10.034	331
71104.01	-150		81304.10.035	26
80204.01	50		90608.10	13
80201.01	-50		97307.10	1638
80904.01	3739		19104.10	-285
19904.01	-3739		81104.10	-1723
90108.01	2942			
19904.01	-2942	WWD		
90608.01	1995		83104.11	6135
13551.01.017	-1297		90608.11	7
13554.01.440	-698		19104.11	-142
			99019.11	-6000
		PWD		
			83104.12	900
			90558.12	3
			90608.12	4
			97957.12	44
			19104.12	-71
			83404.12	-880

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Shackelton
Town Clerk

