

Town Board Meeting Minutes
Town of Onondaga
August 18, 2025

The Town Board of the Town of Onondaga met at a regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 2025, 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 Attorney	Nadine Bell
	Town Engineer	Bill Perrine
	Town Clerk	Janet Hillery

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comments

Bussey Road resident, Paul Jenkins, was present and stated that he is one of the residents who was in favor of the proposed Bussey/Norton water district and was wondering if there was any update. Supervisor Mahar replied that there was no update at this time, and that there are many unknowns. Mr. Jenkins had a suggestion to send out some sort of communication to keep residents updated on its progress. Supervisor Mahar stated that Town Councilors Kathy Fedrizzi and Mary Ryan are in the process of putting together a communication piece to provide an update.

Bussey Road resident, Steve Majewski, was present and asked what the status was on the NYS Department Agriculture and Markets review/decision pertaining to the Bussey/Norton water district. Supervisor Mahar stated that the Town has not heard back from them. Mr. Majewski asked if the residents would be able to review the updated Engineer's Report, stating that once the units are taken off, he presumes a new report would be needed. Mr. Perrine stated that it was updated earlier this year, and once the Department of Agriculture and Markets is done with their piece, it will be updated again. Supervisor Mahar suggested Mr. Majewski call the Department of Agriculture and Markets to see where they stand, and what their timeline is, as we have not heard from them. Councilor Fedrizzi said that the Town is resubmitting for the grant, and Mr. Majewski wanted to know how that could be done without the updated Engineer's report and updated financials. Town Engineer Bill Perrine stated that the Engineer's report is up to date, which is done every year, and has been approved by State and local Departments of Health. Supervisor Mahar and Town Engineer Perrine stated that the State Comptroller's approval of the water district is not based on the individual units but is based on the total construction cost. Mr. Majewski stated that the cost per EDU would be going up substantially and wonders how the plan is updated if the numbers aren't back yet from the Dept. of Ag and Markets. Mr. Majewski said he is concerned with the amount per household, not the total amount. He also said that the worst-case scenario amount of \$2,584 and 55 EDU's was given to the residents when they signed the petitions. If that number changes to 49 EDU's, then \$2,584 is not the worst-case scenario, which is what was proposed to the residents at the time of signing the petitions. Town Engineer Perrine stated that the number Mr. Majewski was referencing is based on one EDU, and was based on a construction cost estimate that was approved by the NYS Comptroller, in which we cannot exceed that amount. Supervisor Mahar stated that it hasn't gone out to bid yet. Town Engineer Perrine stated that if we exceed that State Comptroller amount, we cannot move forward with the project without approval from the State. He also clarified that the Ag and Markets does not set the EDU's, the Town's Assessor's office will determine that. Mr. Majewski wants to know who's going to pay the extra money once a parcel is removed. Supervisor Mahar stated that until we hear back from Ag and Markets and have accurate numbers, this is all hypothetical. Councilor Fedrizzi stated that Ag and Markets have asked for 60 days to look everything over and get back to us. We will then submit for another grant which is due September 12th, and a decision on that will be sometime in December.

3. Lodestar Energy Presentation

Adam Rowles, Product Developer for **Lodestar Energy** provided an introductory presentation proposing a 5-megawatt solar array at 3650 Howlett Hill Road, about 1500' west of the corner of Cedarvale and Howlett Hill Roads, adjacent to the Smoral Road landfill. Mr. Rowles stated they are in the early stages of a purchase agreement with the landowner, and that they are proposing a rezoning of this parcel to allow for this project. Mr. Rowles stated that Lodestar is a 20-person company based in Hartford Ct., with an office in New York City, and has been in business for 15 years. He pointed out the

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benefits these projects demonstrate for the town such as tax revenue stability. Slides were presented of the proposed site, and conceptual design renderings were provided. He stated that they would like to use 20-25 acres of the 58 acres of property. Mr. Rowles also said that Lodestar would be willing to work with the community in creating a community space. He referenced a project they had done in Binghamton Planned Unit Development (PUD) project, where they integrated sheep grazing and beekeeping area. He stated that transformers would be placed in the middle of the site, away from all of the neighbors. It will have a concealed access road, and a vast area of pollinator plant habitat that would remain, and that this would be a great use for the property as it has 360 degrees of lush greenery. Mr. Rowles stated that they consult with the DEC and the State Historic Preservation Office about endangered species and archeological sensitive areas. He stated that this site is fairly close to the substation, making it a fairly cost-effective project for them, and feels that the buffer will allow for tax negotiations, integrating some things the Town would like to see. He is proposing approval for a zoning variance or a re-zoning to *light industrial*.

4. Seneca Ridge Development Presentation

Brian Bouchard of CHA Consulting was present. Mr. Bouchard is the Project Engineer working on behalf of the developer for the proposed amendment to the existing **Peregrine Landing** planned residential district. He said that they appeared before the Town Board a few months back to provide an informational presentation, and since that time they have put together their formal applications. Mr. Bouchard said they have their zoning applications and preliminary development plan that they have submitted to the Town Board for referral to the Planning Board. He stated that this was approved as a residential district in 2011, with a few small amendments in 2015, which included a few non-residential uses at the bottom of the hill down Seneca Turnpike, primarily the Peregrine Landing Memory Care Facility. Once the memory care facility was built, a dead end existed in which the residential portion was left undeveloped. He stated that his client, the developer, wishes to purchase the remaining land from the original developer, constituting 88 acres, to continue the construction of the residential component. He stated that since it would be a different developer, the name would be changing to **Seneca Ridge**. They are proposing two main changes. The **first change** would be a revision to the lot sizes, going from a uniform larger lot size to a variation in lot sizes consisting of small, medium and larger lot sizes. The original lot sizes for a single-family home was 100' wide and a minimum of 150' deep, to equal 15,000 sq. ft. The new plans would consist of 40 lots, each 60' wide with a depth of 150' for a total of 9,000 sq. ft. The idea is to provide a smaller cottage style or patio home, and to have them side loaded. There would be a small setback for a 30' wide house on one side with 30' on the opposite side but says they are flexible about placement of home. The old plan consisted of townhomes, but a new NYS regulation has made attached homes for single family use very difficult. They did lose some units with this new plan. The approximate square footage of the new homes would vary. The idea is to create a community with different price points. **The second change** would be to create two residential apartment buildings consisting of 90 units each. The "*neighborhood shopping*" portion would be a completely different project, as they do not have that land. He said the first road would be the existing Peregrine Landing Road, and the other would be at the light directly opposite the light at OCC. He also said a traffic study was completed. There is one section in the back that they will need to work with the Planning Board on getting sewer to, but that could be the last phase. The intent of this presentation is to revise the existing plans that were previously submitted to the Zoning and Planning Boards. He is asking for the Town Board to refer these plans to the Planning Board. Supervisor Mahar requested the following resolution:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by **Supervisor Mahar** who moved its adoption, seconded by **Councilor Wheatley** to wit:

WHEREAS, by Local Law No. 5 of 2011, the Town of Onondaga amended the zoning map of the Town of Onondaga to designate certain property situated along the Seneca Turnpike as being zoned Planned Residential Community (P-RC), subject to certain enumerated conditions; and

WHEREAS, upon the receipt and review of revised plans, the Town Board subsequently amended the conditions of approval in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has been approached by AC Hammer, LLC, with a request to further modify the existing Planned Residential Community, which proposal requires referral to the Town of Onondaga Planning Board for review and recommendation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board authorize the referral of the development plans submitted by AC Hammer, LLC, as prepared by CHA Consulting, for the proposed Seneca Ridge Development, formerly known as Peregrine Landing, to the Town of Onondaga Planning Board for review and referral.

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	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 Attorney Nadine Bell discussed the need to submit an EAF if it has not been done already.

5. Discussion/Follow-up Items/Committee Reports

5a) **Fire and Safety Committee member Mary Ryan** requested the following resolutions:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by **Councilor Ryan** who moved its adoption, seconded by **Councilor Goodwin** to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board approve the following new members who were accepted into membership by the **Taunton Fire Department**:

Name	Address	Status
Jarard Breland	Maxwell Ave, Syr.	Full
Alex Walsh	Westbrook Hills Dr.	Full
Adam Cox	Makyes Road	Full

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	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 **Councilor Ryan** who moved its adoption, seconded by **Councilor Fedrizzi** to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board approve the following new member who was accepted into membership by the **Nedrow Fire Department**:

Name	Address	Status
Kiersten Oakes	Hemlock Rd., Nedrow	Probationary

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
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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 Councilor Mary Ryan also reported that she attended the Onondaga Central School District’s summer play a couple of weeks ago, and was amazed by the talent, especially of former Supervisor Tom Andino’s son and grandchildren, who were in the play.

5b) Town Councilor Lisa Goodwin reported that the Governor has signed the bill to allow the Southwood property owned by the Jamesville School District to be leased to the Town for the purpose of establishing a park district. She stated that we still have a ways to go in order to form a new park district, but this is a major step towards getting that done.

5c) Town Councilor Kathy Fedrizzi requested the following resolution:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by **Councilor Fedrizzi** who moved its adoption, seconded by **Supervisor Mahar** to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board approve the following part-time payroll additions in the Tax Receiver’s Office:

Name	Position	Pay Rate	Start Date
Lisa Adams	Deputy Tax Receiver	\$23/hr.	9/2/25
Patricia Marquart	Office Assistant	\$23/hr.	9/2/25

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	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.

Councilor Fedrizzi also reported that she and **Councilor Goodwin** attended the meeting at the Nedrow Fire Department conducted by the *Nedrow Auxiliary*, pertaining to the proposed banner program. The banners would include names of local businesses or military veterans and would be affixed to utility poles along the S. Salina Street corridor in Nedrow. The program was previously presented by Pam DeGouff of the *Nedrow Auxiliary* at the 7/21 Town Board meeting. Councilor Fedrizzi stated that the *Auxiliary* is in the process of working with National Grid about which poles they can use. She stated that the *Auxiliary* hopes to use any revenue made to fund flag replacement, as many of the American flags deteriorate over time. It was also reported that the *Auxiliary* is looking to apply for a mini grant to address the retaining wall and sign.

6. Highway Superintendent’s Report

Highway Superintendent John Smith reported that they finished paving for the season, but the widespread construction has made it a challenge. He also requested the following resolution, in anticipation of CHIPS funding:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by **Supervisor Mahar** who moved its adoption, seconded by **Councilor Fedrizzi** to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board authorize the transfer of \$350,000 from *Fund Balance* to the *Asphalt Account* - DA 5110.401.

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	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.

Highway Superintendent Smith also reported that they are continuing with brush pickup and getting ready for fall pickup. The schedule was mailed to residents, however it has been reported that some residents never received it, and they are advised to call the Highway Department if they would like the schedule. The schedule will also be in the “Our Town”, and on the website and the Town Facebook page.

Highway Superintendent Smith also requested the following resolution:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by **Councilor Wheatley** who moved its adoption, seconded by **Councilor Ryan** to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board authorize the road closure from 4802 Burrstone Rd. to 4808 Burrstone Road, for a block party on August 31, 2025, from 12 p.m. to dusk.

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	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** who moved its adoption, seconded by **Councilor Goodwin** to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board authorize the road closure from 4392 Barford Rd. to 4941 Barford Rd., Syracuse 13215, for a block party on Saturday, September 6, 2025, from 2:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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	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.

Highway Superintendent Smith also reported that his crew did a phenomenal job paving this year and that every single road they attempted had a problem, whether it was bad piping, bad catch basin, etc. It created a lot of extra work, but they managed to get it all done.

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7. Codes Officer's Report

Codes Office Director Jeffrey Herrick reported that in the past three weeks, their office has issued 15 new building permits, 6 inground pool permits, 33 inspections – mostly of new homes, 6 fire inspections which were handled by Codes Officer John Raflowski, and two enforcement actions. Mr. Herrick said that Codes employees Victoria Rogers and Tucker Geiss have gone along with him out in the field to gain exposure. He said that this week they are in training and after they complete this next round in September, they will be certified to do fire inspections. He said that the next round of training will be from October to mid-November, and after completion, will then be fully certified Codes Officers. Mr. Herrick also provided an update on Municipity, stating that he will have training coming up for that but thinks that a realistic “go live” date will be early January. He also stated that he will be at the 911 training center on Thursday of this week, hosted by the CNY Homeowners Association. The “No Gas Connections” mandate will be discussed, and he hopes to get perspective from the other Codes Officers in attendance on how to handle the influx of permits that this will generate, and other things they will need to consider.

8. Parks and Recreation Director's Report

Parks and Recreation Director Charry Lawson reported that the concert at Santaro Park was a success with about 140-160 people in attendance. *Letizia and the Z Band* were enjoyed by all, and the Food Rescue food truck made about \$200 for the **South Onondaga Fire Department**. Ms. Lawson also reported that the summer recreation programs are winding down for the summer, and it has been a very successful summer. She also stated that Parks projects are ramping up. They just finished putting in the new fencing at Kelley Park and resurfaced and painted the tennis and basketball courts there.

9. Attorney's Report

Town Attorney Nadine Bell requested the following resolutions:

9a) Syracuse University - Hold Harmless Agreement relating to Encroachment Upon Town Property

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Town Law, the Town Board of the Town of Onondaga has the authority to grant permission for the construction, installation, replacement and maintenance of encroachments onto public property; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received a request from Syracuse University (hereinafter the “Property Owner”) for permission to allow the installation and maintenance of a steel traffic guardrail, measuring $\pm$ 260 LF, the clear distance of the face of which to the edge of road pavement varies from 5’0” at the north end to 3’0” at the south end, upon the Town right-of-way on Jamesville Avenue relative to property situated at 1600 Jamesville Avenue, Town of Onondaga, County of Onondaga, State of New York, Tax Map No. 031.-01-04.1 (hereinafter referred to as the “Proposed Encroachment”); and

WHEREAS, a survey map provided by the Property Owner, titled “Location Survey – Syracuse University South Campus Library Facility,” prepared by Ianuzi & Romans Land Surveying, P.C., dated July 1, 2025, and a document titled, “Site Improvements-Traffic Guardrail,” prepared by Ianuzi & Romans Land Surveying, P.C., dated July 1, 2025, depicts the encroachment onto Town property; and

WHEREAS, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve an encroachment onto Town property in the Town of Onondaga, such that there are no other involved agencies within the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (hereinafter “SEQR”) with respect to issuance of the proposed permission.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that there are no other involved agencies, that the Town Board shall act as lead agency with regard to this proposed action, and that the review and potential approval of the permission application is a Type II action, thus concluding environmental review under the SEQR; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby grants revocable permission to the Property Owner of 1600 Jamesville Avenue to the installation and maintenance of a steel traffic guardrail, measuring $\pm$ 260 LF, the clear distance of the face of which to the edge of road pavement varies from 5’0” at the north end

to 3’0” at the south end, upon the Town right-of-way on Jamesville Avenue in accordance with the provisions of New York State Town Law, subject to the execution of the attached “License, Indemnification, and Hold Harmless Agreement Relating to Encroachment Upon Town Property” (hereinafter “Agreement”).

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the aforementioned Agreement.

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	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.

9b) Drainage District Extension - Woodland Hills Subdivision

**RESOLUTION
IN THE MATTER OF
THE EXTENSION OF THE CONSOLIDATED
DRAINAGE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF ONONDAGA,
COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, NEW YORK
(WOODLAND HILLS SUBDIVISION)**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Mahar and seconded by Councilor Fedrizzi to wit;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Onondaga (the “Town Board” and the “Town”, respectively), in the County of Onondaga, New York, has received a petition, dated July 21, 2025, pursuant to Article 12 of the Town Law, for the extension of the Consolidated Drainage District in an area generally known as “Woodland Hills Subdivision,” which Petition is signed by the owner of taxable real property situate in the proposed District, owning in the aggregate at least one-half of the assessed valuation of all the taxable real property of the proposed District, as shown upon the latest completed assessment roll of said Town, and including the signature of resident owner of taxable real property owning taxable real property aggregating at least one-half of the assessed valuation of all the taxable real property of the proposed District, owned by resident owner according to the latest completed assessment roll; and

WHEREAS, said petition purported to describe the boundaries of the proposed District in a manner sufficient to identify the lands included therein as in a deed of conveyance and was signed by the petitioners and acknowledged or proved in the same manner as a deed to be recorded; and

WHEREAS, the proposed District is bounded and described as follows:

See Schedule “A”

and;

WHEREAS, following preparation of a map, plan and report by RZ Engineering, competent engineers duly licensed by the State of New York, for the proposed extension of said District, and the construction of drainage facilities therein, consisting generally of the installation of 18” HDPE piping, 12” HDPE piping, 8” HDPE piping, 3 catch basins, infiltration basin, appurtenances and stormwater management facilities and related site work, to be installed within the Woodland Hills Subdivision (the “drainage improvements”) in the Town of Onondaga, said map, plan and report are now on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the establishment or extension of this special district is an unlisted action for purposes of environmental review under State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has given due consideration to the impact that such construction in said District may have on the environment and on the basis of such consideration, the Town Board will hereby determine the environmental impact, if any, to be caused by such construction under the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that a Short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) shall be required in connection with this matter; and

WHEREAS, the said EAF has been prepared and has been reviewed by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount proposed to be expended for the construction of the Drainage Improvements are estimated to be \$125,000.00, which expenses shall entirely be borne by the applicant/petitioner and at no expense to the Consolidated Drainage District, all as shown in the submitted financing plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has previously adopted a resolution which determined, pursuant to former Town Law §206-a and Town Law §194, that all future costs and expenses of operation, maintenance and improvements, in said Consolidated Drainage District, including all expenses related to all extensions of said Consolidated Drainage District which may thereafter be established, shall be a charge against the entire area of said Consolidated District as extended.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the extension of the said Consolidated Drainage District and construction of improvements therein will have no significant adverse affects on the environment and this resolution shall constitute a negative declaration under SEQR for the following reasons:

1. The improvements shall consist of the installation of drainage swales, piping, manholes, catch basins and other stormwater management facilities as described in the map, plan and report submitted by the Applicant. The improvements are anticipated to be in conjunction with the residential development which may eventually be constructed within the area of said district extension.
2. Such installation results in no substantial adverse changes in existing air quality, water quality, or noise levels, no substantial increase in solid waste production and no substantial increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems.
3. The improvements themselves are designed to transmit storm water into the proposed drainage facilities in a safe and efficient manner.
4. No substantial interference with or adverse effects on animal life are anticipated.
5. Eventually, homeowners and residents will be attracted to the area, but not in numbers so as to result in any significant change in the character of the area.
6. None of the other criteria listed in 6 NYCRR Part 617.11 have been identified as being relevant to this action; and it is further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Town Board will hold a public hearing at the Town of Onondaga Town Hall, 5020 Ball Road, Syracuse, New York on September 15, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. to consider the extension of the proposed District herein referred to and the construction of such drainage improvements therein, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same and for such other action on the part of the Town Board with relation thereto as may be required by law; and it is further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Town Clerk publish at least once in the Post-Standard, a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication, and post on the sign board of the Town maintained pursuant to Subdivision 6 of section 30 of the Town Law, a copy of this order, certified by said Town Clerk, the first publication thereof and said posting to be not less than 10 nor more than 20 days before the date of such public hearing.

The question of the adoption 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
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The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

9c) Ron Ryan, Codes Enforcement - Compensation

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

“**WHEREAS**, due to a vacancy in the position of Code Enforcement Officer in the Town of Onondaga Code Enforcement Office, retaining the professional code enforcement services of an independent contractor on a temporary basis was required to ensure the continued, uninterrupted operation of the Department until such time that the vacancy was filled with qualified personnel; and

WHEREAS, Ron Ryan, a resident of the Town and a former Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Onondaga, has maintained his Code Enforcement Officer certifications and, due to his familiarity with the Town’s Town Code, is uniquely suited to provide code enforcement services to the Town on an emergency basis; and

WHEREAS, Ron Ryan was available to render prompt and immediate code enforcement services in a full-time capacity on a temporary basis commencing in May of 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Onondaga Town Board does desire to reimburse Ron Ryan for the code enforcement services rendered on the aforementioned basis.

NOW, THEREFORE be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board does hereby authorize compensation to Ron Ryan, in the total amount of \$7,500.00, for code enforcement services rendered for a period of 10 weeks, commencing May 25, 2025.”

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	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

Supervisor Mahar expressed his gratitude to Ron Ryan for stepping up and filling in for the Codes Department, and that his services were greatly appreciated.

10) Engineer’s Report

Town Engineer Bill Perrine reported that the ***EV Charging Stations Project*** is wrapping up and we are in the process of reimbursement with NYS through the DEC. Mr. Perrine also reported that the *Community Development* application for the 2025 funding has been approved, which includes various projects at Kelley and Santaro Parks. He also stated that the Environmental Review is underway with the County before construction begins in the Spring. He stated that Old Towne Estates Section 2 will likely see the filing of a map approval at the next Planning Board meeting, which will then allow them to file the final plat with the County to create building lots. Mr. Perrine also reported that they are putting a binder course down at the Woodridge Heights development near Split Rock, and that road construction will begin at Green Hills Manor Section 2 soon. Mr. Perrine reported that OCWA will soon be going into the Crown Point Extension 4, as well as new roads. Mr. Perrine requested to move to Executive Session seeking advice of counsel regarding a sewer issue, with no action expected, once the regular business of the Town Board has been addressed.

11. Credit Card Authorization

Town Councilor Mary Ryan requested the following resolution:

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 authorize a Town of Onondaga Credit Card to Edward (Rusty) Steingraber, Highway Foremen, with a limit of \$5,000.

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	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.

12. Energy Consortium Electric/Gas Agreements

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN
COOPERATIVE ENERGY PURCHASING SERVICE (NYSMEC)
FOR ELECTRICTIY

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

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Onondaga (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Participant") is a "municipal corporation" as defined above; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May 2005 (the "Agreement"), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC") upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer as specified below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the Town of Onondaga to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Town Supervisor, John Mahar to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for electricity on its behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of electricity delivered to the delivery point of the local utility distribution company for the Participant's facility or facilities, on a firm basis, for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a price for such commodity electricity not to exceed **\$.094 per kWh** for traditional pass-through energy price or not to exceed **\$.107 per kWh** for a fixed price, which includes all current pass through charges that you get billed for separately from the ESCO's for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2026, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant authorizes receipt of bids and offers in electronic format pursuant to Section 103(1) of the General Municipal Law and other applicable law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

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	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.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN
COOPERATIVE ENERGY PURCHASING SERVICE (NYSMEC)
FOR NATURAL GAS**

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

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Onondaga (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Participant") is a "municipal corporation" as defined above; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May, 2005 (the "Agreement"), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC") upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer as specified below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the Town of Onondaga to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Town Supervisor, John Mahar, to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for natural gas on its behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of natural gas delivered to the city gate of the local utility distribution company for the Participant's facility or facilities, on a firm basis, for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a price for such traditional commodity of natural gas to the city gate not to exceed \$.6450 per therm or for all in price not to exceed \$.7100 per therm to the burner tip, which would include line losses that are currently billed separately for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2026, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant authorizes receipt of bids and offers in electronic format pursuant to Section 103(1) of the General Municipal Law and other applicable law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

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	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.

13. **Abstract Approval**

The following Abstracts were audited and approved for payment on 8/4/25:

- All General Fund Accounts, Abstract No 15, numbers 700 through 748 inclusive, totaling \$52,669.52.
- All Highway Fund Accounts, Abstract No. 15, numbers 298 through 317 inclusive, totaling \$31,449.20.
- All Parks Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 15, numbers 113 through 129 inclusive, totaling \$6,731.96.
- All Sewer Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 13, numbers 20 through 22 inclusive, totaling \$322.21.
- All Consolidated Drainage Accounts on Abstract No. 9, number 15, totaling \$3,125.00.
- All Trust & Agency Accounts on Abstract No. 9, totaling \$19,078.16.

The following Abstracts were audited and approved for payment on 8/18/25:

- All General Fund Accounts, Abstract No 16, numbers 749 through 803 inclusive, totaling \$152,233.08.
- All Highway Fund Accounts, Abstract No. 16, numbers 318 through 344 inclusive, totaling \$26,132.75.
- All Parks Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 16, numbers 130 through 139 inclusive, totaling \$4,035.31
- All Sewer Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 14, numbers 23 through 25 inclusive, totaling \$1,892.56.
- All Consolidated Drainage Accounts on Abstract No. 10, totaling \$1,125.01.
- All Consolidated Lighting Accounts on Abstract No. 5, totaling \$45,782.50.

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by **Councilor Wheatley** and seconded by **Councilor Ryan** 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 move to *Executive Session* to discuss a sewer issue at the request of Town Engineer Bill Perrine, with no action expected.

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	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 Regular Meeting of the Town of Onondaga Town Board moved to *Executive Session* at 6:08 p.m. The Town Board returned from *Executive Session* at 6:30 p.m., with no action taken. The *Regular Meeting* of the Town Board and *Executive Session* adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Janet J. Hillery
Town Clerk