WATER BOARD MEETING
Tuesday November 10, 2026
3:30 P.M.
City Hall
Water Department Conference Room

Roll call was answered by: Commissioners Erdo, Chamberlain, Bortree, and Kristan
Absent: Semko
Others Present: Samantha Frederick, Clerk of the Board, Drew Campany, Water Superintendent, May T, Water Customer

The meeting opened at: 3:30pm

Item 1: Approval of September 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes

RESOLVED, to approve Water Board minutes of September 8, 2026, meeting minutes.

Moved by: Commissioner Chamberlain
Seconded by: Commissioner Erdo

Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Absent: 1

Motion: Carried

Item 2: Consideration of Leak Adjustment:

Property owner of 307 N Main St has formally requested the reconsideration of her previously denied leak adjustment request that was submitted for the October-December quarter. A previous leak adjustment was granted for this property back in December 2025 for repaired toilets in one of the apartments. The original December 2025 bill total was $1,713.53 and was adjusted to $1,177.61 (reduction of $535.92). This leak adjustment request is also for leaking toilets in a different apartment unit within the same building. Total unadjusted bill amount for December 2026 is $3,141.58 and the adjusted amount, if approved, would be $2,468.69 (reduction of $672.89). The property owner has shown proof of repairs to the toilets. According to City of Oneida Leak Adjustment Policy Threshold Considerations, “Customer has not received an adjustment within the last 48 months and all previous charges have been made current.” The latest leak adjustment request was therefore denied due to a previous leak adjustment that was applied within the last 48 months.

RESOLVED, to approve the reconsideration of the leak adjustment request for the September quarterly water bill for account # 03-109001-01.

Moved by: Commissioner Chamberlain
Seconded by: Commissioner Erdo

Ayes: 0
Nays: 4
Absent: 1

Motion: Denied

Discussion: The Water Board discussed several suggestions that could further assist the landlord with addressing the high usage. The suggestions included installing separate water meters, setting up an addendum to the current lease placing the water charges onto the responsibility of the tenant going forward as well as an escrow program within the lease to secure payment in advance.

(Added Item) Item 3: Waive Procedure of Item 4:

RESOLVED, to waive the procedure to accept Item 4 agenda item (late entry).

Moved by: Commissioner Erdo
Seconded by: Commissioner Chamberlain

Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Absent: 1

Motion: Carried

(Added Item) Item 4: Consideration and Board Recommendation of Potential Water Rates:

To discuss with the Board of Commissioners different options of potential water rate increases and financial impacts and affects to the water fund utilizing the water budget presentation of October 27, 2026 and proposed water rate budget sheets.

RESOLVED, to recommend the proposed water rate increases for the following categories: Quarterly 10%, Monthly 10 %, Wholesale 20 % and to increase the minimum charge by $22-30 (as indicated on the 2027 Proposed Water Rate Sheets).

Moved by: Commissioner Chamberlain

Seconded by: Commissioner Erdo

Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Absent: 1

Motion: (Recommended)

Discussion: The Board recommended a 10% increase to the water rates for 2027 based on the prior water rate adjustments and the ongoing financial needs of the water system. A 0% increase would significantly limit the city's ability to fund necessary improvements and infrastructure upgrades for many years going forward.

The City of Oneida Water Board adjourned at: 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Frederick
Clerk of the Board