

**Town Board Meeting Minutes
Town of Onondaga
November 21, 2022**

The Town Board of the Town of Onondaga met at a regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Monday November 21, 2022 at the Town of Onondaga Town Hall, 5020 Ball Road, Syracuse, New York.

Present:	Supervisor	John P. Mahar
	Councilor	Kathy Fedrizzi
	Councilor	Lisa M. Goodwin
	Councilor	Mary K. Ryan
	Councilor	John Wheatley
	Town Clerk	Janet Hillery
	Town Attorney	Stacy Marris
	Town Engineer	Bill Perrine

1. Public Comments

No one was in attendance for comments.

2. Parks and Recreation Director's Report

Parks and Recreation Director Charry Lawson was present, and reported that Recreation Supervisor Jack Davison will be leaving his position at the Town, and she is very sad to see him go. His last day will be Wednesday 11/23/22. Ms. Lawson stated that she has been in contact with Civil Service, and there is no eligible candidates at this time, with no scheduled upcoming tests, thus she has begun advertising. The candidate must have a two year degree with experience, or a four year degree, and they must be able to take the test when it is offered.

3. Schedule Public Hearing – Local Law G-2022 – Updating the Town of Onondaga Code Enforcement Program

In Town Attorney Nadine Bell's absence, Attorney Stacy Marris was present. Attorney Marris stated that the need for the upcoming 12/19/22 public hearing pertaining to Code Enforcement Updates is a result of the regular updates that the state generates, the last one being about 2 years ago. Attorney Marris took the guidance from the state and compared it to what the Town of Onondaga had on the books already. Anything that was particular to the Town of Onondaga was added in to meet the state requirements. The following Notice of Public Hearing and resolution was presented:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF ONONDAGA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been presented to the Town Board of the Town of Onondaga, New York, on November 21, 2022, proposed Local Law No. G-2022, titled, "A Local Law Updating the Code Enforcement Program In the Town of Onondaga." Said Local Law, if enacted, would provide a comprehensive update to the code enforcement program within the Town of Onondaga. The full text of said Local Law is on file at the Clerk's Office at the Town Hall located at 5020 Ball Road, Syracuse, New York and may be viewed by all interested persons during normal business hours.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Town Board will hold a public hearing to consider proposed Local Law No. G-2022 at the said Town Hall on December 19, 2022,

at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested will be heard.

JANET HILLERY
TOWN CLERK

DATED: November 21, 2022

TOWN OF ONONDAGA
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION
November 21, 2022
Local Law No. G -2022

(“A Local Law Updating the Code Enforcement Program In the Town of Onondaga”)

Councilor Wheatley introduced proposed Local Law No. G-2022 updating the Code Enforcement Program in the Town of Onondaga and made the following Resolution, which was seconded by Supervisor Mahar:

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law G-2022 has been introduced and will be considered for enactment pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law and Town Law; and

WHEREAS, Volume 6 N.Y.C.R.R., Section 617 of the Regulations relating to Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, requires that as early as possible an involved agency shall make a determination whether a given action is subject to the aforementioned law; and

WHEREAS, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of a local law in the Town of Onondaga, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) with respect to the proposed enactment of said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that there are no other involved agencies, the Town Board shall act as lead agency, and that the enactment of this proposed local law is a Type II action under SEQR, thus concluding the environmental review process; and be it further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that the Town Board conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local Law G-2022 at the Town of Onondaga Town Hall located at 5020 Ball Road, Syracuse, New York on December 19, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject shall be heard; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that notice of said public hearing shall be provided at least five (5) days prior to the date of said public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town of Onondaga and to any affected municipalities described above.

The question 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	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.

DATED: November 21, 2022

4. Engineer's Report

Town Engineer Bill Perrine was present and reported that there is concern about running out of time to pave two active subdivisions – Brittany Hills Sec. 13 & 14, and Cedarvale Ridge Section E, Phase B. Mr. Perrine stated that they need to have turnarounds in before the winter, and they hope to have it done by early December. Councilor Wheatley asked if salt had been put down on the roads yet, and Mr. Perrine stated that no it has not, as it is not paved yet. It will be just binder course pavement for the winter.

Mr. Perrine is expecting a final release of Crown Point Ext. 2, and is hoping to have that for the December 5th meeting, and asked about CHIPS funding to get the road dedications in. Councilor Wheatley replied that it will have to wait until next year, as the deadline to apply is usually early November.

Mr. Perrine also reported that the next round of Bridge NY Funding has come out, which is due in mid January. NYS requires that a solicitation process is required to seek interest from other consultants to prepare these applications and future design/construction administration on behalf of the Town. The Town completed this process in 2021 and the NYSDOT has recently confirmed that this solicitation process is good for three years. He is working with John Smith and Linda Crowley to get those resubmitted for this year, in which C & S Engineers, Inc. will complete the Bridge NY application at no cost on the Town's behalf. The four projects that will be targeted are: Lawndale Drive, Broad Road (by Skyline), Broad Road (by Hopper Brook/SOS), all culverts; and Braeburn Drive in Nedrow, a bridge replacement. If time allows, the existing culvert at Ironside Drive in South Onondaga will be added as well. It will be an application update, as these are the same ones that were applied for last year. Mr. Perrine stated that it's not uncommon to get denied several times in a row, but encourages the Town to keep applying.

5. Committee Reports

Fire and Safety Committee member Lisa Goodwin was present and reported that on Sunday 11/20/22, members of the Board went to the Howlett Hill Fire Dept. and celebrated Denice Bealer's 50 years of service with the Ladies Auxiliary. The following proclamation was presented to her:

PROCLAMATION DECLARING DENICE BEALER DAY

WHEREAS, Denice Bealer joined the Howlett Hill Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Denice has served as an Executive Officer, holding the positions of Auxiliary President, Vice President and Secretary over the course of those 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Denice, and her husband, Jeb, raised four children in Howlett Hill; and

WHEREAS, not only have Denice and Jeb dedicated countless hours to the Howlett Hill Fire Department, its community, and firefighters throughout Onondaga County, their children and grandchildren have as well; and

WHEREAS, Denice continues to devote her time to the Howlett Hill Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, and she continues to support firefighters and the community in which we live; and

WHEREAS, because of Denice’s passion and dedication to fire service and the Ladies Auxiliary, she has played an instrumental role in our Town, and she has served our community with distinction and integrity; now, therefore, be it;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, on behalf of the residents of the Howlett Hill Fire District and the Town of Onondaga, hereby express our profound appreciation to Denice Bealer upon her golden anniversary of exceptional service to the Howlett Hill Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that November 20, 2022 be proclaimed Denice Bealer Day in the Town of Onondaga, and that this Proclamation become part of the official record of the Town so all persons may know and appreciate the high esteem in which Denice Bealer is held by the Town of Onondaga and its residents.



John P. Mahar, Supervisor, Town of Onondaga

Library Committee member and Councilor Lisa M. Goodwin reminded everyone about the **Festival of Trees** 11/19-12/10, and encourages everyone to stop by the Library to get your tickets, as it is a great way to support the Friends of the Library.

Councilor Goodwin also reported that on Tuesday December 6, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., **Andrew Miledonis**, an eyewitness to the **Pearl Harbor** attack and Town of Onondaga resident, will recount the harrowing events of that day which lives in infamy.

Councilor Goodwin also reported that at 3:00 pm on December 10th, **Merry Mischief** – a talented ensemble of musicians - will be performing while also encouraging *foot tapping and sing along* participation. All are encouraged to get into the Holiday spirit and attend. Light refreshments will be served.

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board approve the November 7, 2022 Town Board Meeting Minutes as prepared by the Town Clerk.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, and the vote was as follows:

Councilor	Kathy Fedrizzi	Abstain	----
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 and duly adopted.

The following Abstracts were audited and approved for payment on 11/21/2022:

- All General Fund Accounts, Abstract No 23 numbers 1264 through 1297 inclusive, totaling \$114,655.27.
- All Highway Fund Accounts, Abstract No. 23, numbers 490 through 511 inclusive, totaling \$474,544.24.
- All Parks Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 23, numbers 216 through 218 inclusive, totaling \$7,219.25.
- All Sewer Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 23, numbers 154 through 158 inclusive, totaling \$287.97.
- All Consolidated Drainage Accounts on Abstract No. 21, numbers 106 through 114 inclusive, totaling \$6,781.84.

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

The following Resolution was offered by Supervisor Mahar and seconded by Councilor Wheatley to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that there being no further business to come before the Town Board of the Town of Onondaga, the Town Board move into Executive Session at 5:15 p.m. to discuss an employee issue in the Highway Department, with no action expected to be taken.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, and the vote was as follows:

Councilor	Kathy Fedrizzi	Voted	Yes
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 and duly adopted.

The Town Board of the Town of Onondaga returned from Executive Session with no action being taken. The Regular Meeting of the Town of Onondaga Town Board and Executive Session adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Janet J. Hillery
Town Clerk