# Town of Onondaga
# Town Board Meeting Minutes
# September 21, 2026

The Town Board of the Town of Onondaga met at a regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2026 , at the Town of Onondaga Town Hall, 5020 Ball Road, Syracuse, New York.

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

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Moment of Silence – Donnie Hamilton; Kevin Gilligan**

**Town Supervisor John Mahar** requested a moment of silence for past longtime Town Councilor, Donnie Hamilton, and past longtime Town Attorney, Kevin Gilligan.

**3. Public Comment**

**Town resident Marc Malfitano of Jupiter Inlet Way,** was present and brought before the Town Board a matter regarding the retention basin in his neighborhood. He spoke on behalf of the residents of Boca Raton Way and Jupiter Inlet Way, inquiring about the damage that occurred last year to the retention basin. He said it's been 11 months, and there has been no action to repair the basin. He said former Codes Officer Ron Ryan volunteered to try and help move this forward. Mr. Malfitano submitted a petition signed by 40 residents of the neighborhood requesting action to be taken by the Town.

**Highway Superintendent John Smith** confirmed that he is waiting for the contractor to move rocks, which are being sourced from a couple of developers to the site and he is getting an exact measurement on the liner. He spoke with the contractor, John Amidon, last week, and Mr. Amidon plans to work on the site soon.

**4. Alternate Highway Agreement Woodridge Heights, Sec. 2**

**Town Attorney Nadine Bell** reported that the Woodridge Heights Sec. 2 development received Preliminary Plan approval by the Planning Board in July of this year. The proposed Alternate Highway Agreement is the standard next step at this point. A draft agreement was circulated to this Board, as well as the attorney for the developer, Neil Germain. Mr. Paul Fowler signed the agreement on behalf of the developer and returned it to Attorney Bell for the Town Board's approval and the Supervisor's execution.

**Town Engineer Bill Perrine** said that in regard to this section, there have been past discussions about how to better track the developer's satisfaction of conditions with the Codes office, particularly with regard to specific grading. Mr. Perrine said there are specific grading notes on the Final Plan for Sec. 2, and certain homes have to be at certain elevations considering flood routing. He said a berm will need to be built and established. Supervisor Mahar referred to Brittany Hills, and the requirement to build a retaining wall prior to the issuance of a building permit. Attorney Bell said that wouldn't apply to authoring the execution of the Alternate Highway Agreement. After considering whether to include this as a condition of approval of the Alternate Highway Agreement, it was determined that this is more appropriately addressed by the Planning Board. Supervisor Mahar said that the grading conditions are probably already on the plans. It was agreed that following up with the Codes Department will be important to make sure the grading concerns do not fall under the radar.

Attorney Bell requested the following resolution:

**TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board does hereby approve the Alternate Highway, Sewer and Drainage Construction and Maintenance Agreement with Woodridge Heights, LLC, for the Woodridge Heights Section No. 2 Subdivision, and does further authorize the Supervisor to execute said 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:

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| 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.

**5. <u>Stop Sign Order – McFern Rd./W. Roswell Ave.</u>**

**A**ttorney Bell said that she received a request from Highway Superintendent John Smtih for a one-way STOP sign at the corner of McFern Road and West Roswell Avenue in a Northern direction of travel. Highway Superintendent Smith said there have been close calls there, resulting in the need for a stop sign.

The following resolution was offered by **<u>Councilor Wheatley</u>,** who moved its adoption, seconded by **<u>Councilor Fedrizzi</u>,** to wit:

**TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION**
**AN ORDER INSTALLING STOP SIGNS ON MCFERN ROAD**

**SECTION 1. Legislative Intent & SEQR**

By adoption of this Order, the Town Board of the Town of Onondaga, pursuant to the authority of Section 1660 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York and Section 270-12 of the Code of the Town of Onondaga declares its intent to install a stop sign on McFern Road. This is a Type II action under SEQR.

**SECTION 2. Stop Sign Installed**

A stop sign shall be installed on McFern Road at the intersection of West Roswell Avenue, in a northern direction of travel.

**SECTION 3. Section 270-38 of the Code of the Town of Onondaga.**

Schedule IX: Stop Intersections - is hereby amended to include a stop sign on McFern Road as follows:

| **Stop Sign on** | **Direction of Travel** | **At Intersection of** |
|---|---|---|
| McFern Road | North | West Roswell Avenue |

**SECTION 4. When Effective**

This Order shall take effect upon the erection of signs in the location specified and of the size and design and at the locations prescribed in the State Manual and Specifications prepared by the State Traffic Commission, as required by the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York, as amended.

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

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| Councilor | Kathy Fedrizzi | Voted | Yes |
| Councilor | Lisa M. Goodwin | Voted | Yes |
| Councilor | Ellen Magnarelli Terrien | Voted | Yes |

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| Councilor | John Wheatley | Voted | Yes |
| Supervisor | John P. Mahar | Voted | Yes |

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: September 21, 2026

**6. Justice Court Grant**

**Town Supervisor John Mahar** requested the following resolution:

**TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION**

The following resolution was offered by **Supervisor Mahar** and seconded by **Councilor Magnarelli Terrien** 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 2026-27 grant cycle up to $30,000.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the funds will be used for the following:

1. Convert dual courtroom doors into office to pre-existing doors with added security.
2. Addition of bulletproof glass in justice hallway.
3. Electrify the left door from outside looking in.
4. Convert current meeting room into Juror deliberation room.

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

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|---|---|---|---|
| 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.

**7. Committee Reports**

**Town Councilor Kathy Fedrizzi** reported that she will be providing the dog control numbers in the near future, since the transition to the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Geddes.

**8. Highway Superintendent's Report**

**Highway Superintendent John Smith** requested authorization to hire Nathan Lukins to replace an outgoing employee, resulting in the following resolution:

**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 approve new Highway employee Nathan Lukins for the position of laborer at a rate of $23.80/hr. with a start date of 9/21/26.

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

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| 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.

Highway Superintendent Smith also reported that they're in week three of the Fall Cleanup, and the numbers are similar to last year. They are also finishing patch work, drainage and concrete work before the weather turns.

**9. Codes Officer's Report**

Codes Office Director Jeff Herrick reported that his office has issued 30 new permits (five of which are pools), and 12 fire inspections since last report. Mr. Herrick also said that Tucker Geis has completed an Excell spreadsheet of property maintenance data. The data includes court appearances, vacant structures, etc. He said they are completing the process for five vacant structures, including obtaining last title searches. Attorney Bell said that the last title searches have already been completed and that Codes Officer John Raflowski is now in the process of sending out the notices to the property owners. Once the 30 days' notice to remedy has passed, the Town will be in a position to move forward with plans to remedy if no action has been taken by the property owners.

Codes Director Jeff Herrick also reported that a meeting was held with representatives for Hourigan Farms regarding their stormwater drainage and the impact on Curtis Road. In July there was significant flooding on Curtis Road. At the time of the meeting, the drainage plan was not finished. They have since finished it, but have not had a storm event to test it. Town Engineer Bill Perrine said that the engineer for Hourigan Farms was looking into installing a basin at the Northeast corner of the agriculture field. Supervisor Mahar asked that our Town Engineer follow up with them to see where the engineer's review stands.

**10. Parks and Recreation Director's Report**

**Parks and Recreation Director Charry Lawson** requested a resolution for the Santaro Park fence repair.

**TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board authorize *Butler Fence* to repair the tennis court fence at Santaro Park in an amount not to exceed $6,440, utilizing the *Community Development* funds.

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

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| 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.

**11. Attorney's Report**

Town Attorney Nadine Bell reported that several months ago, the Seneca Ridge Developer appeared before the Town Board with a proposal for what was formally known as Peregrine Landing,

now known as Seneca Ridge. The proposal was sent by the Town Board to the Planning Board for referral and recommendation. The Planning Board extensively reviewed the proposal and via a letter dated July 31, 2026, the Planning Board sent recommendations to the Town Board. While recommending that the proposal for the development be amended, there were a number of recommendations suggested by the Planning Board. As part of the referral, the applicant provided a complete package of updated materials for easy review and consideration of the recommendations by the Town Board. Attorney Bell said the Town has subsequently received a letter from CHA on behalf of the developer, dated 9/16/26, acknowledging the referral and addressing six items. The developer has asked the Town Board to consider the following:

1) The Planning Board has recommended that the zoning district designation for residential section be changed from PRC to PR. The developer requests that the PRC zoning designation remain.

2) The Planning Board recommended maintaining a non-disturbance buffer along adjacent residential homes; the developer acknowledged that the buffer areas, as previously approved, will remain unchanged.

3) The Planning Board has recommended a Homeowner's Association and the filing of restricted covenants. The developer did not present an objection.

4) The developer addressed the development standards specific to fencing, pool placement, planting of deciduous trees, and also addresses architectural design standards such as façade frontage, porches, exterior materials, etc. The developer has requested that fencing be permitted under certain conditions on specific lots.

5) OCIDA – the developer acknowledged that they do intend to make application for certain tax exemptions and incentives. The Planning Board recommended that the Town Board take a position in opposition to any such application. The developer is not asking that the Town Board support any such applications at this time; rather, the developer asks that the Town not take a position on any applications filed.

6) The Planning Board recommended construction phasing whereby the at least 24 single family lots must be constructed and building permit ready prior to the occupancy of the apartment buildings. The developer is in agreement with the proposed condition, with clarification that the condition be applied to the issuance of a *Certificate of Occupancy* for the residential apartment buildings in order to allow the concurrent construction of the infrastructure to serve both the single family lots and apartment buildings.

Attorney Bell recommends that, because this is a local law which requires 239 referral, that this matter be referred to the Onondaga County Planning Board for GML 239 review. In 2004, the Town passed a resolution establishing itself as lead agency for the Peregrine Landing proposal. The application was designated as a Type 1 action, and went through a very thorough review process, resulting in the issuance of a final environmental impact statement. Thereafter, SEQR was completed and a negative declaration was declared. Attorney Bell said because the environmental review was a very thorough process, and because the Town already declared itself lead agency, it is not necessary to repeat the process. Therefore, consent notices are not necessary, but, as a courtesy, the materials will be circulated to all interested parties and involved. As far as the SEQR process, the Planning Board already reviewed water capacity, sanitary sewer capacity, and traffic to accommodate two apartment buildings and the proposed single family dwelling density. Accordingly, Attorney Bell recommends this be referred to OCPB and that the materials be circulated to the interested and involved agencies for their review and comment.

**TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board does hereby refer the amended Planned Residential Community (P-RC) proposal for the Seneca Ridge Subdivision, formerly known as Peregrine Landing, to the Onondaga County Planning Board for GML 239 review and does further authorize the attorney for the Town to circulate the amended materials to the interested and involved agencies for environmental review and recommendation as a courtesy.

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

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| 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.

Seneca Ridge representative and engineer, Brian Bouchard, was present and stated that Attorney Bell's report covered much of what he was going to discuss, and that his intent was to send out some of the referrals. He is asking for the plans to be reviewed and to be addressed at the next meeting.

## 12. Engineer's Report

**Town Engineer Bill Perrine** reported that he is in the process of working on the speed limit reduction "order" requested by the Westhill High School Superintendent for Grand Avenue and Onondaga Boulevard. Mr. Perrine is preparing draft drawings in support of a resolution to facilitate that. He said that speed limit zones generally go 200' below school property lines, with advance warning signs 200' before that.

## 13. Budget Modifications/Transfers

**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 approve the following budget modifications and transfers:

**Budget Transfers:**

| FROM | TO | AMOUNT | NOTES |
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| A1990.4 Contingency | A3620.405 Vehicle Maintenance | $ 1,200 | Balance of Codes Durango brakes/tires/sensors/oil/labor |
| A1990.4 Contingency | A3650.402 High Vegetation | $ 1,530 | Tall Grass |
| A1990.4 Contingency | A8810.4 Cemeteries Maint & Repair | $ 150 | Browning |
| DA5130.402 Parts | DA5130.2 Equipment | $ 477 | Balance of 18" Digging Bucket |

**Budget Modifications:**

| FROM | TO | AMOUNT | NOTES |
|---|---|---|---|
| A599 Appropriated Fund Balance | A1620.403 Repair & Maintenance | $ 25,725 | Landscaping at Town Hall (TB approved project 7/20/26, but not funding) |
| A599 Appropriated Fund Balance | A1670.403 Our Town | $ 3,453 | Fall/Winter Our Town |
| SD599 Appropriated Fund Balance | SD8540.423 Mowing & Brush Hog | $ 21,802 | Retention Basin & Creek Bed |
| SF599 Appropriated Fund Balance | SF39089.8 Fire Service Awards | $ 1,205 | Nedrow Fire Fly Fees |
| SF599 Appropriated Fund Balance | SF49089.8 Fire Service Awards | $ 559 | Onondaga Hill Fire Fly Fees |
| SF599 Appropriated Fund Balance | SF89089.8 Fire Service Awards | $ 781 | Taunton Fire Fly Fees |

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

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|---|---|---|---|
| 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.

**14. Minutes Approval – 8/17/26 TBM**

**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 8/17/26 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:

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| 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.

**15. Public Hearing – Local Law C-2026 – Data Center Moratorium**

**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 declare the Public Hearing pertaining to Local Law C-2026 to be opened.

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

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| 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.

No one in attendance offered comments pertaining to Local Law C-2026.

**TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that having given everyone in attendance the opportunity to be heard pertaining to Local Law C-2026, the Town of Onondaga Town Board declare the Public Hearing to be 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:

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| Councilor | Kathy Fedrizzi | Voted | Yes |
| Councilor | Lisa M. Goodwin | Voted | Yes |
| Councilor | Ellen Magnarelli Terrien | Voted | Yes |

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| Councilor | John Wheatley | Voted | Yes |
| Supervisor | John P. Mahar | Voted | Yes |

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

T**own Attorney Nadine Bell** reported that on September 16, 2026, she received the Onondaga County Planning Board GML 239 Review, and it was determined that the proposed local law did not have any significant or adverse county-wide impacts or implications. Attorney Bell outlined the following resolution and Local Law:

**TOWN OF ONONDAGA**
**TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION**
**September 21, 2026**
**TOWN OF ONONDAGA LOCAL LAW NO. C OF 2026**

("A Local Law Imposing a Twelve (12) Month Moratorium on Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations, Data Mining, Data Processing Centers and Data Storage Facilities Within the Town of Onondaga")

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a proposed local law titled Local Law No. C-2026, "A Local Law Imposing a Twelve (12) Month Moratorium on Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations, Data Mining, Data Processing Centers and Data Storage Facilities Within the Town of Onondaga," was presented and introduced at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Onondaga held on August 17, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on such proposed local law on this 21st day of September 2026 by the Town Board of the Town of Onondaga and proof of publication of notice of such public hearing, as required by law, having been submitted and filed, and all persons desiring to be heard in connection with said proposed local law having been heard, and said proposed local law having been in the possession of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Onondaga in its final form in the manner required by Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule of the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the enactment of Local Law No. C-2026 has previously been determined to be Type II action under SEQR, thus concluding the environmental review process; and

**WHEREAS**, Local Law No. C-2026 was duly referred to the Onondaga County Planning Board ("OCPB") for review pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 239-m and -n, and, pursuant to Case No. Z-26-217, dated September 16, 2026, the OCPB returned the matter for local determination, with no position taken; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest to enact said Local Law No. C-2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Onondaga, Onondaga County, New York, does hereby enact Local Law No. C-2026 as Local Law No. 3-2026 as follows:

"**TOWN OF ONONDAGA**
**LOCAL LAW NO. 3-2026**

**A Local Law Imposing a Twelve (12) Month Moratorium on Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations, Data Mining, Data Processing Centers, and Data Storage Facilities Within the Town of Onondaga**

Be it enacted as follows:

Section 1: Intent

It is the intent of the Town Board of the Town of Onondaga to impose a twelve (12) month moratorium on the development, construction or use of Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations, Data

Mining, Data Processing Centers, and Data Storage Facilities within the Town of Onondaga. This local law is enacted under the authority of Section 10 of the New York Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 2: Legislative Purpose

The Town Board of the Town of Onondaga finds that it is in the best interest of the Town of Onondaga to enact a moratorium on any new Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations, Data Mining, Data Processing Centers and Data Storage Facilities, which consist of buildings containing numerous servers and which have high demand for energy, cooling, and water mechanisms, and can result in disturbing noise generation. The Town Board recognizes the potential impact of Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations, Data Processing Centers, Data Mining and Data Storage Facilities on the Town's infrastructure, environment, public health and safety, and welfare of its residents. Accordingly, it is the purpose of this temporary moratorium to provide the Town Board with sufficient time to study and address any concerns, including, but not limited to, zoning, environmental impacts, public safety, and economic implications resulting from Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations, Data Mining, Data Processing Centers and Data Storage Facilities.

Section 3: Definitions

COMMERCIAL CRYPTOCURRENCY MINING: The commercial process by which cryptocurrency transactions are verified and added to the public ledger, known as the block chain, and also the means through which new units of cryptocurrencies are released, through the use of Data Processing Centers employing data processing equipment.

CRYPTOCURRENCY: A digital currency in which encryption techniques are used to regulate the generation of units of currency and verify the transfer of funds, operating independently of a central bank.

CRYPTOCURRENCY DATA MINE: A specific type of data center using a facility or use of land, buildings, or structures where computing equipment is used to solve complex mathematical algorithms in connection with verifying and adding transactions to a blockchain or other distributed ledger, commonly known as cryptocurrency mining. For purposes of this law, a cryptocurrency data mining operation shall be considered a distinct land use, different from a data center as defined in this section.

DATA MINING: The process of using multiple computers to store or warehouse data, discover patterns in large data sets involving methods that are applied to extract data patterns, and transform it into an understandable structure for further use. For purposes of this definition, any equipment which requires a High-Density Load Service, or any Server Farm, will presumably be a commercial data mining operation.

DATA PROCESSING CENTER: A building, dedicated space within a building, or group of structures used to house a large group of computer systems and associated components, such as telecommunications and data processing systems, to be used for the remote storage, processing, or distribution of large amounts of data. Examples of such data include, but are not limited to, computationally intensive applications such as blockchain technology, cryptocurrency mining, weather modeling, genome sequencing, etc. Such facilities may also include air handlers, power generators, water cooling and storage facilities, utility substations, and other associated utility infrastructure to support operations.

DATA STORAGE FACILITIES: A building, or structure, or partial use of a building or structure, used to store, manage, process, or transmit digital data for business uses, including computers, network equipment, systems, servers, and other associated components related to the digital data storage and operations that is secondary, subordinate and customarily incidental to and located on the same lot as the principal use of a property. Such a use cannot operate as an independent principal use.

HIGH DENSITY LOAD SERVICE: The provision of electrical service where the requested load density has, for any monthly billing period, either an average power demand in excess of 300 kilowatts, or an average power density in excess of 250 kilowatt-hours per year per square foot of the leased or owned boundaries of floor space devoted to operating the data processing equipment, and excludes space used for offices, storage, and other non-electronic processing uses.

SERVER FARM: Three (3) or more interconnected computers housed together in a single facility whose primary function is to perform cryptocurrency mining or associated data processing.

Section 4: Moratorium

A. The Town Board hereby enacts a moratorium which shall prohibit the development or construction of any Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations, Cryptocurrency Data Mine, Data Mining, Data Processing Centers and Data Storage Facilities in the Town of Onondaga.
B. This moratorium shall be in effect for a period of twelve (12) months from the effective date of this Local Law and shall expire on the earlier of: (i) the date twelve (12) months from said effective date of this Local Law, unless renewed; or (ii) the enactment by Town Board of a resolution indicating the Town Board is satisfied that the need for the moratorium no longer exists.
C. This moratorium shall apply to all real property within the Town of Onondaga.
D. Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations, Data Mining, Data Processing Centers and Data Storage Facilities within the Town of Onondaga which have previously been approved or are located on Town-owned property are hereby expressly excluded from this moratorium, and may be sited, placed, installed, constructed, erected and operated in accordance with approved plans. Further modification, alteration or enlargement of previously approved Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations, Data Mining, Data Processing Centers and/or Data Storage Facilities is prohibited while the moratorium is in effect.

Section 5: Relief from Provisions of this Local Law

A. The Town Board reserves to itself the power to vary or adapt the strict application of the requirements of this local law in the case of unusual hardship which would deprive the owner of all reasonable use of the lands involved.

B. Application for relief shall be filed in triplicate with the Town Code Enforcement Office together with a filing fee of $250.00. The application shall specifically identify the property involved, recite the circumstances pursuant to which the relief is sought and the reasons for which the relief is claimed. Any costs, including expert consulting fees or attorneys' fees, incurred by the Town, shall be reimbursed to the Town by the Applicant. The Town Board shall apply Use Variance criteria as set forth in the New York State Town Law, Section 267-b (2) in reviewing any application for relief.

C. The Town Board may refer any applications for relief herein to the Town Planning Board and/or Town Zoning Board of Appeal for its advice and recommendations, but all decisions on granting or denying such relief shall be made solely by the Town Board after determining whether or not the requested relief is compatible with any contemplated amendments to the Town Zoning Law. Unless completely satisfied that the proposed relief is compatible, the Town Board shall deny the application.

D. The Town Board shall conduct a public hearing on any request for relief within forty-five (45) days of receipt by the Town Code Enforcement Office and shall issue its final decision on requests for relief within thirty (30) days from the date of the public hearing.

Section 6: Penalties

Any person, firm or corporation that shall establish, place, construct, enlarge, erect or engage in any Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations, Data Mining, Data Processing Centers and/or Data Storage Facilities in violation of the provisions of this local law or shall otherwise violate any of the provisions of this local law shall be subject to:

A. A fine not to exceed One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($1,000.00) or imprisonment for a term not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or both. Each day a violation continues shall be considered a new violation.

B. A civil action inclusive of injunctive relief in favor of the Town to cease any and all such actions which conflict with this local law and, if necessary, to remove any constructions, improvements, or related items or byproducts which may have taken place in violation of this local law.

Section 7: Enforcement

This local law shall be enforced by the Code Enforcement Office of the Town of Onondaga or such other zoning enforcement individual(s) as designated by the Town Board. It shall be the duty of the enforcement individual(s) to advise the Town Board of all matters pertaining to the enforcement of this local law.

Section 8: Validity & Severability

If any section or part of this local law is declared invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or affect any other section of this local law.

Section 9: Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon passage and thereafter shall be filed with the New York State Department of State and shall remain in force and effect for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of passage."

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

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| 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.

**16. Abstract Approval - 8/26/26; 9/8/26; 9/21/26**

**The following Abstracts were audited and approved for payment on 8/26/26:**

- All General Fund Account on Abstract No 17, numbers 757 through 799 inclusive, totaling $35,481.50.
- All Highway Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 17, numbers 327 through 338 inclusive, totaling $33,098.36.
- All Parks Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 17 numbers 128 through 139 inclusive, totaling $1,414.59.
- All Sewer Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 12, number 27 through 28 inclusive, totaling $1,381.21.
- All Consolidated Drainage Accounts on Abstract No. 12, numbers 28 through 29 inclusive, totaling $6,104.90.
- All Trust & Agency Accounts on Abstract No. 12, numbers 24 through 26 inclusive, totaling $22,549.37.

**The following Abstracts were audited and approved for payment on 9/8/26:**

- All General Fund Account on Abstract No 18, numbers 800 through 836 inclusive, totaling $50,682.60.
- All Highway Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 18, numbers 339 through 355 inclusive, totaling $14,565.45.
- All Parks Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 18 numbers 140 through 149 inclusive, totaling $4,335.89.

**The following Abstracts were audited and approved for payment on 9/21/26:**

- All General Fund Account on Abstract No 19, numbers 837 through 876 inclusive, totaling $25,003.15.
- All Highway Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 19, numbers 356 through 376 inclusive, totaling $74,608.67.
- All Parks Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 19, numbers 150 through 153 inclusive, totaling $6,007.86.
- All Consolidated Drainage Accounts on Abstract No. 13, numbers 30 through 32 inclusive, totaling $9,650.00.
- All Trust & Agency Accounts on Abstract No. 13, numbers 27 through 28 inclusive, totaling $2,898.85.
- All Water Accounts on Abstract No. 4, number 4, totaling $29,316.08.

**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 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:

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| 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 5:35 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