

**Town of Onondaga
Town Board Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2026**

The Town Board of the Town of Onondaga met at a regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Monday April 6, 2026 , at the Town of Onondaga Town Hall, 5020 Ball Road, Syracuse, New York.

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| Present: | Supervisor | John P. Mahar |
| | Councilor | Kathy Fedrizzi |
| | Councilor | Lisa Goodwin |
| | Councilor | Ellen Magnarelli Terrien |
| | Councilor | John Wheatley |
| | Town Attorney | Nadine Bell |
| | Town Engineer | Bill Perrine |
| | Town Clerk | Janet Hillery |

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. After Prom/Ball Party Contributions – Town School Districts

Town Councilor John Wheatley requested the following resolution in response to the annual request by local school districts:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by **Councilor John Wheatley** and seconded by **Councilor Ellen Magnarelli Terrien** to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Onondaga Town Board approve a contribution **upon request**, in the amount of \$250.00 to the school districts within the Town of Onondaga, in support of their *2026 After Prom/Ball parties*.

The question of the enactment of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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| Councilor | Kathy Fedrizzi | Voted | Yes |
| Councilor | Lisa M. Goodwin | Voted | Yes |
| Councilor | Ellen Magnarelli Terrien | Voted | Yes |
| Councilor | John Wheatley | Voted | Yes |
| Supervisor | John P. Mahar | Voted | Yes |

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

3. New Member – Nedrow Fire Department

Town Councilor Lisa Goodwin requested the following resolution in response to a request by the Nedrow Fire Department:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by **Councilor Lisa Goodwin** and seconded by **Councilor Kathy Fedrizzi** to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Onondaga Town Board approve new member Kevin Krause of Syracuse, NY, who was accepted into membership of the Nedrow Fire Department.

The question of the enactment of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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| Councilor | Kathy Fedrizzi | Voted | Yes |
| Councilor | Lisa M. Goodwin | Voted | Yes |
| Councilor | Ellen Magnarelli Terrien | Voted | Yes |
| Councilor | John Wheatley | Voted | Yes |
| Supervisor | John P. Mahar | Voted | Yes |

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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4. Highway Superintendent’s Report

Highway Superintendent John Smith requested the following resolution to hire a new employee and Town resident for the position of Highway Department Laborer:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by **Councilor John Wheatley** and seconded by **Councilor Kathy Fedrizzi** to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Onondaga Town Board approves new Highway Department employee Garet Martini of the Town of Onondaga for the full-time position of *laborer* at an hourly rate of \$22.80, with a start date of 4/13/26.

The question of the enactment of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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| Councilor | Kathy Fedrizzi | Voted | Yes |
| Councilor | Lisa M. Goodwin | Voted | Yes |
| Councilor | Ellen Magnarelli Terrien | Voted | Yes |
| Councilor | John Wheatley | Voted | Yes |
| Supervisor | John P. Mahar | Voted | Yes |

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Highway Superintendent Smith also reported that they are beginning brush pick-up and street sweeping, weather dependent. He also reported that this week they will begin to address the lawn damage that took place over the winter, and that the blacktop supplier should be opening up soon which will enable them to begin patching potholes. Superintendent Smith also reported that the highway garage will be open on April 25 from 9-12 to accommodate Earth Day drop offs.

Highway Superintendent Smith also reported on the Harris Road flooding issue, stating that there have been 5-6 flooding episodes which required the attention of the Highway Department. Supervisor Mahar said that he has submitted a letter to the County, and they have been in contact with the County Parks and the DOT many times regarding this issue. Councilor Magnarelli Terrien said that she has been in contact with the County DOT, and they said the issue was because of the amount of snowfall we had this winter. Supervisor Mahar and Highway Superintendent Smith said that that is not the reason, as this has been happening for years. Councilor Magnarelli Terrien said that she had asked Highway Superintendent Smith to document how often he had to go over there and place cones and address the issue, which amounted to five or six. Supervisor Mahar said this has been ongoing, and that he has dates of when they met about the issue, as well as pictures taken of the area. Supervisor Mahar said the DOT had a plan to put a retention basin between the Loomis Hill Cemetery and the Veteran’s Cemetery but didn’t materialize. He also added that additional plots mean reduced greenery, which would normally be absorbing the water.

Superintendent Smith also reported that he has been in contact with Paul of VEO Bikes, about bikes being left all over the road. He has a conference call with him at 10 am tomorrow about this issue, which seems to be getting worse. Supervisor Mahar said he counted 17 bikes near Destiny mall, that were not in their parking receptacles and said the system must be flawed. Highway Superintendent Smith and Supervisor Mahar said they saw a bike on the side of Velasko Road for 7 straight days. Councilor Ellen Magnarelli Terrien asked if the bikes were meant to be operating in the Town, and Supervisor Mahar said they were set up to go only from the City of Syracuse to OCC. Supervisor Mahar said users often get a pre-paid VISA cards and once it runs out they leave the bikes behind. Supervisor Mahar said the problem seems to be worse this year than the past years. Discussion took place about how dangerous it is as there are no laws about helmets or age requirements.

5. Codes Officer’s Report

Codes Director Jeffrey Herrick reported that since the last report, there have been twelve new permits which include decks, pools and three new homes. He also reported there have been three fire inspections. Mr. Herrick also reported that VanDuyn Nursing home is taking a half of a floor and making

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it an employee childcare center. He said that Van Duyn is having trouble attracting and retaining employees due to childcare limitations. Mr. Herrick said they will be working with *The Office of Child and Family Services* on accomplishing this. Mr. Herrick also reported that his department is getting together the sites and basins requiring mowing this year with the help of the Highway Superintendent, including six cemeteries that will be needing weed whacking.

Mr. Herrick also reported that he inspected the six *Beak & Skiff* apple orchard properties and had minor recommendations that were corrected. He said the canning facility will be inspected in May. He also stated that Beak & Skiff took on JazzFest this year, in which they are expecting between four and five thousand people. He said they will be obtaining the necessary operating permit following advice from counsel.

He also said that the final training for Muncity will be April 8th from 9-10 am with a “go Live” date set for 4/14 and 4/15. He said that Codes Officer Tucker along with Matt from Muncity, will begin the mobile training unit at that time.

Mr. Herrick also provided the yearly permitting report for the annual census requirement. In 2025 there were 46 new homes, and 11 are currently in the process. He also said that there will be one Parade of Homes in Woodridge Estates, by Marc Anthony builders. Discussion took place about the mowing schedule including new developments.

6. Town Engineer’s Report

Town Engineer Bill Perrine reported that the Bussey/Norton water project bidding notice was published on April 5th and as advertised, bid opening will be May 8th at 2:00 p.m. Town Engineer Perrine also reported that the *2026 Community Development* application is due this Friday. He also reported an uptick in subdivision activity and that the residential subdivisions that are close to approval are Brittany Hills Sec. 15, the last section of Cedarvale Ridge, Woodridge Estates Sec. 2, and Seneca Ridge (formerly Peregrine Landing).

7. Budget Modifications

Town Supervisor John Mahar requested the following budget transfers:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by **Councilor Lisa Goodwin** and seconded by **Councilor John Wheatley** to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board authorize the following budget modifications and transfers:

BUDGET TRANSFERS

| <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>NOTES</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| A1990.4 Contingency | A 1930.4 Judgements & Claims | \$2,232.82 | Tax Cert.- 4330 Onon. Blvd.- General |
| DA5130.405 Insurance | DA 1930.4 Judgements & Claims | \$ 597.34 | Tax Cert.- 4330 Onon. Blvd. - Highway |

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

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| CL599 Appropriated Fund Bal. | CL 1930.4 Judgement & Claims | \$1,206.55 | Tax Cert..- 4330 Onon. Blvd.- Library |
| SF599 Appropriated Fund Bal. | SF 81930.4 Judgements & Claims | \$4,855.24 | Tax Cert. – 4330 Onon. Blvd. – Taunton FD |
| SF599 Appropriated Fund Bal. | SL 1930.4 Judgements & Claims | \$ 804.73 | Tax Cert. – 4330 Onon. Blvd. – Lighting |
| TP 599 Appropriated Fund Bal. | TP 1930.4 Judgement & Claims | \$ 408.71 | Tax Cert. – 4330 Onon. Blvd. Taunton Park |

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The question of the enactment of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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| Councilor | Kathy Fedrizzi | Voted | Yes |
| Councilor | Lisa M. Goodwin | Voted | Yes |
| Councilor | Ellen Magnarelli Terrien | Voted | Yes |
| Councilor | John Wheatley | Voted | Yes |
| Supervisor | John P. Mahar | Voted | Yes |

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

8. Minutes Approval – 3/25/26 TBM

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by Councilor Magnarelli Terrien and seconded by Councilor Fedrizzi to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Onondaga Town Board approves the meeting minutes of the **3/25/26** Town Board Meeting as prepared by the Town Clerk.

The question of the enactment of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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| Councilor | Kathy Fedrizzi | Voted | Yes |
| Councilor | Lisa M. Goodwin | Voted | Yes |
| Councilor | Ellen Magnarelli Terrien | Voted | Yes |
| Councilor | John Wheatley | Abstained | ---- |
| Supervisor | John P. Mahar | Voted | Yes |

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

9. Abstract Approval - 4/6/26

The following Abstracts were audited and approved for payment on 4/6/26:

- All General Fund Account on Abstract No 6, numbers 225 through 305 inclusive, totaling \$108,438.12.
- All Highway Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 6, numbers 118 through 151 inclusive, totaling \$511,168.54.
- All Parks Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 6 numbers 25 through 30 inclusive, totaling \$6,951.37.
- All Sewer Accounts on Abstract No. 4, numbers 8 through 10 inclusive, totaling \$1,610.01.
- All Consolidated Drainage Accounts on Abstract No. 4, number 6, totaling \$123.85.
- All Trust & Agency Accounts on Abstract No. 5, numbers 9 through 11, totaling \$22,513.58.
- All Fire Protection Districts on Abstract No. 4, number 24, totaling \$9,100.

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Mahar and seconded by Councilor Goodwin to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that there being no further business to come before the regular meeting of the Town of Onondaga Town Board, the Town Board declares the meeting to be closed.

The question of the enactment of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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| Councilor | Kathy Fedrizzi | Voted | Yes |
| Councilor | Lisa M. Goodwin | Voted | Yes |
| Councilor | Ellen Magnarelli Terrien | Voted | Yes |

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| Councilor | John Wheatley | Voted | Yes |
| Supervisor | John P. Mahar | Voted | Yes |

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Janet J. Hillery
Town Clerk