

Town Board Meeting Minutes
Town of Onondaga
November 3, 2025

The Town Board of the Town of Onondaga met at a regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 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. Justice Court Grant Application

Supervisor Mahar introduced the following resolution allowing the Justice Court to apply for the JCAP Grant:

TOWN OF ONONDAGA
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board authorizes the Town of Onondaga Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2025-26 grant cycle up to \$30,000.

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.

Chief Justice Clerk Kathryn Antonacci requested to use the funds for the following: 1) Logitech Teams/Zoom Room to allow for virtual arraignments; 2) Standalone color copy machine; 3) Convert the courtroom conference room into a secure, safe credentialed file storage room.

3. Storke, LLC Agreement

Supervisor Mahar introduced the following resolution allowing the Town to receive further rebates in addition to the DEC rebates for the EV Charging Stations:

TOWN OF ONONDAGA
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO
EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH STORKE, LLC

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Onondaga (the “Town”) purchased and installed Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at three (3) Town sites (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, under the Federal Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, the Town is eligible to receive Federal Investment Tax Credits (“ITCs”) or direct pay reimbursements attributable to the installation of the Project; and

WHEREAS, Storke, LLC served as developer and provider for the Project, and, due to delays outside of Storke’s control, the commencement of the Project was substantially delayed; and

WHEREAS, Storke, LLC nevertheless maintained its original pricing throughout the delay, despite significant increases in labor and material costs, thereby providing economic benefit to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Project advances the Town’s commitment to sustainability, clean energy initiatives, and the promotion of environmentally responsible infrastructure for the benefit of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Storke, LLC have prepared an Agreement whereby the Town will remit the ITC proceeds to Storke, LLC as the final payment for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds it to be in the best interests of the Town to enter into said Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Onondaga hereby authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor to execute, on behalf of the Town, the Agreement with Storke, LLC regarding the assignment and remittance of Federal Investment Tax Credit proceeds, together with any related documents necessary to effectuate its intent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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.

4. Amended Site Plan Approval – SU/Hawkins Warehouse

Town Attorney Nadine Bell stated that we recently had a license agreement that was considered and approved by the Town to allow the installation of a guiderail. This resolution would allow for improvements to the site.

**TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION
MODIFIED SITE PLAN APPROVAL
Syracuse University; Hawkins Building Warehouse
Jamesville Avenue
November 3, 2025**

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

WHEREAS, Syracuse University (“Applicant”) has applied to the Town of Onondaga Town Board for Modified Site Plan approval to extend an existing retaining wall along Jamesville Avenue by ± 68 feet, install guiderail along the frontage of the property, and remove the northerly entrance to the property to accommodate the proposed on-site changes, on property located at 1600 Jamesville Avenue, Tax Map. No. 031.-01-04.1 (the “Property”), in the Light Industrial Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has previously granted the Applicant site plan approval for the Property in 2017 and 2021 to allow for the expansion of the Library Storage Facility and the installation of concrete pads adjacent to the Facility for HVAC units; and

WHEREAS, during the site plan review process for the expansion, the Town Board properly referred the application to the Onondaga County Planning Board for review pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 239; and

WHEREAS, no other agency in the Town of Onondaga has the authority to grant site plan approval, the Town Board has reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form, dated October 16, 2025, completed by the Applicant; and

WHEREAS, as proposed, the Applicant will eliminate the existing steep, one-way asphalt drive off Jamesville Avenue which leads to the loading dock area at the south side of the warehouse and restore the area to grass, incorporate a traffic guiderail along Jamesville Avenue for a distance of ±260 feet within the Town of Onondaga right-of-way, extend an existing retaining wall north for ±68 feet, and improve existing stormwater facilities on the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board and its engineers have reviewed Sheet L1.01, titled “Site Plan and Details, Syracuse University,” prepared by Klepper, Hahn & Hyatt, dated April 21, 2025, the narrative of work proposed prepared by Klepper, Hahn, & Hyatt, dated April 2, 2025, with photographs depicting existing conditions and proposed improvements, and the “Location Survey, Syracuse University South Campus Library Facility,” prepared by Ianuzi & Romans Land Surveying, P.C., dated September 27, 2012, in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, having reviewed these documents and being familiar with the development site, does desire to grant Modified Site Plan approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, as lead agency, does hereby declare itself Lead Agency and does further render a negative declaration pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act for this project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that Modified Site Plan approval shall be granted to the Applicant in accordance with the above-referenced plans and documents and subject to the completion of improvements in accordance with the Permit issued by the Town of Onondaga Highway Superintendent, pursuant to Highway Law § 149 and Town of Onondaga Local Law No. 4 of 1985, dated October 23, 2025; and

RESOLVED, that the Applicant must follow erosion and sediment control standards in accordance with the current edition of the New York State Standards and specifications for erosion and sediment control.

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.

5. Committee Reports

5a) Councilor Goodwin – NYSERDA Grant; Southwood Park; Onondaga Free Library Updates

Councilor Goodwin provided an update on the **NYSERDA Grant** for the **LED lighting project**. She stated that she had a meeting on Friday with the Regional Planning and Development Board and NYSERDA, and said we have to wait to get the bill from National Grid in order for the money to be released. The contractor sends the bill to National Grid, then National Grid bills us, which can take up to 90 days.

Councilor Goodwin also provided an update on the proposed **Southwood Park District** and said that she and Town Attorney Nadine Bell met with the Superintendent, Business Manager and Attorney of the JD School District. She stated that there was a problem with the NYS Home Rule legislation that was recently passed relative to the term of the Lease. The Home Rule Legislation allows for a lease agreement up to 30 years; however, the District’s legal counsel has determined that Education Law limits the lease to 10 years, with one 10-year renewal unless it is submitted to the voters for approval, despite the passage of the Home Rule legislation. The school district attorney agreed to further research the impact of the Home Rule legislation. She hasn’t gotten a response back as of yet. Supervisor Mahar asked if the new legislation that allows us to lease from the school district, would surpass any other statute the State had. **Attorney Bell** said that is generally true, however the concern

expressed by counsel is that the legislation says “up to 30 years.” At the meeting, the District took the position that such language limits the lease to 10-years as contemplated by the Education Law. It was noted that the school district sponsored the bill for the Home Rule legislation that was considered by the State and passed a resolution authorizing the bill, with the 30-year language, to be put forth. Initially it was a 50-year lease, and the State legislature reduced it to 30 years. The school board revisited it and approved the 30 years. The question remains, why is there now an issue with the 30 years, and why wasn’t it addressed at the time? Their counsel said they would look into that as they did not have an answer. Attorney Bell said she is also looking into the consideration question, and that she respects the need for a *fair market value* lease and is confirming that *fair market value* may be in-kind services, equipment etc.

Councilor Goodwin also provided a report she received from Susan Morgan of the **Onondaga Free Library**. She reported that the library hired a new substitute library clerk in October. She also reported that registration is now open for all November programs and you can sign up on their website. Registration for the November programs will open on November 20th. Friends of the Library had a successful Fall Book Sale and \$5,070 was raised, which was the most ever recorded. She also stated that the **19th Annual Festival of Trees** is coming soon, and that trees will be on display and tickets will go on sale November 14-December 13, with the drawing being held on December 15. When ready, the trees can also be viewed on the Friends web page. Lastly, she reported that the Board of Trustees is in the planning stage of procuring an AED unit at the library.

5b) Councilor Ryan – Library, OCC, Otisco Lake Committee, Fire Department New Members

Councilor Ryan reported that she has attended the historical book club at the library and finds them very interesting. Councilor Ryan said she has attended one about historical immigration into the U.S., and one about explorers of the Colorado River. She also said that they had an organization come to the library that visits homes and buildings that are believed to be haunted, and they brought their equipment with them into the library. Councilor Ryan encouraged everyone to take advantage of the many programs the library offers for adults and children.

Councilor Ryan also reported that she went to OCC with Supervisor Mahar and Highway Superintendent John Smith last week. They toured the heavy equipment and mechanics wing and the area where they train welders and toured a simulated clean room where they will be training students for employment with Micron. Councilor Ryan pointed out that there are many students who do not want to go the traditional college route, and this is a great alternative which trains technicians, laborers, and welders. Supervisor Mahar said how impressive it was, especially for the roughly \$7,000 in tuition. Supervisor Mahar stated that that will be a great pool of candidates for the Town’s CDL drivers and mechanics, and said we have a great partnership with OCC.

Councilor Ryan also commended Parks Director Charry Lawson for the many programs they offer, and that she enjoys them tremendously.

Councilor Ryan reported that she was recently asked to become a member of the Otisco Lake Watershed Management Planning Committee, which she is honored to be a part of, especially since the Town of Onondaga gets its drinking water from there. She said there is a lot of phosphorus pollution in the lake leading to algae growth and is pleased to represent the Town of Onondaga on that committee.

Councilor Ryan requested the following resolutions accepting new members into the Onondaga Hill and Taunton Fire Departments:

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 **Onondaga Hill Fire Department**:

Name	Address	Status
Frederick Almy	Ivy Ridge Rd., Syr	Full
Richard Gleason	Westbrook Hills Dr.	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 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 **Taunton Fire Department**:

Name	Address	Status
Christopher Bakowski	Foothill Path, Syracuse	Full
Kyler Driggs	Crenshaw Court, Camillus	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.

5c) **Personnel Committee – Kathy Fedrizzi**

Town Councilor Kathy Fedrizzi requested the following resolutions:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Onondaga Town Board authorize the re-appointment of Michael Morrissey as Town Assessor for a six-year term with an expiration date of 9/30/2031, at the budgeted salary.

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** and seconded by **Councilor Ryan** to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Onondaga Town Board authorize the re-appointment of Allison Matthews to the Board of Assessment Review for a five-year term with an expiration date of 9/30/2030, at the budgeted salary.

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.

6. Bussey/Norton Roads Water District Update – Councilor Fedrizzi

Councilor Fedrizzi briefed the audience on the Bussey/Norton Roads water district due to the number of residents that signed into seek an update. She recapped that the full water district has been formed and the Town has full comptroller approval. The Town has finalized a Notice of Intent (NOI), with NY State Agriculture and Markets. This Town Board adopted a resolution in June of this year for a lateral restriction. A letter of determination and order was received from Ag & Markets in August, and the Town Engineer and Town Attorney worked through some items mentioned in the letter. As of September, the Notice of Intent and support of the project has been reached, which includes an agreement on the EDU’s. On September 12, the Town did resubmit for a fourth grant. This year’s grant was offering 70% vs. the prior 60%, with no income limits as was previously required. At this point, the Town is waiting to see if we will be receiving the grant.

Town resident Steve Majewski asked how many EDU’s there are now, and what the cost is per EDU. Councilor Fedrizzi replied that the Town has a map that is available that was agreed upon by the Department of Ag & Markets, and would be happy to share with him. Councilor Fedrizzi pointed out that it is a “picture in time”, and that can change. Discussion took place about the number of EDU’s, currently 55 based on submission of the Engineering Report and NYS Comptroller approval. Councilor Fedrizzi pointed out that the prior numbers were an estimate, which Mr. Majewski disputed. Mr. Majewski requested the cost per EDU with and without the grant and stated that the Engineers Report needs to accompany the filing with the EFC when applying for the WIIA Grant. Mr. Majewski questioned the transparency of tonight’s meeting, as he was not aware there would be an update at tonight’s meeting. Town Engineer Perrine provided the prior EDU amount when the project began in 2021 – 2022 which was 55, and is now 49. The cost per EDU is based off of the approved amount that the NY State Comptroller approved. Supervisor Mahar stated that if the amount comes back higher than the original approved amount, then it would require a new vote. Mr. Majewski questioned whether the Notice of Intent letter was ever sent in, as he spoke with the manager at Ag & Markets, and they said it was never sent in, and that we seemed to have circumvented Ag & Markets for all the prior water districts.

Town resident Susan Fisher asked for an explanation of the lateral restriction. Town Engineer Bill Perrine stated that the Town of Onondaga adopted a resolution on 6/16/25, imposing restrictions on mass residential development. Any application for a subdivision that comes in with more than 4 single-family lots, would have to go through additional review of Ag & Markets to gain approval. It also means if there is a vacant lot and someone wants to get a building permit to build a home, certain conditions need to be followed. Supervisor Mahar said that we would most likely find out about a grant in December. A Town resident suggested the Town be more specific about the agendas, citing the committee reports as being too vague and Supervisor Mahar noted the request.

Town resident, David Fisher, asked when this project would go out to bid. Town Engineer Perrine said that pending the grant award, they would need to reevaluate the total cost of the project minus the grant award amount, and ensure that we do not exceed the Comptroller approved amount. If we fall under that, then we would at that time present a request to the Town Board asking to go out to bid. The Town resident asked if the grant was not awarded, would it ever go out to bid? Mr. Perrine stated that we can’t exceed the Comptroller approved amount, but if the Town Board and Counsel feels the project isn’t feasible for that cost, it may not. Supervisor Mahar stated that based on the feedback the Town Board has gotten, we will continue to apply for grants as it seems the only way to make it feasible. He also pointed out that if the amount comes in higher, even without the grant, then we will still need to go back and have it be voted on by the residents of the water district.

Town resident **Dillon Rienhardt** said he bets most of us do not live on Bussey Road, and that we are probably on public water, and didn't have to pay for it. Town Councilor Mary Ryan replied that she did, in South Onondaga. He asked why the burden has to be put on the residents of Bussey Road, as they all pay taxes. Supervisor Mahar said we could get him water tomorrow, however it's the cost that is the issue. Supervisor Mahar said that the people in South Onondaga paid for their water for 30 years.

A Town resident said that the average taxpayer in NY State pays \$1,050. He said most of the water districts that have been done were about \$600 and our residents are being asked to start out at \$1,300, and that the Comptroller would never approve the \$2,500 amount. Supervisor Mahar said we are only asking them to pay what the costs are and that the numbers were an estimate done by the engineers and that we could go out to bid and it may be less. A Town resident also asked how many times we've tried to get grants. Codes Director Jeff Herrick said this is our fourth attempt, but he feels we are very close this time. Supervisor Mahar said that the Town has reached out and spoken with the offices of Senator Rachel May, Assemblywoman Pamela Hunter, State Senator and now Congressman John Mannion, former Congressman Brandon Williams, County Executive Ryan McMahon and everyone on the Town Board has tried to get water for this district. Supervisor Mahar said the Town has letters, testimonials from the Health Department deeming this a public health concern, and stacks of paperwork submitted to the State, and still have been refused for grants and that it is not without effort. Mr. Majewski said that they were told by Councilor Ryan that the Comptroller would not approve anything more than the \$1,400. Supervisor Mahar said the only thing we approved was going out to bid, then delayed it when the feedback we received was that we should go out for the grant again. Mr. Majewski said that the letter that went out said it was going out to bid at the price of \$2,584. Supervisor Mahar said that that was just an estimate and also would require a re-vote if it went over that. Supervisor Mahar stated that even if we were to get the grant at 70%, and the top line cost is over, it will still need to go out for a re-vote. Mr. Majewski said that now the EDU has increased. Supervisor Mahar said that the EDU is always going to be a moving target. Mr. Majewski said two of those attempts to obtain grants were before we even had a water district. Councilor Fedrizzi said every time we went after a grant, the board was in contact with the EFC about what else they needed and why we were denied, with the reason being on a couple of occasions, that the State ran out of money.

7. Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Superintendent **John Smith** reported that the Fall Clean-up is complete, consisting of 378 roads, 570 tons, compared to last year's 380 loads, 534 tons. Roadwork is done for the year and they are getting ready for the winter, installing plows on trucks and will continue with picking up brush as long as the weather holds up.

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Onondaga Town Board authorize the Highway Superintendent to hire the following new Highway employees:

Name	Position	Pay Rate	Effective Date
Paul Warren	Laborer - Part-time	\$23.80/hr.	When needed
Calum M. Cox	Laborer - Full-time	\$23.80/hr.	11/10/2025

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.

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Onondaga Town Board approve the transfer of \$85,000 from Fund balance to the Equipment Fund to cover the balance of the 2025 Western Star dump truck.

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. Codes Officer’s Report

Codes Office Director Jeffrey Herrick reported that his office has issued 24 new permits and completed 11 fire inspections since last report. He reported that he and his staff have internally inspected the Town Hall, Parks and Rec./Senior Center, and the Highway Garage, and said there is now a good baseline to work off of. There are a couple of things to work on, such as updating some fire extinguishers, and fixing a door that opens the wrong way in an egress at the Parks Dept. Mr. Herrick also reported that Victoria and Tucker have two weeks left of training to become Certified Codes Inspectors. EV charging stations outside need replacement parts in two of them. He also reported that they contacted six contractors for estimates on installing safety bollards. He received two bids back, the lowest bid being from Golden Boy Contracting at \$6,500. This price includes everything for all three locations.

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Onondaga Town Board approve the contract with Goldenboy Contracting in the amount of \$6,500 to provide and install bollards for the EV charging stations at the Town of Onondaga Town Hall, the Town Parks and Recreation/Senior Center, and the Town Highway Garage.

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 new HVAC unit in the courtroom has been installed, as well as new ceiling tiles and new LED lights. Mr. Herrick also reported that he has a number of Code Enforcement actions happening, and that it’s been busy in the Codes Department.

9. Parks and Recreation Director’s Report

Parks and Recreation Director Charry Lawon reported that she would like to purchase a Ferris mower which is in the budget, and the lowest bid came in at \$15,500 from E.C.K. in Nedrow.

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Onondaga Town Board authorize the purchase of a Ferris mower from E.C.K. Tree & Outdoor Power Products in the amount of \$15,500.

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.

Parks Director Lawson also reported that they had 55 pavilion rentals at the Town parks this summer. She pointed out that at Kelley Park there were only 7, when normally there would be double that. One factor could be that the price increased for non-residents. She also said the possibility exists that they are using the pavilion without paying the permit fee. Ms. Lawson also reported that Kelley Park has a new tenant, the Gaelic Football Club. They will be renting the fields in the Spring, practicing 2-3 times/week and anticipate having 2-3 tournaments during the season. Ms. Lawson said this will be considered their home field, and that they will be supplying the topsoil, painting the lines, and buying their own goals, and said they have a nice partnership set up. Ms. Lawson also said that Trish, Parks and Recreation Secretary, has her paintings on display at the library this month, and said she is very talented and encourages everyone to head over to take a look.

10. Attorney’s Report – Jon Diaz Community Center; Splash Car Wash

Town Attorney Nadine Bell provided an update on the **Jon Diaz Community Center**, reminding the Town Board of the resolution passed in September declaring itself lead agency, and having circulated a lead agency consent notice to all interested agencies. That consent was circulated on Sept. 23rd, and the Town has since received all consents except from the NYS DEC. In response to their request, Attorney Bell sent the NYS DEC electronic copies, as well as the hard copies that were originally sent. Attorney Bell stated that she still has not heard if there are any concerns. The subdivision, site plan, area variances and special permit applications were also submitted to Onondaga County Planning Board for 239 review. The OCPB referrals have all been returned and were circulated to the applicant. The comments were focused on working with the NYS DOT for access, providing access to Centro services, the installation of sidewalks, and access off Pembroke Avenue for emergency purposes. Attorney Bell said that she reached out to the applicant to provide information relating to traffic, stormwater, access, emergency exits, all of which can be incorporated into a SEQR resolution. Attorney Bell is waiting to hear back on that and is anticipating that at the next meeting SEQR can be completed (assuming information is received). At which time, the ZBA may proceed to consider area variance relief for access, which will allow the Planning Board to consider subdivision approval. After subdivision approval is granted, the ZBA can consider special permit approval, with a return to the Town Board for site plan approval.

Attorney Bell also reported on the proposed **Splash Car Wash** located at 1001 Brighton Avenue and stated that two representatives were in attendance tonight. Attorney Bell said that the property is in the City of Syracuse, but there is a Town sanitary sewer main that the property needs to connect to. In January 2024 the Town Board passed a resolution to allow Splash Car Wash to connect to the sewer main, subject to the condition that an intermunicipal agreement be entered into with the City. In the summer of 2025, the City of Syracuse communicated with the applicant that they will NOT enter into an intermunicipal agreement. Attorney Bell emphasized that it is not the Town’s responsibility to pursue the intermunicipal agreement, it’s the applicants. Attorney Bell said that once it came to the attention of the Town Board that development of the parcel was progressing without an intermunicipal agreement, she sent a letter to the developer. It was communicated to her that the developer and their attorney, Alan Lockwood, were unsure of the attempt that was made to follow up with the City to pursue the intermunicipal agreement. The Town Engineer has been communicating with the developer and its representatives, and one of the discussions that came up was the possibility of a *Maintenance, Covenant & Easement Agreement* (MCEA). Attorney Bell said that this is something that the Town uses for properties within our jurisdiction, to allow work performed to be added to the property’s tax bills. She also pointed out that the Town has only used a MCEA for stormwater purposes. This agreement

gives the Town the right to go onto private properties and take steps necessary to ensure the continued maintenance and repair of stormwater facilities so they function the way they were designed and approved. The question was raised whether this could be done for the sanitary sewer. As previously stated, within the Town, the Town can put the cost on the tax bill if incurred charges are not paid. But, in this situation, the Town does not have the right to put it on the tax bill. It was also discovered, that although the Town Board had granted approval for one connection, there were actually three connections observed during a site visit. The developer has since indicated that two is all that is required. Supervisor Mahar said that we are not entering into an agreement without an agreement from the City of Syracuse. The property is not in our Town, and we need to make sure connections to the Town’s sanitary sewer doesn’t prohibit future growth within the Town of Onondaga. The Town Board has to factor in the possibility that in 20 years if someone else takes ownership of the property, that may impact the Town’s responsibility. Supervisor Mahar suggests the applicant go back to the City of Syracuse’s legal department. The applicant said that they were 100% fully approved and permitted by the City of Syracuse, and now they are telling them no, they will not authorize an intermunicipal agreement. Codes Enforcement Office Jeff Herrick said he visited the site, and asked why the water can’t just drain into the manhole on Brighton Ave. The applicant said that according to the map, there was no record of that manhole even being there. Supervisor Mahar reiterated that they should go beyond the City engineer and have the applicant’s attorney consult with the City’s corporate counsel.

11. Budget Transfer

On behalf of Finance Director Kimberly Burt, Supervisor Mahar requested the following resolution:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Onondaga Town Board authorize the Director of Finance to make the necessary budget transfers to maintain a positive balance in all accounts.

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 reported that they will be starting the site plan review on the SWPPP and drainage report for the Jon Diaz Community Center and want to capture anything that could impact SEQRA prior to completing the report. Town Engineer Perrine also reported that he has a meeting with the DEC pertaining to reimbursement for Town on the DEC Grant for the EV charging stations. Supervisor Mahar stated how difficult it is to obtain the awarded grant from the DEC.

Mr. Perrine also reported that in anticipation of the increase in building permits that will be coming through the Codes Office beginning 1/1/26, he is trying to keep track of the subdivision progress. Crown Pt. Ext. 4, which is the last section in Cordelle Development’s track, they received final plat approval at the 10/27 Planning Board meeting, so that process will begin. He also reported that the binder course in the Green Hills Manor subdivision in Nedrow was installed last week and he suspects they will be submitting the final plan soon.

13. Jon Diaz Community Center Fee Transfer

Supervisor Mahar stated that the Jon Diaz Community Center paid engineering review escrow fees in the amount of \$1,500, and subdivision application fees in the amount of \$750 on 8/28/25. The fees paid were incorrect and should have been \$950 for the subdivision application fee. The Engineering review fees still have not been determined. Supervisor Mahar is requesting authorization to take the \$200 from the engineering review fees and put it towards the subdivision application fee. The

remaining \$1,300 will be applied once the Town Engineer determines what that fee will be, but it is expected to be over \$1,300. The following resolution resulted:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Onondaga Town Board authorize the transfer of \$200 of fees paid by the Jon Diaz Community Center for engineering review (A730.5), and apply it to the subdivision application fee (A2115).

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.

14. Minutes Approval – 10/06/25

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Onondaga Town Board approve the meeting minutes of the 10/06/25 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 10/20/2025:

- All General Fund Accounts, Abstract No 20, numbers 955 through 995 inclusive, totaling \$53,322.15.
- All Highway Fund Accounts, Abstract No. 20, numbers 415 through 431 inclusive, totaling \$104,305.29.
- All Parks Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 20 numbers 165 through 172 inclusive, totaling \$3,742.71.
- All Sewer Accounts on Abstract No. 17, number 29 totaling \$1,186.68.
- All Consolidated Drainage Accounts on Abstract No. 14, numbers 25 through 28 inclusive, totaling \$21,858.25.
- All Trust & Agency Accounts on Abstract No. 12, numbers 19 through 20 inclusive, totaling \$18,439.18.

The following Abstracts were audited and approved for payment on 11/03/2025:

- All General Fund Accounts, Abstract No 21, numbers 996 through 1056 inclusive, totaling \$77,471.22.
- All Highway Fund Accounts, Abstract No. 21 numbers 432 through 448 inclusive, totaling \$351,024.44.
- All Parks Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 21 numbers 173 through 177 inclusive, totaling \$2,882.79.
- All Sewer Accounts on Abstract No. 18, numbers 30 through 31 inclusive, totaling \$994.52.
- All Consolidated Drainage Accounts on Abstract No. 15, numbers 29 through 33 inclusive, totaling \$9,840.18.

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Mahar and seconded by Councilor Fedrizzi 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 into Executive Session, 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 Town Board moved into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. The Town Board returned from Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. with no action taken. The Regular Meeting and Executive Session of the Town of Onondaga Town Board adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Janet J. Hillery
Town Clerk