

MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
MAY 5, 2020

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A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Oneida, NY was held on the fifth day of May, 2020 at 6:30 o'clock P.M. via ZOOM Video Voice Conferencing livestreamed through ZOOM via the link on the City website www.oneidacity.com.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Helen Acker

PRESENT: Councilors Carrie Earl, Michael Bowe, James Coulthart,
Michelle Kinville, Brandee DuBois and Thomas Simchik

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Nadine Bell
City Clerk Susan Pulverenti
City Engineer Eric Schuler
Comptroller Lee Ann Wells
Fire Chief Dennis Fields
Police Chief Paul Thompson

Mayor Acker said that this meeting in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order 202.21, and we are doing this meeting on a ZOOM Application with public access through our City website. The Mayor said that she would like to confirm that we have a quorum, and a transcript would be available to the public at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilor Bowe wished Jim Coulthart a happy birthday.

Councilor Coulthart said he wanted to thank the Rotary for doing a great job in Allen Park. He said that he sent them a thank you note. The Mayor said she was going to mention this in New Business, adding that they did a great job, and the Rotary is an excellent organization.

City Clerk Sue Pulverenti gave a shout out to Councilor Mike Bowe for never giving up on working with the NYS Regional Traffic Engineers for the past 6½ years to get the speed limit lowered on Route 5. She said that the 55-mph sign, which sat directly in front of the new Byrne Dairy, has been replaced with a 35-mph sign and that 35-mph limit has been extended west past Stoneleigh Road. She said that this will allow for safer intersections in that corridor. The City Clerk said that this topic had been discussed with the Traffic Safety Board several times over the years. She thanked Councilor Bowe for a really great job. The Mayor and Council concurred thanking Mike for the excellent job as well. Councilor Bowe said that he was glad he got something done and noted that you can fight NYS and win.

Moved by Councilor Bowe
Seconded by Councilor Coulthart

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 21, 2020 and the verbatim transcript of the April 21, 2020 meeting are hereby approved as presented.

Councilor Earl – Yes
Councilor Bowe – Yes
Councilor Coulthart – Yes
Councilor Kinville – Yes
Councilor DuBois – Yes
Councilor Simchik – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councilor Bowe
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED, that Warrant No. 9, checks and ACH payments in the amount of \$576,826.96 as audited by the Voucher Committee is hereby approved for payment in the usual manner at the discretion of the Comptroller.

- Councilor Earl – Yes
- Councilor Bowe – Yes
- Councilor Coulthart – Yes
- Councilor Kinville – Yes
- Councilor DuBois – Yes
- Councilor Simchik – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

STANDARD WORKDAY RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 20-74

Moved by Councilor Bowe
Seconded by Councilor Coulthart

RESOLVED that the Common Council hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of this body:

| Name | SS# | (Last four digits) Reg # | Title | Term begins and end dates | Standard Workday | Records of Activity Results | Not submitted | Pay Frequency | Tier I |
|----------------------|------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Nancy Andrews | **** | 9931 | Chamberlain | 01/01/2020 12/31/2021 | 7 | 35 | | bi- monthly | |
| Thomas Simchik | **** | 5973 | Councilor | 01/01/2020 12/31/2021 | 6 | | ✓ | bi- monthly | |
| Michelle Kinville | **** | 4793 | Councilor | 01/01/2020 12/31/2021 | 6 | 4.03 | | bi- monthly | |

- Councilor Earl – Yes
- Councilor Bowe – Yes
- Councilor Coulthart – Yes
- Councilor Kinville – Abstain
- Councilor DuBois – Yes
- Councilor Simchik – Abstain

MOTION CARRIED

STANDARD WORKDAY RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 20-75

Moved by Councilor Bowe
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED that the Common Council hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of this body:

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| Brandee DuBois | **** | 4710 | Councilor | 01/01/2020 12/31/2021 | 6 | 4.69 | | bi-monthly | |
| Carrie Earl | **** | 4652 | Councilor | 01/01/2020 12/31/2021 | 6 | 2.13 | | bi-monthly | |

Councilor Earl – Abstain
 Councilor Bowe – Yes
 Councilor Coulthart – Yes
 Councilor Kinville – Yes
 Councilor DuBois – Abstain
 Councilor Simchik – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

CAPITAL PROJECT 18-3

RESOLUTION 20-76

Moved by Councilor Bowe
 Seconded by Councilor Earl

RESOLVED, that 2020 Budget is hereby amended to include Capital Project 18-3 Preliminary Engineering for Second Clearwell, **and be it further**

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is hereby authorized to transfer Water Reserve Funds to fund said Capital Project 18-3, **and be it further**

RESOLVED, to authorize the City Engineer to proceed with Capital Project 18-3 Preliminary Engineering for Second Clearwell and expend funds up to the amount of \$100,000 for said Capital Project, **and be it further**

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign any/all documents related to Capital Project 18-3 Preliminary Engineering for Second Clearwell.

Councilor Earl – Yes
 Councilor Bowe – Yes
 Councilor Coulthart – Yes
 Councilor Kinville – Yes
 Councilor DuBois – Yes
 Councilor Simchik – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

City Engineer Eric Schuler said we did a tank cleaning/inspection project last year. He said that we have one Clearwell, and typically you need two, so that one can be taken out of service to cleaned/repaired/etc.

while the other stays in service. The existing Clearwell is in poor shape, and in order to fix it, another is essentially needed. He added that construction costs have not been determined at this point, as this is the preliminary engineering phase.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS/TRANSFERS

RESOLUTION 20-77

Moved by Councilor Bowe
Seconded by Councilor Coulthart

2020 Budget Adjustments

RESOLVED, to approve the following 2019 Budget Amendment/Transfers

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| \$ 100,000.00 | 002.0002.0231.0000 | 005.8300.0400.0020 |
| | Water Reserve | Prelim Eng for 2nd Clearwell |

(To allocate water reserve funds for capital project Preliminary Engineering for Second Clearwell)

Councilor Earl – Yes
Councilor Bowe – Yes
Councilor Coulthart – Yes
Councilor Kinville – Yes
Councilor DuBois – Yes
Councilor Simchik – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – CAUSTIC SODA USED IN WATER TREATMENT

RESOLUTION 20-78

Moved by Councilor Coulthart
Seconded by Councilor Earl

RESOLVED, to authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids for Caustic Soda used in Water Treatment.

Councilor Earl – Yes
Councilor Bowe – Yes
Councilor Coulthart – Yes
Councilor Kinville – Yes
Councilor DuBois – Yes
Councilor Simchik – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Acker thanked the Rotary Club for the great job they did cleaning up Allen Park.

Mayor Acker said that she is working with HP Hood and Bruce Ironside on the donation of milk and

dairy products for the City to give away to the public. She said she will let the Council know once the details are finalized. Councilor Bowe said that he would like to volunteer to help, and Councilor Coulthart said he would as well.

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Kinville

The regular meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

CITY OF ONEIDA

Susan Pulverenti
City Clerk