

**Town of Onondaga
Town Board Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2026**

The Town Board of the Town of Onondaga met at a regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at the Town of Onondaga Town Hall, 5020 Ball Road, Syracuse, New York.

Present:	Supervisor	John P. Mahar
	Councilor	Kathy Fedrizzi
	Councilor	John Wheatley
	Councilor	Lisa Goodwin
Excused:	Councilor	Ellen Magnarelli Terrien
	Town Attorney	Stacy Marris
	Town Engineer	Bill Perrine
	Deputy Town Clerk	Theresa Allen

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comments

Town Resident Jerry Holbrook was present and said that he has a concern about the speeding that is happening on Abbey Road. Supervisor Mahar and Councilor Fedrizzi said that one suggestion they have been telling people is to have as many of the affected, surrounding neighbors call 911, as the calls coming in through that center are tracked. If there is a particular area where there is a high volume of complaints, they will send a sheriff to the area. Supervisor Mahar said that he has been in contact with the Sheriff's Dept. about this before and will continue to be in contact with them, but emphasized that residents need to call 911, which is now not only for emergencies, to report it.

3. Committee Reports; New Business

3a) LOSAP Disability

Town Councilor Lisa Goodwin requested the following resolutions:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS the Town of Onondaga is the sponsor of a Length of Service Award Program (a "LOSAP") on behalf of the Taunton Fire Department in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law (GML);

WHEREAS participant Michael R. Metzger submitted an application to be paid a total and permanent disability benefit from the LOSAP on June 29, 2026;

WHEREAS the application has been reviewed by the District's third-party administrator, Firefly Admin Inc., and in a letter from Firefly Admin Inc. dated July 8, 2026, they have advised the Board that Mr. Metzger meets the eligibility requirements to be paid a total and permanent disability benefit;

WHEREAS the Town Board have reviewed Mr. Metzger's application and the letter from Firefly Admin Inc., and agree with the assessment of Firefly Admin Inc. that Mr. Metzger meets the requirements to be paid a total and permanent disability;

WHEREAS the Town Board has further reviewed the timing of the submission of the application from Mr. Metzger and the timing of the Town Board meetings, pursuant to the Firefly letter; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the Town Board approves a total and permanent disability benefit to be paid to Michael R. Metzger equal to his June 30, 2026 account value.

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be provided to Firefly so they may process the benefit payable in accordance with the Plan Document as soon as administratively possible.

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

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

3b) New Member – Howlett Hill FD

Town Councilor Lisa Goodwin 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 approve the following member of the Howlett Hill Fire Department:

Name	Address	Status
Joshua Harris	City View Drive, Syr.	Full/Active

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

Councilor	Kathy Fedrizzi	Voted	Yes
Councilor	Lisa M. Goodwin	Voted	Yes
Councilor	Ellen Magnarelli Terrien	-----	---
Councilor	John Wheatley	Voted	Yes
Supervisor	John P. Mahar	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

3c) Southwood Park Update

Councilor Goodwin reported that she has been working with the Town Attorney to create the proposed lease agreement with the Jamesville Dewitt school district to hopefully form a park district in that area. The proposed lease was given to the JD School District’s attorney for review.

3d) NYS Local Animal Shelter Donation Option Mandate

Town Councilor Kathy Fedrizzi requested the following resolution in order to comply with the new NY State mandate requiring an option to donate to a local animal shelter when licensing or renewing dog licences:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, NY State has issued a mandate that each municipality offers the **option** on all new dog licenses and renewals to donate to the pound or shelter managed by the municipality where the owners reside, or any organization which is contracted by such municipality to provide animal shelter services, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Onondaga currently has a contract with the CNY SPCA for the 2026 calendar year to provide certain services related to dangerous dogs;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board does hereby designate the CNY SPCA as the recipient of donations to accommodate the NYS donation option mandate on all new dog licenses and renewals.

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

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

4. Highway Superintendent’s Report

Town Highway Superintendent John Smith was excused. On his behalf, Supervisor Mahar reported that the Highway Department is currently picking up brush, doing concrete work and drainage. They have finished most of the big paving projects and will start mowing a second time in the next few weeks. The **Fall Cleanup** flyers will be sent out the last week of July and the first week of August.

5. Codes Officer’s Report

Codes Officer Jeff Herrick was excused, and Supervisor Mahar requested the following resolutions on his behalf:

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 authorize the refund to the Onondaga Hill Fire Department in the amount of \$400 that was charged for ZBA fees to replace an existing sign, which was later deemed unnecessary.

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	-----	---
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 Goodwin to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board authorize the approval of the one year contract with RJ Luchsinger to provide mowing and weed whacking services required by the DEC, along Onondaga Creek from Dorwin Ave. to the Onondaga Nation, in the amount of \$11,000.

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

Councilor	Kathy Fedrizzi	Voted	Yes
Councilor	Lisa M. Goodwin	Voted	Yes
Councilor	Ellen Magnarelli Terrien	-----	---
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 and seconded by Councilor Wheatley to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Onondaga Town Board authorize the purchase of a new iVu server software (motherboard) for the HVAC system at the Town Hall, from Carrier Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$5,780.

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

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor Mahar also reported that Codes Director Herrick and Codes Officer Raflowski will be at Beak & Skiff tomorrow doing a safety check walk-through prior to the JazzFest scheduled for this weekend.

6. Parks and Recreation Director’s Report

Parks and Recreation Director Charry Lawson reported on the newly installed “Traffic Garden” at Santaro Park. It is a miniature car-free street painted on the pavement in the fenced in area, that helps children learn bike safety. It is open to the public, and the Sheriff’s Department will also use this for their *Bike Rodeos* throughout the year. The ribbon cutting will be on July 29th at 1:00 p.m.

Parks Director Lawson also requested the following resolution:

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 authorizes the following Parks and Recreation seasonal payroll additions and changes:

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<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PAY RATE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Recreation Attendant	Emma Friot	\$16.60/hr.	6/26/26
Recreation Attendant	Deshea Lettsome	\$17.50/hr.	6/26/26
Recreation Attendant	Cayden Ribarovski	\$16.50/hr.	6/26/26
Recreation Attendant	Adaoma Boston	\$16.50/hr.	6/26/26
Recreation Attendant	Jessica Marshfield	\$17.50/hr.(change)	6/26/26
Recreation Attendant	Hailey Quinn	\$17.50/hr.(change)	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	-----	---
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 she received quotes for doing the electrical work at Santaro Park which involves running additional electricity to the pavilion. She said that Myriad Construction was the lowest bidder at \$2,320 and requested the following resolution:

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 Myriad Construction to run additional electricity to the Santaro Park pavilion in the amount of \$2,320.

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

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

7. Attorney’s Report

Town Attorney Stacy Marris reported that a request for a ZBA refund for the property at 5018 Onondaga Road was not received, therefore it will be addressed at the next meeting.

8. Engineer’s Report

Town Engineer Bill Perrine reported that the Town will be renewing the two-year drainage contract, as well as the sanitary sewer contract, and bid notices will be advertised in Sunday’s paper. Bid openings will take place on Tuesday August 11th, beginning at 3:00, and 4:00 pm.

9. Budget Transfers

Supervisor Mahar requested the following resolution:

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Onondaga Town Board authorize the following budget transfers:

BUDGET TRANSFERS

FROM		TO	AMT.	NOTES
A1110.402	EQUIP. MAINTENANCE	A1110.2 EQUIP.	\$540	IT EQUIP.
A1990.4	CONTINGENCY	A1620.4025 SOFTWARE LIC.	\$5,100	ADDITIONAL GOVT E-MAILS LICENSES & ANTIVIRUS
A1990.4	CONTINGENCY	A1910.401 INSURANCE	\$6,375	CYBER INSURANCE

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	-----	---
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 and seconded by Councilor Fedrizzi to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Onondaga Town Board authorize the following budget modifications:

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

FROM	TO	AMT.	NOTES
SF599 APPROP. FUND BAL	SF13410.401 INSURANCE	\$ 1,303	WC PREM. HOWLETT HILL FD
SF599 APPROP. FUND BAL	SF23410.401 INSURANCE	\$ 872	WC PREM. NAVARINO FD
SF599 APPROP. FUND BAL	SF33410.401 INSURANCE	\$ 652	WC PREM. NEDROW FD
SF599 APPROP. FUND BAL	SF43410.401 INSURANCE	\$ 927	WC PREM. ONON. HILL FD
SF599 APPROP. FUND BAL	SF63410.401 INSURANCE	\$ 1,679	WC PREM. SO. ONON. FD
SF599 APPROP. FUND BAL	SF73410.401 INSURANCE	\$ 707	WC PREM. SOUTHWOOD FD
SF599 APPROP. FUND BAL	SF83410.401 INSURANCE	\$ 1,469	WC PREM. TAUNTON FD

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	-----	---
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 and seconded by Councilor Fedrizzi to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Onondaga Town Board approve the 6/15/26 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	Voted	Yes
Councilor	Ellen Magnarelli Terrien	----	---
Councilor	John Wheatley	Voted	Yes
Supervisor	John P. Mahar	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

10. Abstract Approval - 6/29/26; 7/9/26

The following Abstracts were audited and approved for payment on 6/29/26:

- All General Fund Account on Abstract No 12, numbers 540 through 583 inclusive, totaling \$55,689.15.
- All Highway Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 12 numbers 254 through 264 inclusive, totaling \$19,443.56.
- All Parks Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 12 numbers 74 through 86 inclusive, totaling \$1,619.29.
- All Consolidated Drainage Accounts on Abstract No. 8, number 15, totaling 1,094.
- All Trust & Agency Accounts on Abstract No. 9, numbers 18 through 20, inclusive, totaling \$22,549.37.

The following Abstracts were audited and approved for payment on 7/9/26:

- All General Fund Account on Abstract No 13, numbers 584 through 618 inclusive, totaling \$35,104.47.
- All Highway Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 13, numbers 265 through 282 inclusive, totaling \$304,814.80.
- All Parks Fund Accounts on Abstract No. 13 numbers 87 through 99 inclusive, totaling \$3,859.36.

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 Tonw of Onondaga Town Board, the meeting be adjourned.

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

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The Town Board meeting of the Town of Onondaga adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Janet J. Hillery
Town Clerk