

Town of Onondaga
Town Board Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2026

The Town Board of the Town of Onondaga met at a regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2026 , at the Town of Onondaga Town Hall, 5020 Ball Road, Syracuse, New York.

Present:	Supervisor	John P. Mahar
	Councilor	Kathy Fedrizzi
	Councilor	Ellen Magnarelli Terrien
	Councilor	John Wheatley
	Councilor	Lisa Goodwin
	Town Attorney	Nadine Bell
	Town Engineer	Bill Perrine
	Town Clerk	Janet Hillery

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Committee Reports

2a) Fire and Safety Committee member, Councilor John Wheatley, requested the following resolutions:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board approve the following members of the **Taunton Fire Department:**

Name	Address	Status
D’Jorn Swaby	Remington Ave., Syr.	Full
Jacob Lucak	State Rte. 42, Grahamsville	Full
Benjamin Doelle	Summitt Ave., Syr.	Full
Benjamin Simon	Whippletree Rd., Fairport	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	Ellen Magnarelli Terrien	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 Wheatley** and seconded by **Councilor Goodwin** to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board approve the following members of the **Nedrow Fire Department:**

Name	Address	Status
Brandon Rodriguez	MacDougal Place, Syr.	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
Councilor	Lisa M. Goodwin	Voted	Yes
Councilor	Ellen Magnarelli Terrien	Voted	Yes
Councilor	John Wheatley	Voted	Yes
Supervisor	John P. Mahar	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

2b) Personnel Committee member, Councilor Kathy Fedrizzi, requested the following resolution:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board approve the hiring of Sandra Taylor of Marcellus, for the position of seasonal tax assistant for the 2026-2027 school tax collection period, at the budgeted hourly rate of \$20/hr.

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	Ellen Magnarelli Terrien	Voted	Yes
Councilor	John Wheatley	Voted	Yes
Supervisor	John P. Mahar	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

3. Highway Superintendent’s Report

Town Supervisor John Mahar provided an update on behalf of **Highway Superintendent John Smith**, who was excused. He said that they are continuing with brush pickup, roadside mowing, finishing up milling, and getting ready for paving next week. They have also completed some culvert replacement in the Southwood area.

4. Building and Codes Report

Building and Codes Director Jeff Herrick reported that there has never been a set fee for housing agricultural livestock in the Town. He asked for a resolution updating the fee structure pertaining to animal housing facilities only, to be set at \$4.50/linear foot. Supervisor Mahar said he thinks the width should also be taken into consideration. Discussion took place about using the square footage, with a maximum allowed. Supervisor Mahar requested that Mr. Herrick prepare a price/square foot, cap it and present at the next meeting.

Mr. Herrick also requested a resolution authorizing payment to Municipity Technician, Matt Hawley. Mr. Hawley was onsite for two days providing support to users of Municipity and getting the vehicles equipped for utilization in the field.

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board approve payment for the services provided by onsite Municipity technician, Matt Hawley in the amount of \$3,120 utilizing *Fund Balance*.

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	Ellen Magnarelli Terrien	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 Codes office has issued 19 new permits and one fire inspection since last report. Mr. Herrick said the office has been very busy, and that Codes Officer John Ralowski has been helping with the *unsafe structures* report. He said the property maintenance issues have been moving through the court system, and that 6 more cases will be addressed on July 8th. He also reported that Laserfiche will be integrated with Muncity the week of July 13th. Councilor Goodwin asked about how the information will be uploaded and integrated into Laserfiche, and Mr. Herrick said that currently the information is entered into Muncity, and after the integration they will route directly through to Laserfiche.

Codes Director Herrick introduced the **Onondaga Hill Fire Department** site plan for a sign in a preexisting location. After approval tonight, it will be brought before the ZBA. He said because the sign is 32 square feet, and the Town’s code allows 12, it is necessary for a variance even though it is replacing the exact same size sign. He said that because it is in the Town of Onondaga Business District, It will need go to the Planning Board, then back to the Town Board for final approval. Discussion took place about the allowable lumens and number of message changes per day, which will need to be addressed in order to comply with Town requirements. Supervisor Mahar recommended that before they order the sign, the Fire Department should check with the manufacturer to ensure the sign will be in compliance.

Codes Director Herrick also introduced **Bill Hall**, the engineer/architect for a new structure, ***The Herald of Joy Church***, to be built at **3994 Split Rock Road**. Mr. Hall distributed plans of the proposed structure prepared by **Hall Design**. Mr. Hall said the plan is to build the new church on existing property, south of the existing parking lot, which would accommodate 310 people. He said according to Town Code, this will require 103 parking spaces to satisfy the 3 person/car requirement and that this plan increases the number from 54 to 106 spaces. Mr. Hall also asked about obtaining an additional variance for the existing church to allow for the bell tower and cross. He also said that steeples are exempt, but he is assuming they need to appear before the ZBA due to the height requirements of an R-1 structure. He also said that he would like to obtain a variance to eliminate 11 parking spaces (a net of 8 since they would already be 3 over the requirement), and not have it so close to the road which would provide more curb appeal. He said if he moved the building back, it would increase the size to over one acre, which would then require stormwater management. Mr. Hall said it doesn’t make sense for a project of this small size, so they would like to stay under the one-acre footprint. Supervisor Mahar asked what will happen to the water that will drain off of the parking lot, and Mr. Hall said it will be collected the same way it is now. Supervisor Mahar said he will need more information. Town Attorney Bell asked what was being done with the current structure and Mr. Hall replied that it will stay there and be used for church activities. He said that for their larger events, they expect about 200 people, and possibly 350 on rare occasions - maybe once per year. Councilor Goodwin said that if the eleven parking spaces were eliminated, there would be that occasional need to park on the street. Town Engineer Perrine said that the NYS DEC standards say that any disturbance under an acre is exempt from having to do a stormwater management prevention plan. But, as is the case for every application, he recommends looking at existing site features and drainage, and consider any nearby residents that could be impacted. He said that in some cases, they ask applicants to do some stormwater drainage management. Town Engineer Perrine said some information is lacking on the plans, and requested a topographic survey, a boundary survey, a more detailed site plan, and any lighting and landscaping plans. Mr. Hall said he plans to keep light pollution to a minimum. Mr. Perrine said that they will need to hire a *Photometric Plan Consultant* for the lighting. Town Engineer Perrine said that he will need a full set of plans, along with the application. Town Attorney Nadine Bell confirmed that this is an R-1 district, and that religious uses are subject to special permits. If there already was one with the existing church, that will need to be amended. She also said this will need to be referred to Onondaga County for GML 239 review.

5. Parks and Recreation Director’s Report

Parks and Recreation Director Charry Lawson requested the following payroll additions:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Onondaga Town Board authorize the hiring of the following Parks and Recreation 2026 seasonal employees at the hourly rate indicated below:

A7140.100

<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PAY RATE</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Kinderkids Supervisor	Ella Grosso	\$19.50/hr.	6/22/26
Aide	Lilliana Cook	\$16.50/hr.	6/26/26
Aide	Charlotte Myers	\$16.50/hr.	6/26/26
Aide	Robert Dunlap	\$16.50/hr.	6/26/26

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	Ellen Magnarelli Terrien	Voted	Yes
Councilor	John Wheatley	Voted	Yes
Supervisor	John P. Mahar	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

6. Engineer’s Report

Town Engineer Bill Perrine reported that the amendment to an in-service agreement for the Town’s EV charging stations project was received and was submitted to the DEC. He thinks this will be the last step in the final reimbursement request. He also reported they are in the process of preparing an emergency sewer contract for lateral services. Mr. Perrine said the Town has a two-year drainage contract with JK Tobin, which expires July 9th, 2026. This will be sent out to bid and will be decided at the 7/9/26 Town Board meeting, whether we will be renewed or not. Mr. Perrine would like to review with counsel possibly changing the language on how the bid is awarded. Response time and efficiency were discussed as well.

7. Justice Court Resolutions

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Onondaga Town Board authorize the following budget transfers for the purchase of a new copier in the Justice Court Office:

A7140.100

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
A7550.4 Contingency	A1110.2	\$3,337.50	Justice Copier
A870 General Reserve Arraignments	A1110.2 Equip.	\$3,337.50	Justice Copier

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	Ellen Magnarelli Terrien	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 Goodwin** who moved its adoption, and was seconded by **Councilor Magnarelli Terrien** to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with §2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act, the records and dockets of the Town of Onondaga Justice Court have been duly examined and audited by F.J. Pompo & Co. and that the fines therein collected have been turned over to the proper officials of the Town as required by law.

The question of 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	Ellen Magnarelli Terrien	Voted	Yes
Councilor	John Wheatley	Voted	Yes
Supervisor	John P. Mahar	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared and duly adopted.

10.. Minutes Approval – 6/1/26

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board approve the 6/1/26 Town Board meeting minutes 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	Abstained	----
Councilor	Ellen Magnarelli Terrien	Voted	Yes
Councilor	John Wheatley	Voted	Yes
Supervisor	John P. Mahar	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

11. Abstract Approval - 6/15/26

The following Abstracts were audited and approved for payment on 6/15/26:

- All General Fund Account on Abstract No 11, numbers 472 through 539 inclusive, totaling \$93,331.65.
- All Highway Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 11 numbers 230 through 253 inclusive, totaling \$136,141.57.
- All Parks Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 11 numbers 57 through 73 inclusive, totaling \$10,839.31.
- All Sewer Accounts on Abstract No. 9, numbers 20 through 22 inclusive, totaling \$18,220.12

- All Consolidated Drainage Accounts on Abstract No. 7, numbers 10 through 14 inclusive, totaling 13,860.20.
- All Consolidated Lighting Accounts on Abstract No. 4, number 4, totaling \$51,480.00.

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Onondaga Town Board move to Executive Session pertaining to a personnel matter, 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	Ellen Magnarelli Terrien	Voted	Yes
Councilor	John Wheatley	Voted	Yes
Supervisor	John P. Mahar	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The Town Board moved to Executive Session at 5:38 p.m. The Town Board returned from Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. with no action taken. The Town Board meeting and Executive Session adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Janet J. Hillery
Town Clerk