

**MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
MAY 5, 2015**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Oneida, NY was held on the fifth day of May, 2015 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 Alden M. Smith

PRESENT: Councilors Brahim Zogby, 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
Fire Chief Kevin Salerno
Director of Planning and Development Cassie Rose
Police Chief David Meeker
Public Safety Commissioner Mike Kaiser
Supervisor John Reinhardt

OLD BUSINESS

The Mayor said the re-districting agreement is on this agenda for approval. The clean-up on Phelps Street is beginning, and the City will be soliciting bids to clean up a portion.

Moved by Councilor Smith
Seconded by Councilor Acker

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 21, 2015 are hereby approved as presented.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councilor Chamberlain
Seconded by Councilor Smith

RESOLVED, that Warrant No. 9, checks and ACH payments in the amount of \$326,596.45 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 Smith
Seconded by Councilor Chamberlain

RESOLVED, that Check No. 52942 in the amount of \$114.02 (Oneida Office Supply) 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

ANNUAL 2014 CITY OF ONEIDA AUDIT

RESOLUTION 15-101

Moved by Councilor Acker
Seconded by Councilor Chamberlain

RESOLVED, that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and Basic Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2014 prepared by D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP, Rome NY be hereby received and placed on file.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Smith said the complete text of this report is on the website.

FLUORIDATION NOTIFICATIONS

RESOLUTION 15-102

Moved by Councilor Acker
Seconded by Councilor Bowe

RESOLVED, that the following notifications relative to the issue of fluoridation be hereby received and placed on file:

- Matt Shene, 597 Stoneleigh Rd., Oneida NY
- Cathleen and James Opperman, 4493 Sholtz Rd., Oneida NY (Town of Vernon)
- Kevin Goggins, 446 Cleveland Ave., Oneida NY - PETITION
- Fifth District Dental Society, 6323 Fly Rd., Ste. 3, East Syracuse NY

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
MOTION CARRIED

ANNUAL REPORT – WATER DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 15-103

Moved by Councilor Acker
Seconded by Councilor Chamberlain

RESOLVED, that the Oneida Water 101st Annual Report for the year ended 2014 be hereby received and placed on file.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PART-TIME SUMMER WATER STAFF

RESOLUTION 15-104

Moved by Councilor Chamberlain

Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED, to amend the hourly rate from the budgeted amount of \$8.75 to \$9.00 per hour for the Water Department summer laborer returning to work for a second year of service.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Councilor Chamberlain said that there is a huge difference in a returning summer laborer vs. a new hire, and generally an increase is given to returning summer employees in both the DPW and Water Departments. The Mayor said the Water Department has an employee returning for a second summer of employment, and as the returning employee, has greater value to the City than a new hire. A \$.25 increase per hour is requested for that employee. City Engineer Rauscher said no additional money is necessary to be budgeted.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTIFICATION

RESOLUTION 15-105

Moved by Councilor Chamberlain

Seconded by Councilor Smith

RESOLVED, that the Standardized Notice Form for providing 30-day advanced notice to a local municipality of the intent of the Greater Oneida Kallet Civic Center, Inc., 159 Main Street, Oneida NY to file a new application for an On-Premises Alcoholic Beverage License with the NYS Liquor Authority be hereby received and placed on file.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor said, in response to a question from the audience, that this resolution has no effect on the City Budget. It is a requirement of the New York State Liquor Authority that each municipality be notified of any new applications, renewals, or changes to their On-Premises Alcoholic Beverage Licenses. Councilor Zogby asked if the new Kallet Executive Director is planning on coming to talk to the Council, and the Mayor said he had reached out to her, but a firm date has not been scheduled yet.

INSPECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION 15-106

Moved by Councilor Smith

Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED, to authorize the Mayor to sign three-year Inspection Services Agreements with the Davis-Ulmer Sprinkler Company, Inc. as follows:

<i>Location</i>	<i>System to be Inspected</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Oneida Justice Center	Siemens FS-250 Fire Alarm System	\$600.00 annually
Oneida Justice Center	Dry Sprinkler System	\$860.00 annually
Oneida Municipal Building	Wet Sprinkler System	\$860.00 annually

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Smith said sprinklers are inspected and serviced on a routine basis.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT – REDISTRICTING THE WARD BOUNDARIES

RESOLUTION 15-107

Moved by Councilor Acker

Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Letter of Agreement between the Herkimer-Oneida Counties Comprehensive Planning Program and the City of Oneida in the amount of \$5,600.00 to re-district the six wards of the City of Oneida to balance the population within each district.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Smith said the task of redistricting the City’s ward boundaries to provide uniform population across the six wards was outsourced to Oneida County. The Mayor said a budget transfer will be needed from contingency to cover the cost of the invoice when this job is completed.

**ADOPT LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2015 TO AMEND CHAPTER 73
OF THE CITY OF ONEIDA CODE TO INCLUDE A NEW ARTICLE III, TITLED
“FLUORIDATION OF MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY”**

RESOLUTION 15-108

Moved by Councilor Chamberlain

Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Oneida, Madison County, State of New York, pursuant to the Authority vested in it by law does hereby enact and ordain Local Law No. 1 of 2015 to amend Chapter 73 of the Code of the City of Oneida to include a new Article III, titled “Fluoridation of Municipal Water Supply,” as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 73 of the Code of the City of Oneida is hereby amended to include a new Article III, titled “Fluoridation of Municipal Water Supply,” to read as follows:

§ 73-7. Purpose.

One of the priorities of government is to promote and protect the health and welfare of its residents. The New York State Department of Health has concluded that adding fluoride to community drinking water to reach a concentration of 0.7 to 1.2 parts per million (0.7 to 1.2 milligrams per liter of water) has repeatedly been shown to be an effective method of preventing tooth decay. Because community water fluoridation benefits everyone in the community, regardless of age and socioeconomic status, fluoridation provides protection against tooth decay in populations with limited access to prevention and treatment services. The Task Force on Community Preventive Services, a national independent, nonfederal, multidisciplinary task force appointed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), conducted a systematic review of studies of community water fluoridation. They found that, in communities that initiated fluoridation, the decrease in childhood tooth decay was almost 30% over 3–12 years of follow-up. To this end, one of the stated objectives of the New York State Department of Health is to increase the percentage of persons on public water receiving fluoridated water to 75%.

§ 73-8. Definitions.

For purposes of this Article, the following words, terms and phrases shall have the following meanings:

1. "Fluoridation" shall mean treatment of water by the adjustment of fluoride ion concentrations to provide the optimum fluoride concentration in water.
2. "Parts per million (ppm)" shall mean a unit of concentration expressed in parts per million (ppm) and is equivalent to milligrams per liter.
3. "Municipal water supply" shall mean all pipes, mains and structures owned and/or maintained by the City, for the conveyance of drinking water to the public for human consumption or any connection to the municipal water supply system.

§ 73-9. Fluoridation.

The municipal water supply shall be fluoridated in the following manner: a fluoride compound shall be added to the municipal water supply at an optimum concentration of about 0.7 ppm of the fluoride ion, provided, however, the concentration of such ion shall not exceed 1.2 ppm at any time.

Section 2. This local law shall take effect upon submission of a written application and approval by the State of New York.

Councilor Zogby – No

Councilor Bowe – No

Councilor Smith – No

Councilor Acker – Yes

Councilor Chamberlain – No

Councilor Simchik – No

MOTION FAILED

Mayor Smith said he is proud that there has been vigorous and meaningful debate on this topic, wherein we have respectfully listened to both sides of this discussion. The Mayor asked that individuals not be

one issue citizens, as there are a number of issues with equal significance to living in this community. The Mayor said that democracy works best when an impassioned and well informed populace participates by sharing their ideas and views. Mayor Smith said it is a great thing to hear from our constituents. He said although he may not always agree with your views, he stressed that he will always listen, as it is vitally important to the democratic process.

Lisa Behr, 223 North Street, Oneida, said her father was a Madison County Supervisor. She cited a report from 1939 that speaks to fluoride in water. She said her father was against this. Ms. Behr said Oneida has bigger problems than fluoride in water. She asked the Council to do their research.

Kevin Goggins, 446 Cleveland Avenue, Oneida, said he walked around his neighborhood with a petition against fluoridation and stated that 86% (63 out of 73) of the people he spoke with signed it, as they all agree it should be a personal choice.

Rita Behr, 223 North Street, Oneida, said as an American citizen she has rights, and no one can make her take a poison if she doesn't want it. She said she has looked in books, and fluoride is a chemical poison. She said it might not kill you in a few weeks or months, but it's going to get you.

Scott Bynes, Upper Lenox Avenue, Oneida, said he researched the topic and a 1943 article said that fluoride was harmful. He said he sees more harm than good.

Dr. Samuel Barr, Oneida, said that one of the women at one of the public hearings who spoke out against fluoride had her child hospitalized because of cavities. Dr. Barr said "there is a disconnect here that is really serious" and he is just trying to help some of these kids.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION 15-109

Moved by Councilor Smith
Seconded by Councilor Chamberlain

RESOLVED, to approve the following budget amendment:

		BALANCE:		BALANCE:
\$13,794	002.8300.0403	\$78,326.11	002.0019.2710	\$13,794
	(Water-Contracts)		(Water Premium on Bond Anticipation Notes)	

*To increase the revenue and the expenditure for premiums on obligations to pay BAN renewal expenses.
(Fish Creek)*

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

AUTHORIZATION OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENT ON W. ELM STREET
WATER MAIN EXTENSION

RESOLUTION 15-110

Moved by Councilor Zogby

Seconded by Councilor Smith

WHEREAS, the City of Oneida Common Council has heretofore declared its intention to undertake in the year 2015, a capital improvement project consisting of a water main extension from the end of West Elm Street at outside district boundary along West Elm Street to 1,091 feet east of the Village of Wampsville, a distance of approximately 9,235 feet at a total estimated cost of \$610,026, **and**

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held at 6:30 p.m. on April 7, 2015 in the Common Council Chambers, 109 N. Main Street, Oneida on a Capital Improvement Project consisting of a water main extension for West Elm Street, **now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the total estimated cost of said Elm Street/West Side Infrastructure project shall be paid as follows: 25% to be paid by the City as a whole and 75% to be paid by the benefiting property owners, excluding expenses associated with the installation of new water services, with the City paying the difference between the cost of 12" pipe from 8" pipe, **and be it further**

RESOLVED, that the 75% property owners' cost share for the water main extension shall be shared as follows:

DESCRIPTION	UNITS
Undeveloped parcel	One Unit
Single use property	One Unit
Multi-family or multi-use building	One Unit
First apartment or use	One half Unit
Each additional apartment or use	
Parcel with more than one building served	
First building served	One Unit
Each additional building served	Three-quarter Unit
Commercial/Industrial/Manufacturing Use	One Unit per 2,000 sq. ft. of bldg. serviced
Parcel with water service available prior to subdivision with frontage on water main extension	Zero Unit
Government	Zero Unit

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event that a parcel with water service available from an existing main subdivides, the owner of the resulting new parcel will be deemed to be a benefiting property if it fronts upon the new water main, and the remaining balance on the total benefiting property owners costs shares shall be recalculated based upon the above schedule, **and be it further**

RESOLVED, that in the event of prepayment of a share by owners of existing benefiting parcels, there shall be no refunds paid to adjust for the share to be charged against the new parcel added to the assessment role, **and be it further**

RESOLVED, that the project shall be included in the City of Oneida Budget for the year 2015 and further authorize the City Engineer and Water Superintendent to proceed with said project.

Councilor Zogby – Yes

Councilor Bowe – No

Councilor Smith – Yes

Councilor Acker – Yes

Councilor Chamberlain – Yes

Councilor Simchik – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Councilor Bowe said the Council does not share his opinion that the cost could be shared differently. He said he is for the project, just not for how the costs are being shared.

George Clark, W. Elm Street, said he wanted to make it clear that he is not against any industrial development; he just does not want it to be on the backs of 13 owner occupied residences. He said this is a bad deal for the owner occupants who have to bankroll this project. Mr. Clark said there is a \$1,250 onetime curb box charge, plus the expense to hookup to the system, along with the \$350 per year for 15 years. He said Walmart, Lowe's and Five Corners will benefit from better pressure that is on the backs of a dozen property owners on West Elm Street. He questioned a duplex of only paying 1.5 units, when it is clearly two.

Councilor Chamberlain said he called two real estate agents who said a property value would be increased by \$5K to \$8K, just by having water available in front of the house.

Mayor Smith said the grant covers 82% of the cost of the project. The largest benefitting property owner is paying well over 50%, and the residents Mr. Clark is speaking of, are paying less than 5% of this project. The Mayor said that when Walmart went in, the City put up close to \$300K to facilitate that project. In looking at different water assessments back to the 90's, Mayor Smith said this is the second least expensive assessment that the City has done and noted that some were double and triple the cost. He said since we have been talking about this, the project cost to the property owners has gone from \$4,200 down to \$3,600, and it is anticipated to go even lower.

Mr. Clark said this is a great deal with the grant monies available, but he doesn't like the way the cost sharing is broken down. If it is going to get cheaper, he asked why the water department doesn't front the money. He said this will be a financial burden on those residents on West Elm Street.

Mayor Smith said philosophically, when speaking about assessments, values and taxes; it is a double edge sword. On one side we are speaking to taxes increasing, but on the other side, do we want a community where all the property values are so low that no one wants to move or live here, because it is at the bottom of every economic scale? He mentioned several surrounding communities where property values are higher and noted they have a quality of life, which is something to be desired, and they don't have some of the struggles we have here in Oneida. Mayor Smith said to consider, when thinking about just assessment or taxes, that there is a balance between property value, community value and what other people see about your community. Councilor Bowe questioned if a business park goes in, will the General Fund benefit from that? Mayor Smith said the City would benefit from not only taxes, but ancillary business development, and all those things that come from economic viability. Councilor Bowe said the grant, Madison County, and the sewer and water funds are paying for the project with no money coming from the General Fund, and Councilor Zogby said \$200K is coming from the City's revolving loan fund for this project. Mayor Smith said one of the things the Council is dealing with is a declining Fund

Balance, while juggling quality of services, employees, keeping taxes low and still building a viable community. The Mayor said he cannot support taking money out of the Fund Balance.

Mayor Smith called for a roll call vote.

AUTHORIZATION OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENT ON W. ELM STREET
SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION

RESOLUTION 15-111

Moved by Councilor Zogby
Seconded by Councilor Smith

WHEREAS, the City of Oneida Common Council has heretofore declared its intention to undertake in the year 2015, a capital improvement project consisting of a sewer main extension and associated improvements from the end of the existing sanitary sewer main located on the City-owned abandoned rail bed approximately 2,600 feet west of North Willow Street to the City of Oneida boundary limits on West Elm Street, a distance of approximately 9,500 linear feet at a total estimated cost of \$1,096,891, **and**

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held at 6:30 p.m. on April 7, 2015 in the Common Council Chambers, 109 N. Main Street, Oneida on a Capital Improvement Project consisting of a sanitary sewer extension for West Elm Street, **now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the total cost of said infrastructure project shall be paid per the City of Oneida Charter Article VI Assessments for Local Improvements – Section 6.1; County and City funding and allocated grant funding as follows: 100% of the cost of the project shall be borne by local assessment on the bases of the property benefitted, **and be it further**

RESOLVED, that the project shall be included in the City of Oneida Budget for the year 2015 and further authorize the City Engineer and Water Superintendent to proceed with said project.

Councilor Zogby – Yes
Councilor Bowe – No
Councilor Smith – Yes
Councilor Acker – Yes
Councilor Chamberlain – Yes
Councilor Simchik – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Smith called for a roll call vote.

INSTALLATION OF SEWER LATERAL BY CITY EMPLOYEES

RESOLUTION 15-112

Moved by Councilor Chamberlain
Seconded by Councilor Bowe

WHEREAS, Charles J. and Carrie M. Sgroi (“Property Owners”) acquired real property located at 628 Valley View Drive, in the City of Oneida, County of Madison, State of New York, Tax Map No. 38.53-1-34 (“Property”), by Warranty Deed dated October 9, 2013; **and**

WHEREAS, when the Property was acquired, it was not serviced by public sewer services; **and**

WHEREAS, the Property Owners subsequently applied to the City of Oneida for permission to install a sewer lateral from the existing public sewer to the Property line, so as to service the Property; **and**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Section 139-66 of the Oneida City Code, if a street lateral has not previously been provided, the street lateral will be constructed from the existing public sewer to the property line, by a licensed plumber, at the property owner's sole expense; **and**

WHEREAS, the obligation of the Property Owners to bear all costs associated with the installation and construction of a new sewer lateral is reiterated in Section 139-72 of the Oneida City Code; **and**

WHEREAS, the Common Council does however have the right, pursuant to Section 139-72, to agree for the City to bear some or all of the costs for such installation and construction; **and**

WHEREAS, consistent with such authority, it is the desire of the Common Council to allow the City of Oneida Department of Public Works to install and construct such sewer lateral, instead of a licensed plumber, and to have the Property Owners reimburse the City of Oneida for all costs associated with such installation and construction; **and now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the City of Oneida Common Council does hereby determine that the installation and construction of a new sewer lateral which shall service real property located at 628 Valley View Drive, in the City of Oneida, County of Madison, State of New York, Tax Map No. 38.53-1-34, shall be installed and constructed by the City of Oneida Department of Public Works and the cost for such installation and construction shall be the sole responsibility of Charles J. Sgroi and Carrie M. Sgroi, owners of the Property; **and be it further**

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Section 139-70, any repairs to and restoration of the roadway and shoulder shall be completed by the City of Oneida Department of Public Works and shall be included with the fees paid with the application for the permit required in Section 139-52.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Councilor Bowe said there have been some internal discussions about the policy. The City Engineer said this is typical of what other municipalities usually do. It will be done by the City, so we have control over what goes in, and the costs paid for by the property owner. City Engineer Rauscher said he provided some recommendations to change the City Code in October 2014, and said he will forward his recommendations again.

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTION 15-113

Moved by Councilor Zogby
Seconded by Councilor Smith

WHEREAS, a written request from William Nye, Nye Automotive Group, 1479 Genesee Street, Oneida NY 13421 requesting a zone change from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) to C (Commercial) on the parcel (SBL# 37.-3-61) located on Route 5 (Genesee Street) adjacent to on the eastern boundary of the Nye Automotive Group property was received and placed on file and referred to the Planning Commission by the Common Council on December 31, 2015, **and**

WHEREAS, the City of Oneida Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval the above said zoning map amendments at their April 16, 2015 meeting, **and**

WHEREAS, having received the aforementioned request for a zoning map amendment and the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the Common Council hereby introduces an Ordinance to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Oneida to change the designation of certain lands to C (Commercial), **and**

WHEREAS, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of an ordinance in the City of Oneida, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the NYS Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) with respect to the proposed enactment of said Ordinance, **now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that there are no other involved agencies, the Common Council shall act as lead agency, and that the enactment of the proposed Ordinance is an Unlisted Action and will have no adverse effect on the environment, in accordance with 6 NYCCR Part 617, thus concluding the environmental process review, **and be it further**

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing be hereby scheduled for May 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, 109 N. Main St., Oneida on an Ordinance amending the Zoning Map of the City of Oneida to change the Zoning designation for said property being zoned NC (Neighborhood Commercial) to C (Commercial) on the parcel (SBL# 37.-3-61) located on Route 5 (Genesee Street) adjacent to on the eastern boundary of the Nye Automotive Group property in the City of Oneida.

“An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Oneida to
Change the Zoning Designation for Certain Properties in the City of Oneida”

Be it ordained by the City of Oneida Common Council, as follows:

Section 1. The Zoning Map of the City of Oneida, as provided for in Section 190-9 of the Code of the City of Oneida, shall be amended to change the zoning use designation of certain lands situated on Route 5 (Genesee Street), Tax Map Parcel No. 37.-3-61, from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) to C (Commercial) as such zoning districts are defined and regulated pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190 of the Code of the City of Oneida.

Section 2. The parcel of land, which shall be the subject of said zone change total approximately .93 acres, is designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 37.-3-61, and is situated on Route 5 adjacent to on the eastern boundary of the Nye Automotive Group property in the City of Oneida.

Section 3. The City of Oneida Zoning Map shall be amended and shall incorporate the change of zoning classification, as herein provided.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication in the official newspaper.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor said Mr. Nye is looking to make some changes next to his current location on Rt. 5, and he doesn't have the proper zoning to do so.

NEW BUSINESS

Fluoridation Issue

Fred Diddle, Sherrill said that he was impressed with the attention given by the Council to the public during the fluoridation public hearings and thanked the Council for that. Mrs. Diddle echoed her husband's sentiments, and thanked the Mayor for allowing "outsiders who drink the water" to share their opinions. Mrs. Elizabeth Carnevale said this was a learning experience, and the City government is in good hands right now.

*Upstate Revitalization Initiative Urban Core/Main Street Work Group
(Through Governor Cuomo's Office)*

Mayor Smith said that he and Scott Ingmire, Madison County Planning Director, have been selected to serve on the NYS Upstate Revitalization Initiative and have been appointed to the Urban Core/Main Street Work Group. He said they are tasked with working on the central region's submission for a challenge grant where seven regions are competing for half-a-billion dollars. Mayor Smith said he is very pleased that an Oneida resident and county department head are included in that process. He said there was a public input forum conducted at Lemoyne, with several residents from Oneida attending. The agenda included an overview of the competition, a presentation of the strengths and weaknesses of the central region, public input and breakout sections. The Mayor said there is an aggressive time frame, and his goal is to help put forth a winning proposal to get our piece of the pie.

NYS Comptroller to visit Oneida

Mayor Smith said that NYS Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli has reached out to him and will be visiting the City of Oneida on May 20, 2015.

Public Safety – Police and Fire Departments

Councilor Smith congratulated the Police Department, Fire Department and crossing guards, and those who received special recognition at the annual Oneida's Club Public Safety Dinner. Councilor Smith also thanked Public Safety Commissioner Mike Kaiser for recognizing the volunteer work done by the police and fire departments on off duty time.

Tunnel to Towers Foundation at Mazzullo's

Councilor Acker said on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 12:30 p.m. representatives from the Stephen Silva Tunnel to Towers Foundation, an organization in memory of a fallen 9-11 firefighter, will pay a special visit to John and Michael Mazzullo, Mazzullo's and Sons Carpet One, on Lenox Avenue to thank them for their support. Councilor Acker said to stop by and congratulate them.

Downtown Oneida's Farmers Market and National Day of Prayer

Melissa King, Oneida, Karing Kitchen said the downtown Oneida Farmer's Market is being rejuvenated with new management and a new day and time. The market will be held on Friday afternoons from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Oneida Street behind Thompson Appliances beginning this Friday through the end of October.

Ms. King stated that the National Day of Prayer event will be held in front of City Hall on May 7, 2015 at noon, and she extended an invitation to the Council and community to attend.

Building Permit and Late Fees

Dale Carlson, 124 W. Campbell Avenue, Sherrill, said he has owned a rental property on Williams Street for eight years, and he had MEID Construction do a project for him to replace a fire escape. He complained about the building permit process, and the additional fees he was assessed for failure to obtain a building permit and for failure to pick-up/pay for the permit. Mayor Smith said he would look into the matter and be in touch.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION 15-114

Motioned by Councilor Acker
Seconded by Councilor Zogby

RESOLVED, that the meeting is hereby adjourned to Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENT: Mayor, Councilors, City Attorney, City Clerk

Discussion was held regarding personnel issue.

Motioned by Councilor
Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, that Executive Session is hereby adjourned to the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Acker

The regular meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

CITY OF ONEIDA

Susan Pulverenti, City Clerk