

**Town Board Meeting Minutes
Town of Onondaga
September 15, 2025**

The Town Board of the Town of Onondaga met at a regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 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

Town resident Debbie Vecchio of Starlite Lane was present and spoke on behalf of herself and her neighbors about the squatter at the Morgan residence on Starlite Lane. She stated that since the arrival of the woman and her children, there has been a pattern of dangerous and illegal activities at the home, documented by the NYS Police and the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department. The home was searched in July in which firearms were removed, and the Onondaga County Codes Office and the Onondaga County Child and Family Services Bureau removed a young girl from the premises. In addition, she said there has been a discharge of firearms on at least two different occasions, drug use on the street, suspected drug distribution, suspected prostitution, underage drinking by minors entering and exiting the house at all hours, violent altercations involving the throwing of axes, hammers, wrenches, glass bottles at vehicles driving down the street, and more than she has time to list. She stated that, in short, the neighbors do not feel safe. They have been forced to keep their children and grandchildren away and have avoided inviting friends and family to Starlite Lane for the entire summer. Ms. Vecchio stated that she and her neighbors are extremely disappointed by the long time-frame needed for the rightful owner of the property to evict the non-owner occupant. She stated that she and her neighbors understand that is the law, but their complaint is about the Town judicial system's failure to help the situation when they could. When the hearing date for the eviction finally came, the neighbors asked the judge not to delay the eviction and not to grant a 14-day adjournment, as this squatter was not a former renter, and was not a law-abiding citizen of our Town. Ms. Vecchio stated the occupant is a serial squatter that is abusing the lenient laws of today. There was a written statement from an air-conditioning technician who was in the house, that saw signs of drug activity and multiple fire hazards, as well as health hazards as a result of months of feces and urine deposits from three large dogs who were never seen outside to do their business. Lastly, and the most upsetting, was the refusal to hear from the Town of Onondaga Codes Officer Jeff Herrick, who requested a private meeting with Judge prior to the hearing to discuss the serious nature of the Starlite Lane situation. That meeting was not granted. The hearing was scheduled for 8/21 at 4:00 p.m., adjournment was granted prior to 2:00 p.m. and the hearing was taken off the agenda. Thankfully, one week after the adjournment, the County Codes Officer was able to condemn the home, forcing all occupants to leave. Ms. Vecchio said that an empty condemned house is seldom welcomed in a neighborhood, but in this case, it ended the unwanted activity and the further destruction in the home. Had this not occurred, the unwelcome occupants and illegal activity would still be there as well. Ms. Vecchio stated that she thinks we can work together to do better for our community.

Supervisor Mahar stated that he knows the location of this and has been to the house. He said he appreciates her communication tonight and stated that the Codes Department is under the Town Board's oversight, however the courts are not, and have no say in what the judge decides. Ms. Vecchio stated that although she is happy this was finally resolved, she said this was not an easy process, and said that if the dogs had not defecated in the home for several months, this may very well still not be resolved. She said she and her neighbors are disappointed about not reviewing information before making decisions.

3. Woodland Hills Development – Michael Harper, Jr. Dwell Equity Group

Michael Harper, Jr. of Dwell Equity Group was not in attendance for his requested time on the agenda.

4. Jon Diaz Community Center – Resolution

Town Attorney Nadine Bell requested Town Board approval of the following resolution:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

JON DIAZ COMMUNITY CENTER

WHEREAS, as proposed, the Jon Diaz Community Center is a new community facility consisting of approximately 26,000 square feet on a parcel of land containing 4.9 acres, situated to the rear of 6111 South Salina Street, in the Neighborhood Shopping-Nedrow Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, the multi-story center will support a range of recreational, educational, and social programs for the community, and will include parking facilities, a daycare and an accessory playground; and

WHEREAS, the proposal requires the following land use approvals from the Town of Onondaga: subdivision; area variance relief for lot frontage and parking; special permit; and site plan; and

WHEREAS, Volume 6 N.Y.C.R.R., Sections 617.3 and 617.6 of the Regulations relating to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of New York (SEQRA) and Section 11.3 of the Zoning Law of the Town of Onondaga, require that as early as possible and within twenty (20) days after submission of a complete application/action, an involved agency shall make a determination whether a given action is subject to the aforementioned law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 239 of the General Municipal Law, Town Board referral of the proposed project to the Onondaga County Planning Board for review and recommendation is required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on motion by Supervisor Mahar, seconded by Councilor Goodwin, that the Town Board of the Town of Onondaga hereby determines that:

1. The action is a Type I action;
2. The Town Board of the Town of Onondaga shall act as lead agency;
3. The Onondaga County Planning Board, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, New York State Empire State Development, New York State Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation, Onondaga County Water Authority, Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection, and New York State Department of Transportation are interested agencies in connection with the SEQRA review; and
4. The action will require the submission of a Long Form Environmental Assessment Form to provide information with regard to the environmental issues pertinent therein; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Onondaga hereby shall notify all agencies, interested/involved, that it shall be lead agency for this action unless it receives written objection to this determination within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of such notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board shall refer the proposed project to the Onondaga County Planning Board for review and recommendation.

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.

5. Highway Superintendent’s Report

Highway Superintendent John Smith reported that they have begun the *Annual Fall Cleanup* and said there is approximately 15 tons more so far this year compared to last year. They are also doing patch work, concrete work, drainage projects, and roadside mowing at the same time. Mr. Smith also reported that has reached out to obtain three estimates to repair drainage swales in Rene Meadows and on Stagecoach Road. He stated that the Town is under contract with JK Tobin, and said they will be able to get the job done. He would like to act on this as it is time sensitive with regards to getting the grass seed applied. It was decided that this would be discussed during *Executive Session* with counsel to ensure compliance with the bidding and drainage repair contract.

6. Codes Office Report

Codes Office Director Jeffrey Herrick was present and provided a follow-up report on the Starlite Lane squatter situation. He stated that when the case first came from the Sheriff’s Office, it indicated all of the illegal activity taking place, including pictures, written statements from the Sheriff’s Office, statement from Isaac Heating and Cooling technician, and from the homeowner. This ended up in the eviction of the occupants of the house. Codes Officer Herrick said he has not released the house back to the owner yet. Mr. Herrick said It has been cleaned, the fire violations have been taken care of, and he has been there to inspect. He said there are still belongings in the garage in which the squatter will be claiming, under the supervision of the Codes Office staff at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow. A Certificate of Occupancy can then be issued. Discussion took place between Town Attorney Nadine Bell and Mr. Herrick about whether a hearing is required, and was concluded that because all the violations have been corrected, it is not necessary. How this situation occurred was also discussed, in which Supervisor Mahar stated that the woman and her 16-year-old son lived there with the homeowner, but would not leave upon the homeowner’s request. The homeowner ended up leaving because he feared for his safety. Codes Director Herrick stated that the son shot off the lock mechanism of a gun case and took six long guns out. On June 24th, he went to Mattydale and invaded a home in which he was arrested for, spent three days in jail and was then released back to his mother at that residence. Mr. Herrick also mentioned how difficult it is as a Codes Officer to obtain a search warrant to enter a home.

Codes Director Herrick also reported that 21 building permits were issued last month, and 7 fire inspections were completed. He also reported that Tucker Geiss and Victoria Rogers are on track to becoming *Building Safety Inspectors*, which means they will be qualified to do fire inspections. They are also on track to become certified Codes Officers by the end of November. He also reported that he, Supervisor Mahar and Attorney Bell met with Mary Thompson of the CNY Homebuilders Association, and said they had a good discussion. Mr. Herrick stated that the Town is trying to reserve the right to build on a building permit, based on the fact that by January 2026, everything will have to be electric. The consensus is that they will have about 50 permits that want to be held in escrow in order to able to continue building into 2026 and possibly into 2027. The process hasn’t been determined yet, as legal consideration is a factor. He also pointed out that the Diaz Center will want a gas permit, as it is not designed for electric. He stated that a majority of the homes in the proposed Seneca Ridge development near Peregrine Landing will be electric.

Codes Director Herrick also requested the following resolutions:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board authorize a refund in the amount of \$100 to Michael Matthews of 4015 Foothill Path, due to being overcharged for permit #13492.

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 authorize a refund in the amount of \$,1000 to James Hagan for the property at 4796 City View Terrace, for a temporary *Certificate of Occupancy*, permit #13159, that was issued in error by a prior Town Codes Officer.

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.

Codes Director Herrick also reported that the *unsafe structure* located at 6495 Bowen Rd. is completely demolished and is now vacant land. He also reported that the house at 330 Everingham Circle had a fire there last year, and he said it is posted and plans on processing that next. He stated that the owner passed away in July and is working with his daughter on the next steps.

Mr. Herrick also requested to meet in Executive Session after tonight’s regular meeting to discuss three more enforcement cases. Discussion took place about the status of the EV charging stations, and the fact that they are in but not wired for electricity yet at the Town Hall and Highway Garage. They are not installed yet at the Parks/Senior Center. Mr. Herrick also reported that Municipity is scheduled for Codes Department use by early next year. He stated that the current NYS building codes books they are using today is the 2020 version and is updated every five years, and that the new books are being printed now. He said that between October and the end of December, Codes Office staff will need to do 16 hours of mandatory training, which is simply updating them from 2020 to 2025. He said there is a lot of material to cover including electrification and energy code changes.

7. Parks and Recreation Director’s Report

Parks and Recreation Director Charry Lawson requested the following resolution:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board authorize the following payroll addition:

Name	Title	Pay Rate	Start Date
Robert Manipole	ALPK.102	\$18/hr.	9/16/25

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.

8. Committee Reports

8a) **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 Wheatley** to wit:

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

Name	Address	Status
Barrett Howard	Cornwall Drive, Syracuse	Full/Active
James Smith	Odell Place, Jamesville	Full/Active

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 members who were accepted into membership by the **Onondaga Hill Fire Department**:

Name	Address	Status
Anthony Mahar	Broad Rd, Syr	RAM
Alaina Haynes	N. Shore Dr., Bridgeport	RAM
Gneh-Kwon Mark Dahn	S. Crouse Ave., Syr.	Full/Active
Arlene Corona	S. Crouse Ave., Syr.	Full/Active

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 Wheatley** to wit:

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

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Name	Address	Status
Clayton Phillips	SE Townline Rd., Marcellus	RAM

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 Goodwin to wit:

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

Name	Address	Status
Tracy Pileski	Griffin Rd., Syr	Full/Active

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.

8b) Town Councilor Kathy Fedrizzi requested the following resolution to replace Assistant Tax Receiver Patricia Marquart, who decided against taking the position:

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 addition in the Tax Receiver’s Office:

Name	Position	Pay Rate	Start Date
Annie Owens	Assistant Tax Receiver	\$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.

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 new hire to the ZBA to replace outgoing secretary Rosemary Riley:

Name	Position	Pay Rate	Start Date
Victoria Rogers	ZBA Secretary	\$5,600/yr.	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.

9. **Nedrow Fire Dept. Auxiliary President, Pam DeGouff – Banner Program Update**

Nedrow Fire Department Auxiliary president Pam DeGouff was present and reported on the progress of the banner program that was proposed to the Town in July. She stated that National Grid contact, Jim Gorman, informed them that the Town of Onondaga owns the franchise rights to the poles along S. Salina Street, and that the Town will need to sign off on the agreement, not the Nedrow Fire Dept. as originally thought. The signed agreement would then allow the Nedrow Fire Dept. to hang the banners on the poles. Ms. DeGouff said that she has been in contact with Jim Gorman of National Grid and provided the list of the 80 poles they would like to use and said all of the poles are fine to use, but the Town has to arrange for the hanging of the banners, sign the contract, and get the insurance. Ms. DeGouff has sent the contract to the Town’s insurance carrier, Haylor, Freyer & Coon, and they sent her back a binder and said that there is no additional charge. In addition, National Grid waived the \$800 charge initially quoted.

Nedrow Fire Chief, Chris Moses, was also present and stated that he would like to arrange for them to be able to put the banners up and take them down, without having to go through a third party. He said that, as previously stated by Pam, that they would like to use the money raised through selling the banners to replace worn existing American flags. If they have to hire a third party, this will cut into the funds intended to do that. Ms. DeGouff said that she communicated the desire of the Nedrow Fire Department to hang the banners themselves, to National Grid, and they did not seem to have a problem with that. National Grid has a requirement of using non-conductive poles, in which these are.

Ms. DeGouff said that there will be a way to order the banners through a link. She said they decided on \$200 per banner, because there are expenses they won’t have that they expected to. They also want to make sure to keep it affordable, especially for military families. Ms. DeGouff also stated that the Nedrow Community Crew has withdrawn from their banner committee, which means they will have to redesign the banner as they were the ones who designed it. Ms. DeGouff also said that she reached out to Pamela Hunter’s office about obtaining a *Federal Improvement Grant* for the wall and parking lot improvement but has not heard back about when they will be allocating funds.

10. **Attorney’s Report**

Town Attorney Nadine Bell requested the following resolution to schedule a public hearing in regards to the possibility of a tax levy limit override:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

TOWN OF ONONDAGA LOCAL LAW NO. D OF 2025
 (“A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit Established
in General Municipal Law § 3-c in the Town of Onondaga”)

Councilor Fedrizzi introduced proposed Local Law No. D-2025, relating to the ability of the Town of Onondaga to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Onondaga pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the Town of Onondaga to adopt a Town budget for the fiscal year 2026 in excess of the “tax levy limit,” and made the following motion, which was seconded by **Councilor Ryan**:

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 (SEQRA) with respect to the proposed enactment of said Local Law, with the result that the Town Board shall act as lead agency in this matter; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of said Local Law is an unlisted action for purposes of environmental review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that a short environmental assessment form (EAF) shall be required in connection with this matter; and

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the adoption of said Local Law, has considered the criteria contained in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617.7 and has compared the impacts which may be reasonably expected to result from the adoption of said Local Law against said criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that the Town Board has determined this action shall have no significant adverse impact on the environment; that, accordingly, an environmental impact statement (EIS) shall not be required; and that this resolution shall constitute a negative declaration under SEQRA; and it is further;

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that the Town Board conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local Law No. D-2025 at the Town Hall located at 5020 Ball Road in the Town of Onondaga on October 6, 2025, 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.

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.

11. Public Hearing – Woodland Hills Consolidated Drainage District Extension – 5:30 p.m.

Supervisor Mahar requested the following resolution:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board open the Public Hearing pertaining to the Woodland Hills Consolidated Drainage District Extension.

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.

No one was in attendance pertaining to the Public Hearing. **Town Attorney Nadine Bell** stated that after discussion with the applicant, they may not be present due to the fact that they are unsure of how they would like to proceed with the development. It was approved for five lots, but they are not sure they still want to proceed as a five-lot subdivision. Attorney Bell stated that the public hearing can be closed without being held to time constraints. Attorney Bell advised that no action should be taken, and is not requested tonight, as the developer’s intentions are not clear.

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 one in attendance pertaining to the Public Hearing for the Woodland Hills Drainage District extension, the Town of Onondaga Town Board does hereby declare the Public Hearing 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	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. Engineer’s Report

Town Engineer Bill Perrine reminded the Town Board that the EV charging stations reimbursement paperwork is due, and after speaking with Councilor Goodwin, expects to have that signed by her tonight. Mr. Perrine also provided an update on the Bussey/Norton Roads water project and reported that he submitted the NYS Environmental Facilities Corp. WIIA grant on Sept. 12th. He reported that the EFC has changed the maximum grant from 60% to 70%, regardless of hardship, which we have not qualified for before. He also reported that he has received the final *Notice of Intent* and *Determination Letter* from NYS Dept. of Ag and Markets on the project dated September 11, 2025.

Mr. Perrine reported that the top course asphalt pavement completed today in Old Towne Estates Section 1. Mr. Perrine stated that he circulated a letter to the developer and Town Board and Counsel to begin the one-year warranty period. The Board could possibly be ready to address at the next Town Board meeting. He is also requesting the following resolutions:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Onondaga Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the MS4 Operator Certification form, ensuring MS4 Compliance on the Interim 18-month MS4 Compliance filing;

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 Engineer Perrine also requested the following resolution, authorizing the Supervisor’s signature of the Contract Drawings and BSP-5 form for Crown Point Ext. Section 4; allowing the developer to apply to the County WEP for approval of the public sewer extension.

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Onondaga Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the approval for a sanitary sewer extension for Crown Point Extension 4, along with the signature sheet of the contract drawings, as well as a BSP-5 form.

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. Proposed Southwood Park Update

Councilor Goodwin provided an update on the proposed Southwood Park, stating that Governor Hochul signed the legislation allowing the school district to lease their land to the Town for a park. Councilor Goodwin heard back from Dr. Woodcock and her legal team about the requirements. Councilor Goodwin also stated that they have not heard back yet about what the lease amount would be. There appears to be many restrictions on the length of the lease term, which is much less than hoped for. Attorney Bell stated that “fair market value” is required for the lease and wondered if the playground equipment installed will be factored into the “fair market value” amount. Councilor Goodwin stated that it seems as if there is a conflict between what the Town law says and Education Law 403B, which outlines restrictions on school property that is leased. If the student population increases, more land is required. If the school decides to take the land back, there is something called a reversion clause, which would require the Town to revert the land to how the school wanted it. The Town would now have to commit to purchasing land elsewhere, as there would be a formed park district. Both Attorney Bell and Councilor Goodwin stated that there is a lot to figure out legally before moving forward. It is located at Barker Hill and O’Dell Place .

14. Minutes Approval – 8/18/25

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Onondaga Town Board approve the meeting minutes of the 8/18/25 Town Board meeting, as prepared by the Town Clerk.

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

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.

15. **Abstract Approval**

The following Abstracts were audited and approved for payment on 9/2/25:

- All General Fund Accounts, Abstract No 17, numbers 804 through 847 inclusive, totaling \$48,456.75.
- All Highway Fund Accounts, Abstract No. 17, numbers 345 through 364 inclusive, totaling \$64,438.40.
- All Parks Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 17, numbers 140 through 145 inclusive, totaling \$459.41
- All Sewer Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 15, number 26 totaling \$53.02.
- All Consolidated Drainage Accounts on Abstract No. 11, numbers 17 through 19 inclusive, totaling \$5,045.
- All Consolidated Lighting Accounts on Abstract No. 5, totaling \$45,782.50.
- All Trust & Agency Accounts on Abstract No. 10, numbers 15 through 16 inclusive, totaling \$18,439.18.

The following Abstracts were audited and approved for payment on 9/15/25:

- All General Fund Accounts, Abstract No 18, numbers 848 through 884 inclusive, totaling \$44,441.96.
- All Highway Fund Accounts, Abstract No. 18, numbers 365 through 394 inclusive, totaling \$159,706.12.
- All Parks Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 18, numbers 146 through 152 inclusive, totaling \$2,205.92.
- All Consolidated Drainage Accounts on Abstract No. 12, numbers 20 through 21 inclusive, totaling \$1,898.00.
- All Water Accounts on Abstract No. 3, number 3, totaling \$27,615.10.

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that there being no further business to come before the *Regular Meeting* of the Town of Onondaga Town Board, the Town Board move to *Executive Session* for advice with counsel, 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 5:55 p.m. The Town Board returned from *Executive Session* at 6:25 p.m., with no action taken. The *Regular Meeting* of the Town Board and *Executive Session* adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Janet J. Hillery
Town Clerk