

TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
January 13, 2016

A regular meeting of the Oneonta Town Board was held on January 13, 2016 with the following members present:

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

Absent: Councilman Stolzer

Others present: Rob Panasci, Town Attorney; Russ Southard; Breck Tarbell; Andrew Stammel, Co. Rep.; Charlotte Georgia; George Brown; and Steve Kent.

PETITIONERS

George Brown, Co. Hwy. 47 – Michael Butler filed a complaint on June 5, 2015 with the Code Office regarding unregistered vehicles on the Whitney property (corner of Hemlock Road and County Highway 47). Mr. Brown requested the status of that complaint and was informed by Code Administrator Wendy Cleaveland that there is no follow-up report on record. Supervisor Wood said the zoning code does not address heavy equipment under the ‘Abandoned and Unregistered Vehicles’ section. Attorney Panasci said he would review the zoning code regarding abandoned vehicles and recommend if the town can take any action. Mr. Brown requested a follow-up and report.

Breck Tarbell – Introduced himself and said he would like to serve on the Town Planning Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway/Sewer & Water – Councilwoman Riddell Kent reported and recommended as follows:

Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Wood to set the bond repayment charge per unit at \$88.00 for the Southside Sewer District.

Discussion: Supervisor Wood said the rate was reduced because he refinanced the bond last year at a lower interest rate.

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Southside Water – Supervisor Wood said he’s had conversations with last two property owners needed to sign the Southside Water petition and they’ve indicated a favorable response.

Buildings – Councilwoman Riddell Kent said they are still waiting to hear from OWL (Oneonta World of Learning) on their intent to use the Fortin house.

Recreation – Councilwoman Riddell Kent said she would coordinate with Highway Superintendent Hurtubise on prospective projects for the “Into the Streets” event scheduled for Sat., April 23, 2016.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Purchase request – Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Jacob to approve the following budgeted purchase requests:

- 2016 National Fire Code subscription \$1305.00
- 2016 NFPA Membership \$175.00
- 2016 STBOA Memberships \$120.00
- STBOA training for three \$120.00
- (2) Lenovo THINKCENTRE small form computers \$2000.00
- LenovoThinkpad EDGE Laptop \$800.00

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 0 Motion Carried

133 Southside Drive – Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Jacob to solicit proposals to secure the unsafe structure at 133 Southside Drive, Tax Map #300.14-1-20.00; and further to levy all costs associated with this work to the 2017 property tax bill.

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 0 Motion Carried

MISCELLANEOUS

Mobile Home Park renewal – Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Wood to approve the Goodrich Mobile Home Park renewal license for 2016.

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 0 Motion Carried

PETITIONERS

Andrew Stammel, newly elected County Representative, spoke as follows:

- welcomed Brett Holleran to the Town Board, saying the town board is a good group of people to work with and there are a lot of big issues to address;
- attended the Town of Oneonta Fire Commissioners meeting last night; disappointed that the commissioners still haven’t met with the City; however, confident that common sense will prevail and there will be a contract;
- County Board had their first meeting last week and he was appointed to the following committees: Inter-Governmental Affairs, Government Efficiency, and Health & Education;
- Said he always available for discussions and concerns.

Russ Southard, City Liaison said the City has heard nothing from the Fire Commissioners as yet; the door is always open; and they are disappointed meetings

are not happening. He added that having a professional fire department is a 'drawing card' to the area.

Supervisor Wood commented that the two parties (Fire Commissioners and City) seem farther apart than ever.

Councilwoman Jacob stressed the importance of transparency in the negotiation process.

Letter from Whiteman Osterman & Hanna, Attorneys at Law representing Cooperstown All Star Village (CASV) – Attorney Panasci said the letter outlines a remediation effort to satisfy Town Code Officer Neske's objection to issue building permits for three new bunkhouses, a team laundry, and umpire facility building. Neske's objection is based on the issue that CASV has requested a variance from the New York State Division of Building Standards and Codes requirement that sprinklers be installed in the bunkhouses and building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Riddell Kent to approve the Dec. 9, 2015 minutes.

VOTE – Ayes 3, Nays 0 (Holleran not in office as of Dec. 9th; and Stolzer absent)
Motion Carried

Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Holleran to approve the Jan. 4, 2016 minutes with correction of roll call on first motion.

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 0 Motion Carried

BILLS/BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Jacob to approve bills and budget modifications as follows, with the addition of the ShelterPoint (disability insurance) bill of \$147.30

2015

General	\$48,746.76	942-945,948-951,953,959,968,969,979,981-983,985-989,991-999,1001,1003,1004
Highway	\$6,938.55	960-967,974,975,980,997,998,1000
Street Lights	\$4,090.30	982,1001
Trust & Agency	\$6,114.66	929-939,941,973
DISTRICTS:		
WESD	\$46,193.88	928,940,946,947,952,954-957,971,984,990,1002,1005,1008
WSSD	\$3,663.34	928,940,954-957,971,984,990,1002,1008
SSD	\$6,688.86	928,940,946,947,954-957,970,971,976,978,984,990,1006
WWD	\$3,158.10	928,940,947,954-957,972,977,984,990,1007
PWD	\$6,379.35	928,940,954,955,957,958,990

2016

General	\$105,751.99	1-4,7,9,11,12,14-26
Highway	\$72,569.12	4,6,7,9,27
DISTRICTS:		
WESD	\$6,223.13	5,8,10,13,28
WSSD	\$2,148.94	5,8,10,13,28
SSD	\$3,135.82	5,8,10,13,28
WWD	\$1,679.94	5,8,10,13,28
PWD	\$725.14	5,8,10,13,28

Budget Modifications

General Account		Highway	
11101.01.014	72	51101.03	-7436
11104.01.471	-72	51104.03.415	-5888
14204.01	693	51104.03.416	6339
14204.01.023	592	51104.03.417	-451
14204.01.024	-1200	51301.03	7436
16804.01.411	899	51302.03	-2421
16804.01.419	-899		
19904.01	-1707		
31201.01.028	837	51304.03.463	1367
31204.01	-837	51304.03.464	1054
51824.01	301	51424.03.418	-48
54104.01	-1323	51424.03.419	48
80904.01	2644		
SSD			
81104.10	-1005	WWD	
81301.10.034	934	83104.11	600
90308.10	71	2140.11	600
VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 0	Motion Carried		

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Riddell Kent, seconded by Holleran to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue and tax certiorari cases.

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Executive session started at 8:00pm

Returned to open session at 8:30pm

Motion made by Wood, seconded by Jacob, to use Jeff Hatzinger as a consultant on the Cooperstown All Star Village tax case at a rate of \$175/hour not to exceed 10 hours.

VOTE – Ayes 4, Nays 0 Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Shackelton
Town Clerk