

**Town Board Workshop Minutes DRAFT
Town of Onondaga
January 20, 2026**

The Town Board of the Town of Onondaga held a workshop at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at the Town of Onondaga Town Hall, 5020 Ball Road, Syracuse, New York.

Present:	Supervisor	John P. Mahar
	Councilor	Kathy Fedrizzi
	Councilor	Ellen Magnarelli Terrien
	Councilor	John Wheatley
Excused:	Councilor	Lisa M. Goodwin
	Town Assessor	Mike Morrissey
	Assessment Aide	Dale Barcomb
	Town Clerk	Janet Hillery

1. Intermunicipal Agreement Discussion

Supervisor Mahar began by stating that he is looking for the Town to enter into an *Intermunicipal Agreement* to apply for a grant to have a townwide reassessment done in the towns of Camillus, Geddes, Solvay, and Onondaga, with Geddes being the lead agency. The grant would be for 90% of the cost and we would have up to five years to use it if awarded. He said that we can't control what the school districts do with the information as far as what their tax rate would be. Supervisor Mahar said it could be a year or more before we even find out if we get the grant and if they start with Geddes, then Camillus, it could be 6-7 years before this ever happens. He also said that it will cost money just to apply for the grant and will have to pay a portion for the grant writer from the Town of Geddes.

The resolution authorizing the **grant writing** for reassessment services is as follows:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS the Town of Geddes has contracted with Strategic Development Specialists, LLC. to provide grant writing and management services to the Town of Geddes; and

WHEREAS, the Towns of Geddes, Onondaga, Camillus and Solvay want to issue a joint bid or request for proposals for the services of a third-party vendor to provide reassessment services to all said municipalities and to jointly apply for New York State grant funding to offset the cost of such services;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement to be equally shared with the Towns of Geddes, Camillus, Solvay and Onondaga for the purposes of applying for NYS grant funding to be prepared by Strategic Development Specialists, LLC for the purposes of a complete and comprehensive reassessment of all properties in the respective communities.

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	Voted	Yes
Councilor	Lisa M. Goodwin	-----	---
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.

The Workshop adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Janet J. Hillery
Town Clerk