

**MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Oneida, NY was held on the second day of September 2025 at 6:30 pm at the City of Oneida Common Council Chambers, 109 N. Main Street, Oneida NY 13421.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rick Rossi.

<b><u>Attendees</u></b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Arrived Late</b>
Mayor Rossi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Kyle Lovell, CM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Szczerba	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Laureti	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Hitchings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Winchell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Pagano	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Simchik	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

**Also Present**

City Attorney Nadine Bell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Safety Comm. Dave Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>
City Clerk Sandy LaPera	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire Chief Scott Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police Chief Steve Lowell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**REPORTS:**

- Mayor's Report
- City Manager's Report

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councilor  
Seconded by Councilor

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 19, 2025, are hereby approved as presented.

Ayes:

Nays:

**MOTION CARRIED/FAILED**

## APPROVAL OF WARRANT

Moved by Councilor  
Seconded by Councilor

**RESOLVED**, that Warrant No. 17, checks and ACH payments in the amount of \$651,120.89 as audited by the Voucher Committee are hereby approved for payment in the usual manner at the discretion of the Comptroller or a third party duly retained by the City of Oneida to perform such services.

Ayes:

Nays:

**MOTION CARRIED/FAILED**

1. **BUDGET TRANSFERS/AMENDMENTS**

**RESOLUTION 25-**

Moved by Councilor  
Seconded by Councilor

**RESOLVED**, to approve the budget transfers and amendments as outlined by the Comptroller or a third party duly retained by the City of Oneida to perform such services.

	To	From
2025 Budget Adjustments		
\$27,200.52	003.8110.0200.0000 Sewer Equipment	003.0022.2680.0000 Sewer Insurance Recovery

To re-allocate funds for the purchase of necessary equipment that was damaged during the 6/22/25 storm and reimbursed by insurance

\$10,000.00	001.5110.0402.0000 Tree Contract	001.0001.0912.0000 General Fund Balance
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To allocate funds needed to address tree trimming and removal related to the June storm event

Ayes:

Nays:

**MOTION CARRIED/FAILED**

## **2. CONVEYANCE OF AN ACCESS AGREEMENT-DAVID STIRPE**

### **RESOLUTION 25-**

Moved by Councilor  
Seconded by Councilor

**WHEREAS**, David Stirpe is owner of real property located at 558 Broadway Street in the City of Oneida, known as Tax Map No. 38.48-1-47, access to and over which is needed to complete the Oneida Rail Trail; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oneida is owner of real property located on Broadway Street in the City of Oneida, known as Tax Map No. 38.48-1-69.2, over which David Stirpe does desire access in order to obtain ingress and egress to his property; and

**WHEREAS**, in consideration for an access easement from the City of Oneida, David Stirpe does desire to provide the City with an easement for Rail Trail purposes.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that in exchange for the Rail Trail easement, the City of Oneida Common Council does hereby approve the conveyance of an access easement, by means of an easement agreement, over lands owned by the City of Oneida located on Broadway Street, known as Tax Map No. 38.48-1-69.2, to David Stirpe, owner of real property located at 558 Broadway Street, known as Tax Map No. 38.48-1-47, for residential ingress and egress purposes to the real property located at 558 Broadway Street, and authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents to facilitate such conveyance.

Ayes:

Nays:

**MOTION CARRIED/FAILED**

**DUE PROCESS HEARINGS-WATER/SEWER BILLS**  
**COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**109 N. MAIN ST. ONEIDA, NY 13421**  
**AUGUST 19, 2025**

The witness was sworn in by the City Clerk.

CUSTOMER NAME	PROPERTY ADDRESS	OWNER	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
Mary Smith		Same		\$170.00

**DUE PROCESS HEARING-WATER/SEWER BILLS**

Mary Smith

**RESOLUTION 25-**

Moved by Councilor  
Seconded by Councilor

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Article XIX of the City of Oneida Water Department Rules and Regulations, titled "Termination of Service," the Common Council will, upon receipt of a written request submitted to the Water Superintendent, conduct a Due Process Hearing prior to terminating a customer's water service; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Mary Smith properly requested a Due Process Hearing before the Common Council to contest the Water Department's decision to terminate his/**her**/their water service; **and**

**WHEREAS**, a Due Process Hearing was thereafter timely held on August 19, 2025, by the City of Oneida Common Council; **and**

**WHEREAS**, after failing to appear for the scheduled hearing, Mary Smith requested and was granted a subsequent hearing by the City Manager, said hearing being duly held on September 2, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Smith **appeared** before the Common Council at the aforementioned Due Process Hearing, **now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED**, that the following action has been approved by the Common Council:

NAME:	Mary Smith		
ADDRESS:			
ACCOUNT #:			
BILL DATES:	12/3/24 to 7/21/25	AMOUNT:	\$170.00

ACTION BY COUNCIL:

EXTENSION GRANTED UNTIL		AMOUNT:	
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL		AMOUNT:	
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TOTAL	\$170.00
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Ayes:

Nays:

MOTION CARRIED/FAILED

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PRESENTATION:** Liberty Resources-Transitional Housing Project

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** To discuss a personnel matter, with no action taken afterwards

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RESOLUTION 25-**

Motioned by Councilor

Seconded by Councilor

**RESOLVED**, that the meeting is hereby adjourned to Executive Session at \_\_\_\_p.m. to discuss a personnel matter, with no action taken afterwards.

Ayes:

Nays:

**MOTION CARRIED/FAILED**

**PRESENT:** ☐ Mayor ☐ City Manager ☐ Council ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

1. Discussion was held to: Discuss a personnel matter with no action taken afterwards.

Motioned by Councilor

Seconded by Councilor

**RESOLVED**, that Executive Session is hereby adjourned to the regular meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

Ayes:

Nays:

**MOTION CARRIED/FAILED**

Motion to adjourn by Councilor

Seconded by Councilor

Ayes:

Nays:

**MOTION CARRIED/FAILED**



The regular meeting is hereby adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

**CITY OF ONEIDA**

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Sandra LaPera, City Clerk