

**MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 31, 2019**

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Oneida, NY was held on the thirty-first day of December, 2019 at 8:00 o'clock A.M. in Council Chambers, Oneida Municipal Building, 109 N. Main Street, Oneida, NY.

Meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor James Chamberlain

PRESENT: Councilors Alan Cohen, Michael Bowe, James Coulthart, Helen Acker, James Chamberlain and Thomas Simchik

ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk Susan Pulverenti  
Comptroller Lee Ann Wells  
City Engineer Eric Schuler  
Police Chief Paul Thompson  
Water Superintendent George Kalkowsky  
Assistant City Engineer Ben Smith  
Deputy Comptroller Jessica Kaiser  
Account Clerk Beverly Aldridge

Moved by Councilor Acker  
Seconded by Councilor Cohen

**RESOLVED**, that Warrant No. 26 checks and ACH payments in the amount of \$297,774.47, as audited by the Voucher Committee, is hereby approved for payment in the usual manner at the discretion of the Comptroller.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Moved by Councilor Simchik  
Seconded by Councilor Coulthart

**RESOLVED**, that checks in the amount of \$3,367.50 (City Attorney) as audited by the Voucher Committee are hereby approved for payment in the usual manner at the discretion of the Comptroller.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 1 (Bowe)

**MOTION CARRIED**

Moved by Councilor Coulthart  
Seconded by Councilor Cohen

**RESOLVED**, that checks in the amount of \$465.75 (Councilor Bowe) as audited by the Voucher Committee are hereby approved for payment in the usual manner at the discretion of the Comptroller.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 1 (Bowe)  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**2020 TAX WARRANT**

**RESOLUTION 19-294**

Moved by Councilor Acker  
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

**RESOLVED**, that the tax warrant for the year 2020 herewith in all respects is hereby approved and issued, and the City Chamberlain is hereby authorized to proceed with the collection of taxes for the year 2020, **and be it further**

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 5.8 of the City Charter, there shall be levied and raised on the taxable real estate property of the entire City, in manner from and to the extent heretofore authorized and directed by the Common Council, the necessary sums of money for the estimates and disbursements for the year 2020, constituting the budget for the City of Oneida, as the same has been heretofore adopted and approved, and the tax of the several amounts for the different funds of the City, constituting said budget, to be computed at the ratios and upon the different property in said budget and levy set forth.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**AMUSEMENT DEVICE LICENSES**

**RESOLUTION 19-295**

Moved by Councilor Acker  
Seconded by Councilor Bowe

**RESOLVED**, that the 2020 Amusement Device Licenses be hereby approved for:

- Neil's Vending LLC, Abbie Deraway, Strain Road, Munnsville NY 13409
- Pepi's Pizza, 228 Genesee Street, Oneida NY 13421
- National Entertainment Network, LLC, 325 Interlocken Road, Parkway B., Bloomfield CO 80021

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMISSION/BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS**

**RESOLUTION 19-296**

Moved by Councilor Cohen  
 Seconded by Councilor Bowe

**RESOLVED**, that the Mayor’s re-appointments of Lori Barretta and Lisa Coakley to the Recreation Commission and the re-appointment of Michael Kaiser to the Traffic Safety Board be hereby approved.

Ayes: 6  
 Nays: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUDGET TRANSFERS/AMENDMENTS**

**RESOLUTION 19-297**

Moved by Councilor Acker  
 Seconded by Councilor Bowe

**RESOLVED**, to approve the following budget transfers/amendments:

<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>FROM</u></b>	<b><u>TO</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
\$7,000.00	001.9010.0806.0000 ERS Retirement	001.8664.0101.0000 Code Enforcement Salary	\$7,000.00
<i>(To reallocate funds due to Comp time payouts)</i>			
\$15,550.00	001.5110.0101.0000 DPW Salaries	001.1620.0101.0000 Buildings Salaries	\$580.00
		001.1620.0102.0000 Buildings Salaries	\$2,020.00
		001.5132.0102.0000 Central Garage Overtime	\$3,850.00
		001.5132.0101.0000 Central Garage Salaries	\$9,100.00
<i>(To reallocate funds due to overtime costs)</i>			
\$14,000.00	001.0001.0912.0000 General Fund Balance	001.1640.0401.0000 Central Gasoline	\$9,000.00
		001.1640.0402.0000 Central Diesel	\$5,000.00
<i>(To allocate funds due for estimated 2019 fuel costs)</i>			
\$14,000.00	002.9060.0805.0000 Water Health Ins.	002.8300.0102.000 Water - Overtime	\$13,000.00
		002.8300.0101.0000 Water- Salaries	\$1,000.00

(To reallocate funds due to comp payouts and overtime costs)

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CANVASS AND APPROVE BIDS – CITY OF ONEIDA TREE SERVICES**

**RESOLUTION 19-298**

Moved by Councilor Cohen

Seconded by Councilor Simchik

**RESOLVED**, that the lowest bid meeting specifications for City of Oneida Tree Services in the amount of \$51,430.00 is hereby awarded to AMERICAN ARBORIST CORPORATION, 1624 West Elm Street, Oneida NY 13421.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CANVASS AND APPROVE BIDS – LIQUID CHLORINE AND SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE**

**RESOLUTION 19-299**

Moved by Councilor Acker

Seconded by Councilor Coulthart

**RESOLVED**, that the lowest bid meeting specifications for Liquid Chlorine and Sodium Hypochlorite in the amount of \$33,866.96 is hereby awarded to SLACK CHEMICAL CORPORATION, 465 S. Clinton Street, Carthage NY 13519.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**GRANT APPLICATION – LIVESCAN EQUIPMENT PROGRAM**

**RESOLUTION 19-300**

Moved by Councilor Simchik

Seconded by Councilor Cohen

**RESOLVED**, that the Police Department is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the DCJS (NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services) Grants Management System for the LIVESCAN Equipment Program and further authorize the Mayor to sign any documents related to said grant.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ESTABLISH CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS**

**RESOLUTION 19-301**

Moved by Councilor Coulthart

Seconded by Councilor Bowe

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 6-c, as amended, the City of Oneida Common Council does hereby establish a Capital Reserve Fund to accumulate moneys to finance the cost of sidewalk maintenance and repairs, **and be it further**

**RESOLVED**, that the City Comptroller, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 10, is hereby directed to deposit and secure moneys of this Capital Reserve Fund into a separate bank account to be known as the "Capital Reserve Fund for Sidewalk Maintenance and Repairs," **and be it further**

**RESOLVED**, that the City Comptroller is hereby authorized to invest the moneys of this Capital Reserve Fund for Sidewalk Maintenance and Repairs pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 of General Municipal Law and any interest earned and/or capital gains or losses realized on said investments shall accrue to, and become part of, this Capital Reserve Fund, **and be it further**

**RESOLVED**, that no expenditures shall be made of this Capital Reserve Fund for Sidewalk Maintenance and Repairs except upon authorization of the Common Council, pursuant to Section 6-c of General Municipal Law, **and be it further**

**RESOLVED**, that a transfer of \$25,000 from funds not used in the 2019 City of Oneida Budget be hereby allocated to establish said Capital Reserve Fund for Sidewalk Maintenance and Repairs.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Councilor Coulthart asked if there was a priority list for sidewalks. City Engineer Schuler said that he has a long list already. He said that they have been fixing the sidewalks on the streets that have been newly paved first.

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Cohen

The regular meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:12 a.m.

**CITY OF ONEIDA**

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Susan Pulverenti  
City Clerk