

**MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
APRIL 4, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Oneida, NY was held on the fourth day of April, 2017 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 Deputy Mayor James Chamberlain

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

ABSENT: Mayor Leo Matzke

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Nadine Bell
City Clerk Susan Pulverenti
Comptroller Lee Ann Wells
Assistant Fire Marshal Dennis Fields
Supervisor John Reinhardt
Supervisor Joe Magliocca

**PUBLIC HEARING – PURSUANT TO ONEIDA CITY CODE CHAPTER 34, ARTICLE III,
UNSAFE BUILDINGS – ADJOURNED FROM 3/7/17 MEETING – 212 BATES AVENUE**

RESOLUTION 17-81

Moved by Councilor Acker
Seconded by Councilor Smith

RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing Pursuant to Oneida City Code Chapter 34, Article III, Unsafe Buildings – adjourned from 3/7/17 meeting – 212 Bates Avenue be hereby opened at 6:34 p.m.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

APPEARANCES

City Attorney Nadine Bell inquired if anyone with an interest in the property was present for the hearing tonight with no response. Deputy Mayor Chamberlain said the Council has been discussing this property for quite some time and asked if the Assistant Fire Marshall could come up with a list of recommendations priority wise. Attorney Bell said that the property at 212 Bates Avenue has been inspected by Structural Engineer Michael Sheridan, and the written report of his findings has been presented to the Common Council. Assistant Fire Marshall Dennis Fields said the structure appears to be stable; however, the interior is full of rubbish/furniture/clothing, and the basement contains sewage, which is why it was vacated two years ago. He said that the property is in foreclosure with the Bank of America, with the judgement of foreclosure being filed on 1/6/2016. He said that Safeguard Properties was hired by Bank of America to maintain the property. City Attorney Bell said the report should be provided to Bank of America to make them aware of what the report consists of to see if they are willing to bring the property into compliance. Attorney Bell again explained to the Common Council what their options were at this point. Deputy Mayor Chamberlain asked if anything was broken or open, and the response was no. Councilor Bowe said being in foreclosure doesn't change what's wrong with the property and suggested moving forward to cite the property owner. Attorney Bell said chances are the property owner will not comply, as they are losing the property to the bank. She said the penalties for

property maintenance code violations are significant if not addressed. Under NYS Executive Law, she said you have to issue a notice to remedy thirty days before you can issue citations, and the financial penalty for noncompliance is issued at that discretion the of court. The City Attorney said foreclosure is a very long process; it can take several years. The City Attorney read a portion of the City Code. Councilor Smith said this is a health issue, because of the raw sewage in the basement. Attorney Bell said the Council could declare the property a public nuisance and order the repair and/or removal of debris to remediate the unsafe condition.

A brief discussion ensued relating to the City Code, structural safety, health code violations and remediation. City Attorney Bell said that she would reach out to Bank of America and asked Assistant Fire Marshall Dennis Fields to provide her with a comprehensive list of the property issues. Councilor Cohen said that we should give Bank of America a reasonable time to respond, and Councilor Acker suggested adjourning for one month to give the City Attorney the opportunity to find out where the bank is with the process of foreclosure.

ADOURN PUBLIC HEARING – 212 BATES AVENUE

RESOLUTION 17-82

Moved by Councilor Acker
Seconded by Councilor Cohen

RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing on 212 Bates Avenue be hereby adjourned to the May 2, 2017 Council Meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING – PURSUANT TO ONEIDA CITY CODE CHAPTER 34, ARTICLE III, UNSAFE BUILDINGS – ADJOURNED FROM 3/7/17 MEETING – 181 MAIN STREET

RESOLUTION 17-83

Moved by Councilor Smith
Seconded by Councilor Acker

RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing Pursuant to Oneida City Code Chapter 34, Article III, Unsafe Buildings – adjourned from 3/7/17 meeting – 181 Main Street be hereby opened at 6:50 p.m.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

APPEARANCES

Deputy Mayor Chamberlain inquired if anyone with an interest was present for the hearing tonight with no response. Attorney Bell said a structural engineer was retained, and the building was assessed with the property owner in attendance. The report has been provided to the Common Council. City Attorney Bell said that the property owner would like to meet with the Mayor to go over his plans for the property, as well as discuss the City's priorities for the property. Councilor Bowe said the Public Hearing tonight would have been the time for Mr. Sullivan to appear. Assistant Fire Marshall Fields said that when he sent the letter to Mr. Sullivan last week, he provided the City Attorney's phone number and asked that Mr. Sullivan contact Attorney Bell to make arrangements for a meeting. Councilor Smith asked the City

Attorney to reach out to Mr. Sullivan and schedule a meeting. Deputy Mayor Chamberlain said that in his opinion, this is the last chance.

SCHEDULE MEETING WITH PROPERTY OWNER – 181 MAIN STREET

RESOLUTION 17-84

Moved by Councilor Smith
Seconded by Councilor Bowe

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the City Attorney to contact the property owner of 181 Main Street and schedule a meeting with the Mayor.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING – 181 MAIN STREET

RESOLUTION 17-85

Seconded by Councilor Smith
Moved by Councilor Acker

RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing on 181 Main Street be hereby adjourned to the May 2, 2017 Council meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**PUBLIC HEARING – PURSUANT TO ONEIDA CITY CODE CHAPTER 34, ARTICLE III,
UNSAFE BUILDINGS – ADJOURNED FROM 2/21/17 MEETING – 253 LINDEN STREET**

RESOLUTION 17-86

Moved by Councilor Acker
Seconded by Councilor Bowe

RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing Pursuant to Oneida City Code Chapter 34, Article III, Unsafe Buildings – adjourned from 2/21/17 meeting – 253 Linden Street be hereby opened at 6:56 p.m.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

APPEARANCES

Deputy Mayor Chamberlain inquired if anyone with an interest was present for this hearing tonight with no response. Councilor Acker said that this property is not in the buyout, and the owner has passed away. City Engineer Jon Rauscher said that there would be savings with demolition costs for this property if it was done while buyout properties were being demoed. Deputy Mayor Chamberlain said that the Mayor said he knew the property owner's daughter who lives in Munnsville and was going to try to contact her.

The Council agreed to adjourn the hearing to the next meeting to see if the Mayor has contacted the daughter.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING – 253 LINDEN STREET

RESOLUTION 17-87

Moved by Councilor Bowe
Seconded by Councilor Smith

RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing on 253 Linden Street be hereby adjourned to the April 18, 2017 Council meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO AMEND
CHAPTER 34 OF THE CITY CODE TO ESTABLISH A
VACANT BUILDING REGISTRY AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION 17-88

Moved by Councilor Bowe
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing on a proposed Local Law to amend Chapter 34 of the City Code to establish a Vacant Building Registry and Maintenance Program be hereby opened at 6:59 p.m.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

APPEARANCES: None

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

RESOLUTION 17-89

Moved by Councilor Acker
Seconded by Councilor Smith

RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing on said proposed Local Law be hereby closed at 7:00 p.m.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

Rail Trail Parking on Oneida Street

Councilor Acker said that she has heard from several downtown business owners who are concerned with the loss of parking spaces on Oneida Street due to the Rail Trail, and she proposed having a special

meeting with the Council and owners to assess their concerns. Gary Taylor, business owner on Madison Street said that he likes the ideas, but doesn't like them all together. He said he liked the idea of James Street being cut off, but it also cuts off parking spaces too. He said the City wants the buildings rehabbed to put apartments in and also wants to repurpose the area and make it beautiful, but asked where will the people park. He said he is trying to make his apartments a little higher end, and the loss of parking spaces could be an issue down the road. Gregg Myers, business owner on Oneida Street said that he just learned last Thursday about the change in parking on Oneida Street. He said that he met with his neighbors to discuss this situation. He said everyone looks at this as a positive project, but parking is a huge issue. He said there are thriving businesses on Oneida Street and people need to be able to get to those businesses. He said there is limited parking already, and now there are plans to cut that parking in half. He spoke of the weekly deliveries by tractor trailers to the Owl's Club and Auto Finishers (who must double park to unload), noting that with the changes the street would be too narrow for cars to get around the trucks. He said the days when court is going on, the parking is terrible. He questioned why property owners were never notified of this proposed change to be taking place. He said the Rail Trail is a great project, but it needs to be tweaked to make everyone happy and come up with a viable solution. Councilor Acker said that communication is critical. Supervisor Joe Magliocca said there was a comprehensive traffic study done, which he will e-mail to the City Clerk to be placed on the City website. Mr. Myers asked if this takes into consideration the 20+ parking spots that will be lost on Lenox Ave with the DOT project, and Supervisor Magliocca said no. The Council briefly discussed the date for the Special Meeting to discuss the parking concerns, and Thursday, April 20th at 6:30 p.m. was scheduled. The City Clerk will send notification to the downtown business owners of the meeting.

212 Bates Avenue

Supervisor Joe Magliocca said that the current status of foreclosure of the property shouldn't delay the Council's decision on 212 Bates Ave. He said that because of the unsafe health issues (sewage in basement) the property can be declared a public nuisance, order the work to be done, and if not completed, the City can hire someone to do it with the costs placed on the tax roll against the property. He said the City would be reimbursed when taken by the bank. Councilor Acker said that the Council has already voted to adjourn the public hearing on that property, and Supervisor Magliocca urged the Council to take action at the next Public Hearing.

Proposed Solar Project

Jill Christian Lynch, Evergreen Valley Drive, inquired what the status of the previous solar lease for the former Baker Reservoir site is now that a new lease has been executed for the solar project's new location off Hubbard Place. City Attorney Bell said she cannot provide an update at this time. Mrs. Lynch said that she continues to send in daily, weekly, and monthly detailed FOIL requests for information on the solar project, but doesn't receive hardly any documents. She said it makes her think most of this is being done via conversations. She said that if there are documents in existence, she needs those copies.

112 Madison Street

Assistant Fire Marshall Dennis Fields stated that per the recommendation of the Common Council at the previous meeting, he has met with Greg Xedis and developed a timeline for repairs of his property at 112 Madison Street. Attorney Bell asked if it was the intent of the Common Council to incorporate this timeline into an order that will be on the next agenda, and the Council said yes. The City Clerk said that Mr. Xedis called and said his truck was broken, and he was unable to attend tonight's meeting. She said he will be provided notification of the April 18, 2017 agenda.

WAIVE RULE TO ACCEPT AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTION 17-90

Moved by Councilor Smith

Seconded by Councilor Bowe

RESOLVED, that per Resolution 08-180 adopted by the Common Council on August 19, 2008, the provisions of the procedure to accept agenda items is hereby waived.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

112 MADISON STREET REPAIR TIMELINE

RESOLUTION 17-91

Moved by Councilor Bowe

Seconded by Councilor Smith

RESOLVED, that the agreement for the timeline for repairs from Assistant Fire Chief Dennis Fields Jr. for the property located at 112 Madison Street owned by Greg Xedis be hereby received and placed on file.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councilor Smith

Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 21, 2017 and the special meeting minutes of March 28, 2017 are hereby approved as presented.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councilor Simchik

Seconded by Councilor Acker

RESOLVED, that Warrant No. 7, checks and ACH payments in the amount of \$761,906.64 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 (Bowe)

MOTION CARRIED

Councilor Bowe said that his wife has changed law firms and now works for Costello Cooney & Fearon, PLLC. He said there are vouchers for that firm within the warrant. Councilor Bowe said the warrants will be broken down starting with the next meeting similar to the way they were when Councilor Acker had her business.

PROCEED WITH CAPITAL PROJECT 17-06 – CITY HALL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS AND BY BOND RESOLUTION DATED APRIL 4, 2017, AUTHORIZE SECURITY SYSTEM UPGRADES AT CITY HALL IN AND FOR THE CITY OF ONEIDA, MADISON COUNTY,

NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$203,987.69 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$203,987.69 BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF

RESOLUTION 17-92

Moved by Councilor Smith
Seconded by Councilor Cohen

RESOLVED, to amend Capital Project 17-06 Security Improvements to provide a secure working environment for City Hall, **and be it further**

RESOLVED, to authorize the City Engineer to proceed with Capital Project 17-06 Security Improvements and expend funds up to the programmed amount, **and be it further**

RESOLVED, to authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents relative to said Capital Project 17-06 Security Improvements, **and be it further**

RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two thirds of the total voting strength of the Common Council of the City of Oneida, Madison County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Security system upgrades at City Hall, including incidental improvements and expenses, in and for the City of Oneida, Madison County, New York, is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$203,987.69.

Section 2. The plan for the financing of such maximum estimated cost is by the issuance of \$203,987.69 bonds of said City hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is ten years, pursuant to subdivision 35 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said City of Oneida, Madison County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from other sources, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said City, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the City Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer of such City. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall

otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the City Comptroller shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 8. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 9. This resolution, which takes effect immediately upon the final passage thereof, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said City for such purpose, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Councilor Cohen – Yes
Councilor Bowe – Yes
Councilor Smith – Yes
Councilor Acker – Yes
Councilor Chamberlain – Yes
Councilor Simchik – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – TREE AND STUMP REMOVAL AND TREE TRIMMING

RESOLUTION 17-93

Moved by Councilor Cohen
Seconded by Councilor Smith

RESOLVED, that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the 2017 Tree and Stump Removal and Tree Trimming.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

City Engineer Jon Rauscher said this will be for trees in the City's right-of-way at an amount not to exceed \$30K.

PROCEED WITH CAPITAL PROJECT 17-07 – EXTERIOR LATERAL SUPPORT WALL REPAIRS AND BY BOND RESOLUTION DATED APRIL 4, 2017,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY HALL IN AND FOR THE CITY OF ONEIDA, MADISON COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$199,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$199,000 BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

RESOLUTION 17-94

Moved by Councilor Acker
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED, to amend Capital Project 17-07 Exterior Lateral Support Wall Repairs to eliminate water infiltration to the Clerk's Office, **and be it further**

RESOLVED, to authorize the City Engineer to proceed with 17-07 Exterior Lateral Support Wall Repairs and expend funds up to the programmed amount, **and be it further**

RESOLVED, to authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents relative to said 17-07 Exterior Lateral Support Wall Repairs, **and be it further**

BE IT RESOLVED by the affirmative vote of not less than two thirds of the total voting strength of the Common Council of the City of Oneida, Madison County, New York, as follows:

- Section 1. The construction of improvements to City Hall, including incidental improvements and expenses, in and for the City of Oneida, Madison County, New York, is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$199,000.
- Section 2. The plan for the financing of such maximum estimated cost is by the issuance of \$199,000 bonds of said City hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.
- Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is twenty-five years, pursuant to subdivision 12(a)(1) of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.
- Section 4. The faith and credit of said City of Oneida, Madison County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from other sources, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said City, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.
- Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.
- Section 6. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue

bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the City Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer of such City. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the City Comptroller shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

- Section 7. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:
- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or
 - 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
 - 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.
- Section 8. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.
- Section 9. This resolution, which takes effect immediately upon the final passage thereof, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said City for such purpose, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Councilor Cohen – Yes
Councilor Bowe – Yes
Councilor Smith – Yes
Councilor Acker – Yes
Councilor Chamberlain – Yes
Councilor Simchik – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE REGULATION OF
FLUTTER SIGNAGE AND DIGITAL SIGNAGE**

RESOLUTION 17-95

Moved by Councilor Smith
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

WHEREAS, the Common Council at the February 7, 2017 meeting received and placed on file two proposed Local Laws to amend the City’s zoning code regulating flutter signage and digital signage, and further referred said Local Laws to the Planning Commission for their recommendations, **now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the recommendations from the Planning Commission regarding the proposed Local Laws to amend City Code Chapter 190-Zoning regulating flutter and digital signage be hereby received and placed on file.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Chamberlain said he will speak with the Mayor to set up a committee to look at the signage recommendations with the Planning Commission and prepare a new ordinance addressing all the sign issues. He suggested that possibly he and Sign Board member Mike Kaiser be assigned to work with the Commission. Councilor Acker said we need to move on this soon.

BUDGET TRANSFER

RESOLUTION 17-96

Moved by Councilor Bowe
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED, to approve the following budget transfer:

<i>Amount</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
\$2,000	001.1990.0400 Contingency	001.1364.0400 Expenses on Property Acquired

(to allocate funds to cover cost of abstracts for property to be acquired though the Chamberlain’s office)

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

City Attorney Bell said that when the City takes properties for tax reasons, abstracts need to be prepared to place everyone who has an interest in the property on notice. She said the City Chamberlain has been ordering abstracts for that purpose.

NEW BUSINESS

OC3 Committee

Gregg Myers said that not all downtown business owners were contacted about the OC3 meetings, as was stated in a recent Oneida Dispatch article. He said that he does not read the Oneida Dispatch and just found out about these meetings from his neighbors. He said that communication is a big issue here. He said that FOIL requests should be answered if there are documents available and asked the City Attorney what the penalties were for not responding. City Attorney Bell said there is an appeals process through NYS; however, she has never seen anyone penalized. Deputy Mayor Chamberlain reminded Mr. Myers that the OC3 is not a City committee, and the Planning Director is just a member of the committee. Gary Taylor said that the OC3 Committee brought the SUNY ESF students in to look at the City and put a package together for the community to see what’s going on and what owners can do to enhance their businesses. Mr. Taylor said one of the things they have discussed is different ideas of how to beautify downtown without having to expend a lot of money, and he used high school art projects being placed in the storefront windows, as an example. He said the meetings have been very informative hearing about the City’s history and to see the proposed plans going forward. Councilor Bowe said the next public meeting that OC3 has scheduled with the SUNY ESF students is Saturday, April 22, 2017. At this next meeting, the students will present a package for OC3 and the community to work with. Mr. Taylor said that he found out about the meetings through the Oneida Dispatch articles. The City Clerk said the meetings were also noticed on social media (Facebook) and shared many times, as well as through the various articles in the newspaper. Councilor Bowe said that he was in attendance and appreciated the

various discussions. Supervisor Magliocca said this is the third project the SUNY ESF college students have worked on here in Oneida, noting that we are fortunate to get “outside eyes” to look at the City. Councilor Cohen said that over 40 people provided input at the last meeting, and he hopes that amount will be doubled at the next meeting.

FOIL Requests

Jill Christian Lynch said that she did not mean to imply that the City is withholding documents through FOIL. She said she has repeatedly asked for Planning Commission minutes to be posted online, and she still cannot find them on the City website. Councilor Bowe said those records are from a public meeting and do not have to be obtained through the FOIL process.

New Businesses on Broad Street

Councilor Acker said that two new businesses on Broad Street between Farrier Ave and Main Street have opened in her Ward. She said one is “Mine and Consign” and the other is called “Pallet Arts”. She said both are very nice and she welcomed them to Oneida.

Les Misérables at the Oneida High School

Councilor Acker said that over the weekend she had the privilege of attending the musical production of Les Misérables at the Oneida High School. She gave the highest of accolades to Director Brett Bogardus and the wonderful cast and crew. She said that Kevin Spooner played the lead character and his voice was stunning. Councilor Acker said we are blessed to have such talent in this community, and it was great to support our local high school.

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Bowe

The regular meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

CITY OF ONEIDA, NEW YORK

Susan Pulverenti, City Clerk