

**MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
MARCH 15, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Oneida, NY was held on the fifteenth day of March, 2016 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, Erwin Smith,  
Helen Acker, James Chamberlain, and Thomas Simchik

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Nadine Bell  
City Clerk Susan Pulverenti  
City Engineer Jon Rauscher  
Deputy Comptroller Lee Ann Wells  
Recreation Director Luke Griff  
Police Chief David Meeker  
Supervisor Joe Magliocca

**AWARDS CEREMONY – SYDNEY LUSHER AND LEAH SZAREK – ELKS HOOP SHOOT**

Mayor Matzke said he would like to recognize two young ladies for their athletic accomplishments in the Elks Hoop Shoot Competition on the Local, District, Regional and State Levels. Mayor Matzke introduced Jim Tuggey.

Mr. Tuggey introduced Leah Szarek, a fourth grader at Willard Prior School. At the Regional level, Leah had 16 out of 25 free throws and earned a trophy for the most consecutive free throws out of all the age groups. On the State level, she made 19 out of 25 free throws.

Mr. Tuggey introduced Sydney Lusher, an eighth grader at Otto Shortell Middle School. He said Sydney has a 98% grade average, as well as being an athlete. In the Regional level, Sydney made 16 out 25 and was tied. In the tie breaker, Sydney made all five shots to advance to the State level. At the State competition, Sydney made 23 out of 25 free throws, and in addition, Sydney was awarded a trophy for the most consecutive free throws (16).

Mr. Tuggey said that this weekend the girls will travel to Pennsylvania for the Northeast Regionals to compete against girls in their age groups from New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. If they win, they will continue on to compete on the National level in Chicago, Illinois.

Mayor Matzke presented the girls with Certificates of Excellence, as a tribute to their determination, skill and enthusiasm in competing on a Local, District, Regional and State Level to become Elks Hoop Shoot New York State Champions. Leah and Sydney received a rousing round of applause.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Supervisor Joe Magliocca said that NYS is working on the budget and making Madison County a “Host County” is on the top of the list. He said hopefully there will be enough support to offset the resistance from the Senate.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

Moved by Councilor Acker  
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 1, 2016 are hereby approved as presented.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Moved by Councilor Acker

Seconded by Councilor Simchik

**RESOLVED**, that Warrant No. 6, checks and ACH payments in the amount of \$2,245,529.98 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**

In response to a question from Councilor Bowe, City Engineer Jon Rauscher said a weather station for the Waste Water Treatment Plant was purchased. He said because of the use of chlorine gas, the DEC requires the need to monitor wind direction, and he said they upgraded to track wet weather flows also. A link will be placed on the website.

Moved by Councilor Smith

Seconded by Councilor Simchik

**RESOLVED**, that Check No. 54946 (Oneida Office Supply) in the amount of \$220.37, as audited by the Voucher Committee, is hereby approved for payment in the usual manner at the discretion of the Comptroller.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: 1 (Acker)

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **CLOSE OUT CAPITAL PROJECTS**

#### **RESOLUTION 16-52**

Moved by Councilor Smith

Seconded by Councilor Chamberlain

**RESOLVED**, to approve the closure of the following Capital Projects:

12-06	Municipal Building Roof Replacement (Bonded in 2015)
12-09	Dump Truck BAN (paid off in 2015)
13-01	2013/2014 Street Paving
15-05	2015 Fire Department SCBA
15-10	2015 Street Paving

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**RESOLUTION 16-53**

Moved by Councilor Chamberlain  
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

**RESOLVED**, that the proposed Ordinance Amendment to amend Chapter 190 Zoning, Section 190-15 Sign Requirements be hereby received and placed on file and referred to the City of Oneida Planning Commission, as follows:

190-15. Sign Requirements

D. (4) In C, DC, L-I and M-I Districts, the following shall be permitted:

- (a) The signs permitted under Subsection D(1) above.
- (b) A maximum of ~~two~~ *three* business signs with a combined area not to exceed two square feet per linear foot of the front of the building, or 130 square feet, whichever is larger.  
[Amended 5-5-2009 by Ord. No. 09-03]
- (c) One accessory sign for each separate incorporated business or service in a building or complex providing such sign(s) shall not exceed, either singularly or in combination, a maximum of six square feet and they shall be attached to the principal building or sign.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**RESOLUTION 16-54**

Moved by Councilor Acker  
Seconded by Councilor Smith

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

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
\$50.00	001.3120.0300 Police Supplies	001.0023.2705 Donations

*(To accept St. John's donation to be used for children's programs in schools)*

\$730.00	110.9902.0900 (SCBA Transfer To General Fund)	001.0024.5031 (Transfer from SCBA Capital Project)
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*(To transfer money from SCBA Capital Project back to the General Fund)*

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**AMEND 2016 CAPITAL PLAN**

**RESOLUTION 16-55**

Moved by Councilor Acker  
Seconded by Councilor Smith

**RESOLVED**, that the 2016 Capital Plan be hereby amended to include a Capital Project (16-02) for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant – Housing Buyout Program HMPG4031-0035 to be financed with Federal Funding in the amount of \$21,193,909, **and be it further**

**RESOLVED**, to authorize the use of \$1M from Fund Balance as upfront costs, as needed, (fully reimbursable) **and be it further**

**RESOLVED**, to authorize the Mayor to proceed with said Capital Project (16-02) and execute any and all contracts with respect to said Capital Project (16-02).

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Matzke said the usable part of the Fund Balance is \$2M; another \$2M is encumbered. Councilor Acker said she is looking into a zero percent \$1M loan, and will let the Council know the outcome.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**RESOLUTION 16-56**

Moved by Councilor Acker  
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

**RESOLVED**, that monthly reports from the Chamberlain, City Clerk, Comptroller, City Engineer, Director of Planning and Development, Fire Chief, Police Chief, and Recreation Director be hereby received and placed on file, **and be it further**

**RESOLVED**, that the 2015 City Clerk Annual Activities Report, and the 2015 Recreation Department Annual Report be hereby received and placed on file.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Councilor Smith commended the City Clerk and Recreation Director on their annual reports. Councilor Cohen said revenues are up over \$30K in the last six years, and costs are down about \$40K at the Recreation Center with the energy improvements.

Councilor Cohen inquired about how the weather will affect the City's mosquito control program. City Engineer Jon Rauscher said there is a DEC permanent time frame, and the program will not change. He said the necessary permitting was done last month. The Mayor said a Capital Project will be in the budget in 2017 to drain the Northside differently.

**CAPITAL PROJECT 16-03 – WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT VEHICLE  
AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

**RESOLUTION 16-57**

Moved by Councilor Smith  
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

**RESOLVED**, that the City Engineer be hereby authorized to proceed with Capital Project 16-03 WWTP Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Program, **and be it further**

**RESOLVED**, that the lowest responsible Mini-Bid meeting specifications for Capital Project 16-03 WWTP Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Program in the amount of \$32,890.01 be hereby awarded to Van Bortel Chevrolet, Inc., State Contract #PC66687, **and be it further**

**RESOLVED**, that the City Engineer be hereby authorized to expend funds up to the programmed amount, **and be it further**

**RESOLVED**, that the Mayor be authorized to sign any and all documents relative to said Capital Project 16-03.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

City Engineer Rauscher said he is using the NYS Marketplace Vehicle Bidding. He said it is an easy process, as the State does the bidding for you after you give them the specs, but dealers have to sign up. He said he has reached out to the local car dealers, Nye, Wilber Duck, and Summit, to see if they would be interested in signing up with the program.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Mike Healy Benefit*

Councilor Acker said there will be a benefit for Mike Healy on April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Kallet Civic Center from 2 to 6 p.m. She said Mr. Healy has been a fantastic member of this community, and he has had some ongoing medical issues, most recently with a major surgery. She said it is time to give back to him, as Mike has always been there for everyone. Councilor Acker said there is a “GoFundMe” account through Facebook, and Mike DeBottis said there are \$8,145 in donations to date.

*Ward Redistricting – Polling Places and Street Directory*

City Clerk Sue Pulverenti said she has finished updating the City’s Street Directory and Polling Sites from the recent redistricting. The link can be found on the City Clerk’s page, under the Elections portion, of the website, as well as on the “How Do I” page. It includes the street, Ward number, Council member and polling place. She said the Councilor’s website pages have been updated to include a link to the individual maps of their respective Wards. The complete City of Oneida Ward map can be found on the home page and the Council’s page of the City website.

Motion by Councilor Acker

The regular meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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Susan Pulverenti, City Clerk