

**MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
JULY 5, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Oneida, NY was held on the fifth day of July, 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
Recreation Director Luke Griff
Supervisor Joseph Magliocca
Supervisor John Reinhardt

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Solar Project

Dr. John Nebzydoski, Oneida, questioned if there was any news on the GroSolar/Lowes situation. Mayor Matzke said currently GroSolar is looking at other projects/sites in Verona, as well as still looking at sites for the City of Oneida. Mayor Matzke said GroSolar and the City are still working on it, and he hopes it will be resolved by fall.

Moved by Councilor Smith
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting of June 21, 2016 are hereby approved as presented.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councilor Chamberlain
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED, that Warrant No. 13, checks and ACH payments in the amount of \$664,420.23, 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 Chamberlain
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED, that Check No. 55562 in the amount of \$27.96 (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

Councilor Acker said that Oneida Office Supply has been sold to Ned and Nancy Kinney and asked that everyone please continue your support of this local business.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROPOSALS – HMGP PROJECT 4031-0035 – FEMA HAZARD
MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (FLOOD BUYOUT)**

RESOLUTION 16-127

Moved by Councilor Acker

Seconded by Councilor Smith

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be hereby authorized to accept and sign the Professional Service Proposal from Parker Land Surveying, P.C., 1338 Middle Road, Oneida NY 13421 for professional surveying services for Flood Buyout Property Surveys in the Flood Buyout-HMGP PROJECT 4031-0035-FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, **and be it further**

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be hereby authorized to accept and sign Professional Services Proposals with Stewart Title Insurance Company, 333 E. Onondaga Street, Syracuse, NY 13202 and Allied American Abstract Corp., PO Box 279, Wampsville, NY 13163 to produce abstracts of title for the Flood Buyout-HMGP PROJECT 4031-0035-FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor said the appraisals of properties in Buyout Program are just about finished.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – CHAPTER 139 SEWERS - §139-66

RESOLUTION 16-128

Moved by Councilor Acker

Seconded by Councilor Simchik

WHEREAS, The City of Oneida does not have “licensed plumbers” and this work is performed by the City’s Department of Public Works, **now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that a proposed Ordinance to amend the City of Oneida Code Chapter 139 Sewers; Part 3; Article VIII; §139-66 Building and street laterals; and §139-68 Connection inspection is hereby received and placed on file as follows:

§139-66 Building and street laterals

A. Building lateral/street lateral connection.

- (1) The connection of the building lateral to an existing street lateral shall be made at the property line. Except as provided under §§ 139-38 and 139-39, 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 *the City of Oneida, a licensed plumber* at the owner's expense. The street lateral shall be installed with a properly sealed and covered cleanout to grade located at the property line. The cleanout shall terminate in a metal box imbedded in concrete.

§ 139-68 Connection inspection.

- A. The applicant for the building lateral permit shall notify the City Engineer when the building lateral is ready for inspection and connection is to be made to the street lateral. The connection shall be made under the supervision of the City Engineer.
- ~~B. The applicant for the street lateral permit shall notify the City Engineer when the street lateral is ready for inspection and connection is to be made to the main sewer. The connection shall be made under the supervision of the City Engineer.~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing be hereby scheduled for July 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, 109 N. Main Street, Oneida NY on said proposed Ordinance Amendment.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

CAPITAL PROJECT 16-07 – WWTP FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT

RESOLUTION 16-129

Moved by Councilor Smith
Seconded by Councilor Acker

RESOLVED, that Capital Project 16-07 – Flood Mitigation Project be hereby amended to include State Aid Funding (25%) thereby picking up the costs not covered by FEMA (75%), **and be it further**

RESOLVED, to authorize the City Engineer to proceed with Capital Project 16-07 – Flood Mitigation Project and expend funds up to the programmed amount, **and be it further**

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be hereby authorized to execute any documents regarding Capital Project 16-07 – Flood Mitigation Project.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Displaying of House Numbers

Councilor Chamberlain said there are a lot of homes within the City that do not have house numbers displayed on the outside of their house or property. Councilor Smith said every lot in the City has a 911 address provided by the Fire Department. City Attorney Nadine Bell said this is regulated by the NYS Property Maintenance Code. The Housing Inspector would address this, and by law the letters should be 4". Councilor Chamberlain said he would like to see everyone have properly displayed numbers on their homes within the next year or two.

Fireworks

Councilor Chamberlain said he received several calls about fireworks and questioned what is legal, how late they can be fired off, and the process for complaints. He said there are currently no time limits or noise limits for setting off fireworks. Councilor Chamberlain asked Supervisor Magliocca if he could find out some information from the County as to what is legal. The City Clerk suggested contacting the City's Fire Marshall, as she was directed not to issue any permits without his approval, and he is up-to-date with all the laws relating to fireworks. Councilor Bowe questioned if there was a way to go back on the County for permitting this, and Supervisor Magliocca said many counties in the State approved the sale.

County Emergency Medical Services Study

Supervisor Joe Magliocca stated that Madison County hired a consultant to do a County wide Emergency Medical Services Report, adding that the report is a very interesting read. He said Oneida is the only locality with both EMT's and paramedic services, noting most other areas throughout the County have blended services; i.e. ambulances, volunteers, etc. He said Oneida's response time is one-half of what the average is. Supervisor Magliocca said the County needs to be better, but there is a cost to all the taxpayers. Councilor Smith said it is not uncommon for four departments to be called for one ring, adding that the volunteers are doing a great job with what they have. He said younger people are not stepping up, even with being offered tax breaks and incentives. Mayor Matzke said they are busy trying to survive, many working two jobs. Councilor Simchik said it takes a certain mindset; a certain type of person, as it is the natural instinct to run away from a disaster.

NBC 3 "Our Town"

Mayor Matzke said NBC 3 is featuring the City of Oneida this week for the "Our Town" series. On Thursday, there will be live broadcasts and live interviews at the Madison County Historical Society, Mansion House and Troop D Headquarters from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Zombie Houses

Mayor Matzke said he is meeting with Senator Valesky tomorrow relating to the new State law regarding "zombie houses." He said these are many vacant properties located in the City, as well as many other municipalities throughout New York State. The Mayor said that ten vacant properties are currently owned by banks, and the other twelve by property owners here in the City. Mayor Matzke said he would like to receive some help with funding for demolishing these properties.

Annual City Budget

Mayor Matzke said this year he will present a two-year budget this fall, so the Council will realize the impacts on the following year. He asked the Council if they had any input to please let him know.

Farmers Market Coupons

Councilor Cohen said that on Friday at the Oneida Towers from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., financially eligible seniors can receive \$20 coupons for use at the Farmers Market.

Tuesdays on Towpath Recreational Bike Rides

Councilor Cohen said Tuesdays on the Towpath are continuing with bike rides around the Erie Canalway Trail, and on August 9, 2016, the City of Oneida will be the featured community starting out of the Madison County Historical Society. Supervisor Magliocca said this is the third year of the City's involvement. He said this series of bike rides on the towpath came about from the Oneida Rail Trail. Supervisor Magliocca said that he, Patti Meakin and Jamie Hart from the County started attending the Parks & Trails New York meetings, and the canal corridor came up, but there were no communities along the canal to represent. Supervisor Magliocca said it has now grown into consortium of communities covering the whole 34 miles for the path.

Touch-a-Truck Night

Mayor Matzke said "Touch-a-Truck" will be held at Glenwood Plaza on Monday, July 11th from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is a free event where families and kids of all ages can get up close and touch over 25 different trucks. Councilor Chamberlain said he will have a brand new school bus at the event. Mayor Matzke said we are doing more and more to get back our identity that this is a great community to live in.

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Bowe

The regular meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

CITY OF ONEIDA

Susan Pulverenti, City Clerk