

**MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
JUNE 4, 2019**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Oneida, NY was held on the fourth day of June, 2019 at 6:30 o'clock P.M. in Council Chambers, Oneida Municipal Building, 109 N. Main Street, Oneida, NY.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Leo Matzke

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Richard J. Andino  
City Clerk Susan Pulverenti  
City Engineer Eric Schuler  
Fire Chief Dennis Fields  
Police Chief Paul Thompson  
Recreation Director Luke Griff  
Supervisor Joe Magliocca

**PRESENTATION**

Mayor Matzke presented an Award of Excellence to the members of the Oneida High School cast, crew and production team for their amazing performance in the 2019 Spring Musical "Mamma Mia." The Mayor said he also wanted to pay special tribute to the musical's outstanding director, Brett Bogardus. Mayor Matzke said that the dedication, determination and enthusiasm shown by each and every one of the musical's team deserves the utmost praise, as they have filled the City with pride and admiration. A rousing round of applause was given to the students and Ms. Bogardus.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

Moved by Councilor Cohen  
Seconded by Councilor Coulthart

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 21, 2019 are hereby approved as presented.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Moved by Councilor Cohen  
Seconded by Councilor Chamberlain

**RESOLVED**, that Warrant No. 11 checks and ACH payments in the amount of \$586,235.00, 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**

**CANVASS & APPROVE CHEMICAL BIDS USED IN WATER TREATMENT**

**RESOLUTION 19-152**

Moved by Councilor Chamberlain  
Seconded by Councilor Coulthart

**RESOLVED**, that the lowest bid meeting specifications for liquid caustic soda in the amount of \$19,740.00 from Brenntag Northeast LLC, 81 W. Huller Lane, Reading PA 19605 is hereby approved.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT ADMINISTRATION POLICY**

**RESOLUTION 19-153**

Moved by Councilor Acker  
Seconded by Councilor Cohen

**RESOLVED**, that Homeland Security Grant Administration Policy, as required by Homeland Security to submit for reimbursement of the Police Critical Infrastructure Grant and for future grants, is hereby approved.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK**

**RESOLUTION 19-154**

Motioned by Councilor Acker  
Seconded by Councilor Coulthart

**RESOLVED**, to authorize the Mayor to sign various contracts, as received, for the 2019 Summer Concerts in the park in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Recreation Director said that they have eight concerts set for Higinbotham Park.

**BUDGET TRANSFERS/AMENDMENTS**

**RESOLUTION 19-155**

Moved by Councilor Chamberlain  
Seconded by Councilor Bowe

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

\$1,300.00	001.0017.1640.0000	001.3410.2022.0000
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	Rescue Vehicle Fees	Fire Equipment
	<i>(To re-allocate funds to replace damaged and contaminated equipment)</i>	
\$795.00	001.0001.0912.0000 General Fund Balance	001.5132.0304.0000 Major Repairs-Central Garage
	<i>(To allocate funds to pay tow truck for DPW vehicle accident – will be submitted to insurance for consideration)</i>	

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Councilor Chamberlain said that Paul Ward was the DPW employee driving the dump truck on Rt. 5 that was involved in the accident where a car backed out in front of him on Rt. 5. He said that he is still out of work, but he is improving.

The original motion to move the proposed Resolution that included all three of the budget transfers/amendments was moved by Councilor Chamberlain and seconded by Councilor Coulthart. The Mayor broke the proposed Resolution into two separate resolutions.

**BUDGET TRANSFERS**

**RESOLUTION 19-156**

Moved by Councilor Cohen  
Seconded by Councilor Acker

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

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
\$19,419.45	001.0001.0912.0000 General Fund Balance	001.7521.0101.0000 Kallet Salaries

*Rec Spec PT \$11.10/hr x 37.5 hrs wk x 33 wks = \$13,736.25 from 3/1/19 – 12/31/19*

*Rec Spec PT \$11.10/hr x 5 hrs x 10 wks = \$555.00 from 3/1/19 – 12/31/19*

*Rec Spec PT \$11.10/hr x 14 hrs x 33 wks = \$5,128.20 from 3/1/19 – 12/31/19*

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 1 (Simchik)

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Mayor said that he has an issue with the transfer from Fund Balance to the Kallet Salaries. He said that he will be pulling item 7, the GOCC Agreement, from the agenda. Councilor Bowe said that we do not have to allocate the funds if we don't have the agreement in place. Supervisor Magliocca said the GOCC (which is all volunteers) has been in a lurch for eight months, which is affecting the day-to-day operations. He said there were multiple executive sessions held to hash out a new agreement. The Mayor said he is aware that he missed many of those meetings, but he wants to look over the agreement that he just received last week. The Mayor said that he was not kept in the loop with this, and he is responsible to the City as a whole, and he does not believe this is a good deal for the City. The Recreation Director said that these funds are to reimburse the Recreation Department's budget for funds expended. Councilor Coulthart said that this agreement has been discussed numerous times, and he thought this was decided with the GOCC and City Attorney. He said that he understands that there are larger acts waiting to commit to the Kallet once the agreement is executed. Carrie Earl, Oneida, said that she has to book the

Kallet and has to give her client an answer as to whether or not they can hold their event there at the Kallet. The Mayor cited several examples in the agreement that he doesn't agree with. The Council discussed the agreement further, and Councilor Chamberlain said that the Mayor wants to pull it, let's pull it and move on. The Mayor said that there are some issues that he would like to discuss in Executive Session.

The original motion to move the proposed Resolution that included all three of the budget transfers/amendments was moved by Councilor Chamberlain and seconded by Councilor Coulthart. The Mayor broke the proposed Resolution into two separate resolutions.

**GRANT APPLICATION – EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDS PROGRAM**

**RESOLUTION 19-157**

Motioned by Councilor Coulthart  
Seconded by Councilor Acker

**RESOLVED**, to authorize the City Engineer to submit a grant application for the Empire State Development (ESD) Grant Funds Program.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**GRANT APPLICATION – GREEN INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM**

**RESOLUTION 19-158**

Motioned by Councilor Cohen  
Seconded by Councilor Chamberlain

**RESOLVED**, to authorize the City Engineer to submit a grant application for the Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP).

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**GRANT APPLICATION – ENGINEERING PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM**

**RESOLUTION 19-159**

Motioned by Councilor Cohen  
Seconded by Councilor Bowe

**RESOLVED**, to authorize the City Engineer to submit a grant application for the Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) Program.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Carrie Earl, Oneida, said that the Center City Market starts this Thursday night and will be held every Thursday until August 29<sup>th</sup>, with the exception of July 4<sup>th</sup>. She said that they are working with over twenty organizations and have different events planned for each week, including a petting zoo and kids carnival this week. She said that she recently held an entrepreneur camp for kids, and the participants will be at the Market next week. She added that on June 20<sup>th</sup>, they have a race car event.

Supervisor Magliocca congratulated the Police and Fire Chiefs on the success of the Public Safety event on Saturday. He said that it was well attended and a very good day. The Council concurred, and the Chiefs received a round of applause.

Supervisor Magliocca said that the Kiosk for the Rail Trail was purchased by the Oneida Improvement Committee with a significant donation from Lowes. He thanked George Clark and his son for building the Kiosk. Mr. George Clark thanked the DPW, stating he was very happy to work with a quality crew headed by Scott Hoffmeister. Councilor Acker commended all those involved with planning/building the Kiosk, and she thanked Supervisor Magliocca for all his efforts with the Rail Trail. Supervisor Magliocca said that the section of the Rail Trail by Hubbard Place with the new bridge has been completed, and he invited everyone to check it out.

George Clark, Oneida, inquired as to the payments for the City Attorney, and the Mayor said to give him a call and he would let him know. Councilor Acker said that any work the Attorney does for FEMA is reimbursed by FEMA.

Melissa Mannix, Oneida, asked where the Council stands on allowing chickens in the inside district issue, noting many people have asked her about having chickens. Councilor Chamberlain said that she should get a petition from those interested, and the Council can relook at it at that point.

Jill Christian Lynch, Oneida, inquired about the energy company that was talked about at a previous meeting, where residents would automatically be enrolled and have to opt out of the program. The Mayor said that he put that program on the back burner, as there was no interest from the residents.

Fire Chief Dennis Fields said that the tower truck is back in service from Ohio, and he is satisfied with the repairs that were done. He said that Madison County Emergency Management received a \$66,900 grant, and \$30K of that is targeted for backfilling the Oneida Fire Department for training. Fire Chief Fields said that the Battle of the Badges Blood Drive yielded 37 units with 46 donors, adding that the Fire Department was the winner again this year. The Police Chief said that the important point is the amount of blood that was donated, and the Chiefs received a round of applause.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **RESOLUTION 19-160**

Motioned by Councilor Cohen  
Seconded by Councilor Bowe

**RESOLVED**, that the meeting is hereby adjourned to Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter and the sale or lease of real property.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PRESENT:** Mayor, Councilors, City Attorney, City Clerk,

Discussion was held regarding a personnel matter and the sale or lease of real property.

Motioned by Councilor Acker  
Seconded by Councilor Bowe

**RESOLVED**, that Executive Session is hereby adjourned to the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Bowe

The regular meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

CITY OF ONEIDA, NEW YORK

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Susan Pulverenti, City Clerk