

Special Town Board Meeting Minutes
2026 Budget Hearings
November 6, 2025

The Town Board of the Town of Onondaga met at a Special Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday November 6, 2025 at the Town of Onondaga Town Hall, 5020 Ball Road, Syracuse, New York.

Present:	Supervisor	John P. Mahar
	Councilor	Lisa M. Goodwin
	Councilor	Mary K. Ryan
	Councilor	John Wheatley
Excused:	Councilor	Kathy Fedrizzi
	Town Clerk	Janet Hillery

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Public Hearing - 2026 General Town and Highway Budgets - 7:00 p.m.

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Boad **open the Public Hearing** pertaining to the 2026 General Town and Highway Budgets.

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

Councilor	Kathy Fedrizzi	-----	----
Councilor	Lisa M. Goodwin	Voted	Yes
Councilor	Mary K. Ryan	Voted	Yes
Councilor	John Wheatley	Voted	Yes
Supervisor	John P. Mahar	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

No one in attendance wished to speak pertaining to the 2026 General Town and Highway Budgets.

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that being there are no further comments, and having given everyone in attendance the opportunity to speak pertaining to the 2026 General Town and Highway Budgets, the Town of Onondaga Town Board close the Public Hearing.

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

Councilor	Kathy Fedrizzi	-----	----
Councilor	Lisa M. Goodwin	Voted	Yes
Councilor	Mary K. Ryan	Voted	Yes
Councilor	John Wheatley	Voted	Yes
Supervisor	John P. Mahar	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby adopt the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Onondaga for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, including the proposed 2026 Highway Budget, as presented.

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

Councilor	Kathy Fedrizzi	-----	----
Councilor	Lisa M. Goodwin	Voted	Yes
Councilor	Mary K. Ryan	Voted	Yes
Councilor	John Wheatley	Voted	Yes
Supervisor	John P. Mahar	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

3. Public Hearing 2026 Fire Department Budgets – 7:30 p.m.

TOWN OF ONONDAGA
RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Onondaga open the Public Hearing pertaining to the 2026 Fire Department Budgets.

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

Councilor	Kathy Fedrizzi	-----	----
Councilor	Lisa M. Goodwin	Voted	Yes
Councilor	Mary K. Ryan	Voted	Yes
Councilor	John Wheatley	Voted	Yes
Supervisor	John P. Mahar	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

3a) Southwood Fire Department

Southwood Fire Department Chief Vincent Carrol was present and spoke in favor of the proposed contract. County Legislator Rich McCarron was also present and commended the Southwood Fire Department on a phenomenal rescue of a cardiac arrest patient over a week ago. The resolution to sign the agreement with the Southwood Fire Department is as follows:

TOWN OF ONONDAGA
RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by Councilor Wheatley and seconded by Councilor Ryan to wit:

WHEREAS, there has been duly established in the Town of Onondaga, the Southwood Fire Protection District (“District”), as set forth in Schedule “A” attached to the meeting minutes hereto and made a part hereof, which District embraces territory in said Town as is more fully described in

the resolutions duly adopted by the Town Board of said Town, establishing or extending said District; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to continue the contract for the furnishing of fire protection to the District and to provide for the rendering of certain emergency services therein by the respective volunteer fire department corporation located within the District; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer fire department corporations servicing the District has requested an increase in the amount of money paid to them on behalf of said District pursuant to such contract to be paid by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer fire department corporation has an existing contract which is due to automatically renew in accordance with Section 184 Subdivision 4 of the New York Town Law on the same basis and terms as the 2026 contract with the Town; and

WHEREAS, the contract for the fire department is to be terminated and replaced by a new contract with amount set forth in said schedule; and

WHEREAS, due notice has been given regarding the public hearing held in the Town Hall located at 5020 Ball Road, in said Town, on November 6, 2025 to consider the contract for the furnishing of fire protection and emergency services to the said District, the notice duly specifying the time and place of the hearing as aforesaid, and giving the general terms of the proposed contract, and said hearing having been held, and all persons interested in appearing having been heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that this Board shall contract with the volunteer fire department corporation for the furnishing of fire protection and providing certain emergency services to the respective Southwood Fire Protection District in the Town at the amount set forth in Schedule “A”; be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract to be entered into as aforesaid be in the general form as set forth in Schedule “B” attached to the meeting minutes hereto and made a part hereof and that the Town Supervisor be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to execute such contract on behalf of the Town of Onondaga.

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

Councilor	Kathy Fedrizzi	-----	----
Councilor	Lisa M. Goodwin	Voted	Yes
Councilor	Mary K. Ryan	Voted	Yes
Councilor	John Wheatley	Voted	Yes
Supervisor	John P. Mahar	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

3b) Taunton Fire Department

Taunton Fire Department President Ed Phelan, Jr. said his department is happy to provide the service to the Town residents, but that he hopes the Town considers the increase costs of everything associated with maintaining a volunteer fire department, and they have exceeded their budget. He said they would be willing to sit down and discuss the challenges they face such as getting volunteers and the astronomical costs of everything when considering the budget in the future. Supervisor Mahar agreed that meeting to discuss a path forward was a good idea.

**TOWN OF ONONDAGA
RESOLUTION**

The following resolution was offered by **Councilor Goodwin** and seconded by **Councilor Ryan** to wit:

WHEREAS, there has been duly established in the Town of Onondaga, the Taunton Fire Protection District (“District”), as set forth in Schedule “A” attached to the meeting minutes hereto

and made a part hereof, which District embraces territory in said Town as is more fully described in the resolutions duly adopted by the Town Board of said Town, establishing or extending said District; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to continue the contract for the furnishing of fire protection to the District and to provide for the rendering of certain emergency services therein by the respective volunteer fire department corporation located within the District; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer fire department corporations servicing the District has requested an increase in the amount of money paid to them on behalf of said District pursuant to such contract to be paid by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer fire department corporation has an existing contract which is due to automatically renew in accordance with Section 184 Subdivision 4 of the New York Town Law on the same basis and terms as the 2026 contract with the Town; and

WHEREAS, the contract for the fire department is to be terminated and replaced by a new contract with amount set forth in said schedule; and

WHEREAS, due notice has been given regarding the public hearing held in the Town Hall located at 5020 Ball Road, in said Town, on November 6, 2025 to consider the contract for the furnishing of fire protection and emergency services to the said District, the notice duly specifying the time and place of the hearing as aforesaid, and giving the general terms of the proposed contract, and said hearing having been held, and all persons interested in appearing having been heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that this Board shall contract with the volunteer fire department corporation for the furnishing of fire protection and providing certain emergency services to the respective Taunton Fire Protection District in the Town at the amount set forth in Schedule “A”; be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract to be entered into as aforesaid be in the general form as set forth in Schedule “B” attached to the meeting minutes hereto and made a part hereof and that the Town Supervisor be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to execute such contract on behalf of the Town of Onondaga.

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

Councilor	Kathy Fedrizzi	-----	----
Councilor	Lisa M. Goodwin	Voted	Yes
Councilor	Mary K. Ryan	Voted	Yes
Councilor	John Wheatley	Voted	Yes
Supervisor	John P. Mahar	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

3c) Howlett Hill Fire Department

Frank Valls, Howlett Hill Fire Department President was present and stated that his department is holding the line and said they are going to make over 500 alarms this year. Mr. Valls thanked the Town for supporting the department and he was in favor of the proposed contract. Marion Kitt of Kasson Road spoke in favor of the budget.

**TOWN OF ONONDAGA
RESOLUTION**

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

WHEREAS, there has been duly established in the Town of Onondaga, the Howlett Hill Fire Protection District (“District”), as set forth in Schedule “A” attached to the meeting minutes hereto

and made a part hereof, which District embraces territory in said Town as is more fully described in the resolutions duly adopted by the Town Board of said Town, establishing or extending said District; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to continue the contract for the furnishing of fire protection to the District and to provide for the rendering of certain emergency services therein by the respective volunteer fire department corporation located within the District; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer fire department corporations servicing the District has requested an increase in the amount of money paid to them on behalf of said District pursuant to such contract to be paid by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer fire department corporation has an existing contract which is due to automatically renew in accordance with Section 184 Subdivision 4 of the New York Town Law on the same basis and terms as the 2026 contract with the Town; and

WHEREAS, the contract for the fire department is to be terminated and replaced by a new contract with amount set forth in said schedule; and

WHEREAS, due notice has been given regarding the public hearing held in the Town Hall located at 5020 Ball Road, in said Town, on November 6, 2025 to consider the contract for the furnishing of fire protection and emergency services to the said District, the notice duly specifying the time and place of the hearing as aforesaid, and giving the general terms of the proposed contract, and said hearing having been held, and all persons interested in appearing having been heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that this Board shall contract with the volunteer fire department corporation for the furnishing of fire protection and providing certain emergency services to the respective Howlett Hill Protection District in the Town at the amount set forth in Schedule “A”; be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract to be entered into as aforesaid be in the general form as set forth in Schedule “B” attached to the meeting minutes hereto and made a part hereof and that the Town Supervisor be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to execute such contract on behalf of the Town of Onondaga.

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

Councilor	Kathy Fedrizzi	-----	----
Councilor	Lisa M. Goodwin	Voted	Yes
Councilor	Mary K. Ryan	Voted	Yes
Councilor	John Wheatley	Voted	Yes
Supervisor	John P. Mahar	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

3d) Navarino Fire Department

Navarino Fire Department President Don Krick and **Fire Chief Chris Barry** were present and stated that they were both in favor of the proposed contract.

**TOWN OF ONONDAGA
RESOLUTION**

The following resolution was offered by Councilor Ryan and seconded by Councilor Wheatley to wit:

WHEREAS, there has been duly established in the Town of Onondaga, the Navarino Fire Protection District (“District”), as set forth in Schedule “A” attached to the meeting minutes hereto and made a part hereof, which District embraces territory in said Town as is more fully described in

the resolutions duly adopted by the Town Board of said Town, establishing or extending said District; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to continue the contract for the furnishing of fire protection to the District and to provide for the rendering of certain emergency services therein by the respective volunteer fire department corporation located within the District; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer fire department corporations servicing the District has requested an increase in the amount of money paid to them on behalf of said District pursuant to such contract to be paid by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer fire department corporation has an existing contract which is due to automatically renew in accordance with Section 184 Subdivision 4 of the New York Town Law on the same basis and terms as the 2026 contract with the Town; and

WHEREAS, the contract for the fire department is to be terminated and replaced by a new contract with amount set forth in said schedule; and

WHEREAS, due notice has been given regarding the public hearing held in the Town Hall located at 5020 Ball Road, in said Town, on November 6, 2025 to consider the contract for the furnishing of fire protection and emergency services to the said District, the notice duly specifying the time and place of the hearing as aforesaid, and giving the general terms of the proposed contract, and said hearing having been held, and all persons interested in appearing having been heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that this Board shall contract with the volunteer fire department corporation for the furnishing of fire protection and providing certain emergency services to the respective Navarino Protection District in the Town at the amount set forth in Schedule “A”; be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract to be entered into as aforesaid be in the general form as set forth in Schedule “B” attached to the meeting minutes hereto and made a part hereof and that the Town Supervisor be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to execute such contract on behalf of the Town of Onondaga.

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

Councilor	Kathy Fedrizzi	-----	----
Councilor	Lisa M. Goodwin	Voted	Yes
Councilor	Mary K. Ryan	Voted	Yes
Councilor	John Wheatley	Voted	Yes
Supervisor	John P. Mahar	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

3e) Nedrow Fire Department

Nedrow Fire Department member Chris Moses was present and stated that he was in favor of the proposed contract.

**TOWN OF ONONDAGA
RESOLUTION**

The following resolution was offered by **Councilor Goodwin** and seconded by **Councilor Ryan** to wit:

WHEREAS, there has been duly established in the Town of Onondaga, the Nedrow Fire Protection District (“District”), as set forth in Schedule “A” attached to the meeting minutes hereto and made a part hereof, which District embraces territory in said Town as is more fully described in the resolutions duly adopted by the Town Board of said Town, establishing or extending said District; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to continue the contract for the furnishing of fire protection to the District and to provide for the rendering of certain emergency services therein by the respective volunteer fire department corporation located within the District; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer fire department corporations servicing the District has requested an increase in the amount of money paid to them on behalf of said District pursuant to such contract to be paid by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer fire department corporation has an existing contract which is due to automatically renew in accordance with Section 184 Subdivision 4 of the New York Town Law on the same basis and terms as the 2026 contract with the Town; and

WHEREAS, the contract for the fire department is to be terminated and replaced by a new contract with amount set forth in said schedule; and

WHEREAS, due notice has been given regarding the public hearing held in the Town Hall located at 5020 Ball Road, in said Town, on November 6, 2025 to consider the contract for the furnishing of fire protection and emergency services to the said District, the notice duly specifying the time and place of the hearing as aforesaid, and giving the general terms of the proposed contract, and said hearing having been held, and all persons interested in appearing having been heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that this Board shall contract with the volunteer fire department corporation for the furnishing of fire protection and providing certain emergency services to the respective Nedrow Protection District in the Town at the amount set forth in Schedule “A”; be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract to be entered into as aforesaid be in the general form as set forth in Schedule “B” attached to the meeting minutes hereto and made a part hereof and that the Town Supervisor be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to execute such contract on behalf of the Town of Onondaga.

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

Councilor	Kathy Fedrizzi	-----	----
Councilor	Lisa M. Goodwin	Voted	Yes
Councilor	Mary K. Ryan	Voted	Yes
Councilor	John Wheatley	Voted	Yes
Supervisor	John P. Mahar	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

2f) Onondaga Hill Fire Department

Onondaga Hill Fire Chief Sam Garafalo was present and stated that he is in favor of the proposed contract.

**TOWN OF ONONDAGA
RESOLUTION**

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

WHEREAS, there has been duly established in the Town of Onondaga, the Onondaga Fire Protection District (“District”), as set forth in Schedule “A” attached to the meeting minutes hereto and made a part hereof, which District embraces territory in said Town as is more fully described in the resolutions duly adopted by the Town Board of said Town, establishing or extending said District; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to continue the contract for the furnishing of fire protection to the District and to provide for the rendering of certain emergency services therein by the respective volunteer fire department corporation located within the District; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer fire department corporations servicing the District has requested an increase in the amount of money paid to them on behalf of said District pursuant to such contract to be paid by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer fire department corporation has an existing contract which is due to automatically renew in accordance with Section 184 Subdivision 4 of the New York Town Law on the same basis and terms as the 2026 contract with the Town; and

WHEREAS, the contract for the fire department is to be terminated and replaced by a new contract with amount set forth in said schedule; and

WHEREAS, due notice has been given regarding the public hearing held in the Town Hall located at 5020 Ball Road, in said Town, on November 6, 2025 to consider the contract for the furnishing of fire protection and emergency services to the said District, the notice duly specifying the time and place of the hearing as aforesaid, and giving the general terms of the proposed contract, and said hearing having been held, and all persons interested in appearing having been heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that this Board shall contract with the volunteer fire department corporation for the furnishing of fire protection and providing certain emergency services to the respective Onondaga Fire Protection District in the Town at the amount set forth in Schedule “A”; be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract to be entered into as aforesaid be in the general form as set forth in Schedule “B” attached to the meeting minutes hereto and made a part hereof and that the Town Supervisor be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to execute such contract on behalf of the Town of Onondaga.

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

Councilor	Kathy Fedrizzi	-----	----
Councilor	Lisa M. Goodwin	Voted	Yes
Councilor	Mary K. Ryan	Voted	Yes
Councilor	John Wheatley	Voted	Yes
Supervisor	John P. Mahar	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

2g) South Onondaga Fire Department

Town Councilor Mary Ryan said that being a lifelong resident of South Onondaga, she has deep ties with the South Onondaga Fire Department. She said she was good friends with Tim Nelson’s older brother, and good friends with Susan Fisher’s husband, Doug. Councilor Ryan said she and Sue have worked together to move the Norton Road/Bussey Road water district forward, and work toward grants for the district. South Onondaga has had a water district for 25 years, which was one of the first major projects Ms. Ryan worked on as a town councilor. Councilor Ryan said that Don Fisher worked with her and others, including Ron Ryan, to create the water district for hundreds of Town residents in the southern area of the Town of Onondaga.

Councilor Ryan said her father was a member of the South Onondaga Fire Department for 63 years, and that all of the members do a wonderful job protecting the district. Knowing there is a flooding issue in South Onondaga along the west branch of Onondaga Creek, Doug Fisher prepared a plan to mitigate the issue. He advised Councilor Ryan as to the issues, and possible solutions. She said this has been her priority for several years, since Doug’s death, to improve the flooding issues.

Councilor Ryan also said the South Onondaga Fire Department was instrumental in aiding her family during health crises. When Councilor Ryan’s husband passed, department members were on call to move him from their home to the hospital. She felt it was important to mention that the 21st year of his passing is this Saturday, November 8th. She said when her mother passed of cancer, the department was called to prepare to move her to the hospital. And finally, the SOFD honored her father, Chuck, with a parade days before his passing. Chief Eric Nelson saluted Chuck, and Chuck returned the salute,

one of his last actions before his death. Chuck’s death was on Christmas Eve, and the department once again was at his home. The department honored Chuck with an honor guard at his wake and funeral mass, in addition to an escort of fire trucks to the church. Councilor Ryan said that the SOFD personnel were wonderful, and she cherishes their friendship. Councilor Ryan’s words were met with acknowledgement and agreement from members in attendance at the meeting.

South Onondaga Fire Department Secretary Susan Fisher said that her department went through a lot of work trying to put this contract together while being fiscally responsible and is in favor of the proposed contract.

TOWN OF ONONDAGA
RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, there has been duly established in the Town of Onondaga, the South Onondaga Fire Protection District (“District”), as set forth in Schedule “A” attached to the meeting minutes hereto and made a part hereof, which District embraces territory in said Town as is more fully described in the resolutions duly adopted by the Town Board of said Town, establishing or extending said District; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to continue the contract for the furnishing of fire protection to the District and to provide for the rendering of certain emergency services therein by the respective volunteer fire department corporation located within the District; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer fire department corporations servicing the District has requested an increase in the amount of money paid to them on behalf of said District pursuant to such contract to be paid by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer fire department corporation has an existing contract which is due to automatically renew in accordance with Section 184 Subdivision 4 of the New York Town Law on the same basis and terms as the 2026 contract with the Town; and

WHEREAS, the contract for the fire department is to be terminated and replaced by a new contract with amount set forth in said schedule; and

WHEREAS, due notice has been given regarding the public hearing held in the Town Hall located at 5020 Ball Road, in said Town, on November 6, 2025 to consider the contract for the furnishing of fire protection and emergency services to the said District, the notice duly specifying the time and place of the hearing as aforesaid, and giving the general terms of the proposed contract, and said hearing having been held, and all persons interested in appearing having been heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that this Board shall contract with the volunteer fire department corporation for the furnishing of fire protection and providing certain emergency services to the respective South Onondaga Fire Protection District in the Town at the amount set forth in Schedule “A”; be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract to be entered into as aforesaid be in the general form as set forth in Schedule “B” attached to the meeting minutes hereto and made a part hereof and that the Town Supervisor be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to execute such contract on behalf of the Town of Onondaga.

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

Councilor	Kathy Fedrizzi	-----	----
Councilor	Lisa M. Goodwin	Voted	Yes
Councilor	Mary K. Ryan	Voted	Yes
Councilor	John Wheatley	Voted	Yes
Supervisor	John P. Mahar	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

SCHEDULE “A”

Fire Department	Fire Protection District	Existing Contract Amount	Proposed Contract Amount	Existing Contract Exp. Date	Proposed Contract Exp. Date
Howlett Hill Fire Dept., Inc.	Howlett Hill	\$483,650	\$493,323	12/31/2027	12/31/2028
Navarino Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.	Navarino	\$217,895	\$219,383	12/31/2027	12/31/2028
Nedrow Vol. Fire Dept., Inc.	Nedrow	\$311,975	\$318,215	12/31/2027	12/31/2028
Onondaga Fire Company, Inc.	Onondaga Hill	\$709,417	\$723,605	12/31/2027	12/31/2028
South Onondaga Vol. Fire Dept., Inc.	South Onondaga	\$329,978	\$336,578	12/31/2027	12/31/2028
Southwood Vol. Fire Dept., Inc.	Southwood	\$311,865	\$321,104	12/31/2027	12/31/2028
Taunton Fire Dept., Inc.	Taunton	\$646,445	\$659,374	12/31/2027	12/31/2028

SCHEDULE “B”
AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made the 6th day of November, 2025, between the **TOWN BOARD of the TOWN OF ONONDAGA**, Onondaga County, New York, (hereinafter “the Town”) and the **VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.**, a not-for-profit corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York (hereinafter “the Fire Department”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, there has been duly established in the said Town of Onondaga, a fire protection district known as the Fire Protection District (hereinafter “District”) embracing territory in said Town, outside of any city or village, as such territory is more fully described in the resolutions duly adopted by the Town Board of said Town establishing or extending said District, and

WHEREAS, there is presently in existence between the parties hereto a contract covering the furnishing of fire protection and emergency services to said District as established, and the parties hereto desire to replace said contract with a new contract and provide for a continuation of fire protection and emergency services in said District and for the levying of taxes to pay the cost of same; and

WHEREAS, following a public hearing duly called, the Town authorized a contract with the Fire Department for fire protection and emergency services to said District upon the terms and provisions herein set forth; and

WHEREAS, this contract has also been duly authorized by the Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town does engage the Fire Department to furnish fire protection and emergency services to said District, and the Fire Department agrees to furnish same in the manner following, to wit:

1. The men, women and equipment of the Fire Department shall, at all times during the period of this Agreement, be subject to call for attendance upon any fires or emergency service in case of accidents, calamities, or other emergencies in connection with which the services of firemen would be required occurring in said District, and when notified by alarm or telephone call from any

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person therein of such a fire, emergency, accident or calamity therein, shall respond and attend upon the same without delay with one or more companies and with suitable ladder, pumping and hose apparatus and emergency equipment of the Fire Department. Upon arriving at the scene of the fire, the men and women of the Fire Department attending shall proceed diligently and in every way reasonably required in such fire, emergency, accident or calamity, and the saving of life and property in connection therewith.

2. In consideration of furnishing aid and the use of its apparatus as aforesaid, the Fire Department will receive the annual sum of \$_____ for the services to be rendered pursuant to this contract, which said sum the Town agrees to collect and pay to the Fire Department on or before the 15th day of March in each year that this contract and any renewals thereof is in effect.

3. The Town will also pay any and all claims authorized by the New York Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law, for medical expenses, loss of wages, compensation benefits or other claims arising by reason of the injury to or death of a fireman, a member of the Fire Department emergency relief squad, or a fire patrol sustained while answering, attending upon or returning from any such call or while engaged in practice or trial runs.

In the event that the Town contracts for insurance indemnifying it against the liability imposed by the preceding sentence of this Agreement, the Town will furnish the Fire Department promptly thereafter with a copy of such policy of insurance or with a written statement to the effect that such insurance protection has been purchased and showing the name of the carrier, the amount of coverage and a general statement of the terms of such policy.

PROVIDED, however, that nothing herein contained shall abrogate the right of the Town to charge back against the property within the said District any of the above charges which may be charged back against such property pursuant to law.

4. In accordance with Section 209-z of the New York State General Municipal Law, the Fire Department shall obtain an audit of its records by an independent Certified Public Accountant or an Independent Public Accountant, shall further confirm whether or not it has filed an IRS 990 form and whether or not it was required to file a report regarding foreign fire insurance premium tax funds pursuant to Section 30-a of the New York State General Municipal Law. Required reports and the filed IRS 990 shall be delivered to the Town Clerk within 180 days following the end of the fiscal year.

5. This Agreement shall continue in full force and effect for the calendar year 2026, and thereafter, it shall be deemed renewed on the same basis each year for a further term of one (1) full calendar year without any further public hearing unless one of the parties hereto shall notify the other, in writing, on or before the 20th of August that it elects to terminate the contract on December 31 of that year, but, in any event, shall terminate on the 31st day of December following three (3) years from the date thereof. It is further agreed that in the month of July in each year in which a renewal of said contract could occur, the Town Clerk of the Town will notify the Secretary of the Fire Department that the contract shall be deemed renewed on the same basis for a further full term of one (1) year, unless the said Fire Department shall notify the Town in writing, on or before the 20th day of August in that year, that it elects to terminate the contract on December 31 in such year.

6. This Agreement may be changed or modified only in the manner in which the original instrument was drafted and adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed and delivered this Agreement the day and year first above written.

TOWN OF ONONDAGA

By: _____

Supervisor

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

By: _____

Chief

By: _____

President

ATTEST: _____

Town Clerk

ATTEST: _____

Fire Department Secretary

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 comments, and having given everyone in attendance the opportunity to speak pertaining to the 2026 Fire Department Budgets, the Public Hearing 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:

Councilor	Kathy Fedrizzi	-----	----
Councilor	Lisa M. Goodwin	Voted	Yes
Councilor	Mary K. Ryan	Voted	Yes
Councilor	John Wheatley	Voted	Yes
Supervisor	John P. Mahar	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The Public Hearing pertaining to the 2026 Fire Department Contracts closed at 7:55 p.m.

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that there being no further business to come before the Special Meeting of the Town Board, the meeting be adjourned.

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

Councilor	Kathy Fedrizzi	-----	----
Councilor	Lisa M. Goodwin	Voted	Yes
Councilor	Mary K. Ryan	Voted	Yes
Councilor	John Wheatley	Voted	Yes
Supervisor	John P. Mahar	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.
The Special Town Board Meeting of the Town Board adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Janet J. Hillery
Town Clerk