

**MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 21, 2021**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Oneida, NY was held on the 21st day of December, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Common Council Chambers, 109 N. Main, Oneida, NY 13421.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Helen Acker

<u>Attendees</u>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Arrived Late</b>
Mayor Acker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Earl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Laureti	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Coulthart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Kinville	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor DuBois	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Simchik	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

**Supervisors**

Matt Roberts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mary Cavanagh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Joe Magliocca	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Also Present**

City Attorney Nadine Bell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fire Chief Dennis Fields	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
City Clerk Sandy LaPera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Parks & Rec Director Luke Griff	<input type="checkbox"/>
City Engineer Jeff Rowe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Police Chief John Little	<input type="checkbox"/>
Codes Director Bob Burnett	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Safety Com. Kevin Salerno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comptroller Lee Ann Wells	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Councilor Elect Gary Reisman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Councilor Elect Rick Rossi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

**PROCLAMATION:** Oneida Healthcare Light A Light Program

# *Proclamation*

*City of Oneida - Office of the Mayor*

WHEREAS, the Oneida Health Auxiliary began in 1915 to support the needs of the hospital, its staff, and patients by providing comfort care items that are not included in the regular budget, and the Auxiliary has hosted several fundraisers and special events throughout the years to fund the needs of patients and residents alike, **and**

WHEREAS, the Oneida Health Auxiliary's Light a Light Program is a touching way to honor loved ones, special friends, and all people who make life better through the generous donations received from the community members, **and**

WHEREAS, a monetary gift in honor of those luminaries purchased through the Light a Light Program will directly benefit the patients and residents of Oneida Health and its Extended Care Facility in Oneida, **and**

WHEREAS, thanks to the generosity of donations received throughout the years, the Auxiliary has been able to purchase recliners, bariatric chairs, a portable cardiac monitor, and other items needed for patient and resident care, **and**

WHEREAS, the Auxiliary Members, through their dedication and tireless efforts, support and make a positive difference for Oneida Health, the many patients and nursing home residents, and for the entire community, **and now therefore**

I, **Helen B. Acker, Mayor** do hereby proclaim December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 as:

*Oneida Health Auxiliary's Light A Light Program Day*

in the City of Oneida and encourage all residents to join me in thanking the Oneida Health Auxiliary for all that they do to help our Community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the City of Oneida on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2021.

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Mayor Helen B. Acker

Prior to beginning the meeting, the Mayor requested a moment of silence for former Madison County Supervisor, Joe Ostrander, former Mayor, Leo Matzke and Board Member at Oneida Hospital, Vic Sirchia, who she recognized as being wonderful public servants and wonderful people who truly loved Oneida. City Attorney Bell stated that she worked with Vic Sirchia and that he was a good friend. Mayor Acker also stated that she recently buried her father and that this was a difficult time for all.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None  
**OLD BUSINESS:** None  
**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** None

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councilor Coulthart  
Seconded by Councilor Earl

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 7, 2021 are hereby approved as presented.

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 2 (Kinville/DuBois)

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### APPROVAL OF WARRANT

Moved by Councilor Earl  
Seconded by Councilor Laureti

**RESOLVED**, that Warrant No. 24, checks and ACH payments in the amount of \$3,159,139.06 as audited by the Voucher Committee are hereby approved for payment in the usual manner at the discretion of the Comptroller.

Ayes: 3  
Nays: 1 (Coulthart)  
Absent: 2 (Kinville/DuBois)

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**RESOLUTION 21-226**

Moved by Councilor Earl  
Seconded by Councilor Coulthart

**RESOLVED**, that Monthly Reports from the City Clerk, City Engineer, Codes Department, Comptroller, Fire Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Planning Department and Police Department are hereby received and placed on file.

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 2 (Kinville/DuBois)

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2022 WATER RATES, WATER SERVICE CHARGES AND SEWER RATES**

**RESOLUTION 21- 227**

Moved by Councilor Earl  
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

**RESOLVED**, that the 2022 City of Oneida Water Rates and Water Service Charges, attached hereto, be hereby approved, **and be it further**

**RESOLVED**, that the 2022 City of Oneida Sewer Rates, attached hereto, be hereby approved.

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 2 (Kinville/DuBois)

**MOTION CARRIED**

**INTRODUCE A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 180 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ONEIDA TO DESIGNATE BENNETT ROAD FOR THE USE AND OPERATION OF SNOWMOBILES**

**RESOLUTION 21-228**

Moved by Councilor Earl  
Seconded by Councilor Coulthart

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Local Law has been introduced and will be considered for enactment pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oneida Common Council has the authority to adopt provisions to advance and protect the safety and welfare of the community; **and**

**WHEREAS**, this amendment to the Code of the City of Oneida is necessary to ensure the safe operation of snowmobiles through the City of Oneida; **and**

**WHEREAS**, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of a local law in the City of Oneida, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) with respect to the proposed enactment of said Local Law, with the result that the Common Council shall act as lead agency in this matter; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of said Local Law is an unlisted action for purposes of environmental review under SEQRA and the Common Council has determined that a short environmental assessment form (EAF) shall be required in connection with this matter; **and**

**WHEREAS**, said EAF has been prepared and has been reviewed by the Common Council; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council has considered the adoption of said Local Law, has considered the criteria contained in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617.7 and has compared the impacts which may be reasonably expected to result from the adoption of said Local Law against said criteria.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that there are no other involved agencies, that the Common Council shall act as lead agency and that the enactment of the proposed Local Law is an unlisted action for purposes of SEQRA review; **and it is further**

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that the Common Council has determined this action shall have no significant adverse impact on the environment; that, accordingly, an environmental impact statement (EIS) shall not be required; and that this resolution shall constitute a negative declaration under SEQR; **and it is further**

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that the Common Council shall conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of the proposed Local Law at the Oneida City Hall located at 109 North Main Street, Oneida, New York on January 4, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject shall be heard; **and it is further**

**RESOLVED**, that notice of said public hearing shall be provided at least five (5) days prior to the date of said public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Oneida.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 (Kinville/DuBois)

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CITY OF ONEIDA**

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW**

**A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 180 OF THE CODE OF  
THE CITY OF ONEIDA TO DESIGNATE BENNETT ROAD  
FOR THE USE AND OPERATION OF SNOWMOBILES**

Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of Oneida, that this local law amends Chapters 180 of the Code of the City of Oneida, as follows:

**SECTION 1.            AUTHORITY.**

This local law is enacted pursuant to the New York State Constitution and New York Municipal Home Rule Law §10.

**SECTION 2.**

So that Section 180-48(B) of the City of Oneida Code is hereby amended to include a new Subsection (8), which shall read, in its entirety, as follows:

“(8)    Bennett Road, between the boundary line of Madison County and Harden Street.”

**SECTION 3.        EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Local Law shall be effective upon filing with the office of the Secretary of State.

City Attorney Bell advised that the City Code specifies the snowmobile trail that is permitted through the City of Oneida. In Section 48b, it designates which roads snowmobiles are permitted on. Currently the trail goes through the WWTP and the construction area, and adding Bennett Rd. to the designated trail will allow to go around that area. She advised that this is the first step, and if adopted, there would be a Resolution to adopt or accept a snowmobile trail map including Bennett Rd.

**APPROVE BIDS**

**RESOLUTION 21-229**

Moved by Councilor Earl  
Seconded by Councilor Coulthart

**RESOLVED**, that the following bids meeting specifications for each are hereby approved:

<b>Apparent Low Bidder</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>ALUMINUM SULPHATE</b> Holland Company Inc	153 Howland Avenue Adams, MA 01220-1199	\$ 74,800.00
<b>LIQUID ZINC ORTHOPHOSPHATE &amp; LIQUID POLYPHOSPHATE</b> Shannon Chemical Corporation	602 Jeffers Circle, Suite 116 Exton, PA 19341	\$ 45,431.10
<b>LIQUID CAUSTIC SODA</b> JCI Jones Chemicals Inc.	100 Sunny Sol Blvd Caledonia, NY 14423	\$ 25,050.00
<b>LIQUID CATIONIC POLYMER</b> SNF Polydyne Inc.	1 Chemical Plant Rd. Riceboro, GA 31323	\$ 71,300.00
<b>WWTP LABORATORY SERVICES (ANALYTICAL BID)</b> Certified Environmental Services	7280 Caswell St. North Syracuse, NY 13212	\$ 21,986.00

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 2 (Kinville/DuBois)  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVE BID-LIQUID CHLORINE & SOLIUM HYPOCHLORITE**

**RESOLUTION 21-230**

Moved by Councilor Earl  
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

**Whereas**, the City of Oneida Water Superintendent prepared specifications for Liquid Chlorine and Sodium Hypochlorite for City of Oneida, **and**

**Whereas**, one Bid (1) bid was received from Slack Chemical Company and did contain an exception to the prepared bid requiring a \$750.00 Cylinder Deposit on the One Ton Liquid Chlorine Cylinders and \$100.00 Cylinder Deposit of the 150 lbs. Liquid Chlorine Cylinders, **and**

**Whereas**, the Cylinder deposits are refundable upon return and is a minor exception, **now therefor be it**

**RESOLVED**, that the Bid for Liquid Chlorine and Sodium Hypochlorite in the amount of \$35,534.52 from Slack Chemical Company, 465 SO Clinton Street, Carthage NY 13619 is hereby approved.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 (Kinville/DuBois)

**MOTION CARRIED**

Councilor Laureti questioned the exception for this bid, and the City Clerk explained that the Water Superintendent had prepared specifications; however, the bid received included a minor exception that the Water Superintendent felt was minor and gave his recommendation to approve.

#### **AGREEMENTS-WATER DEPARTMENT**

##### **RESOLUTION 21-231**

Moved by Councilor Earl

Seconded by Councilor Simchik

**RESOLVED**, to authorize the Mayor to sign the following Water Department Agreements:

- 2022 Stockbridge Maintenance Agreement
- 2022 Prospect Street Maintenance Agreement
- 2020-2024 Leibl Enterprises Hydrant Agreement
- 2020-2024 Glenwood Plaza Hydrant Agreement

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 (Kinville/DuBois)

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **BUDGET TRANSFERS/AMENDMENTS:**

##### **RESOLUTION 21-232**

Moved by Councilor Earl

Seconded by Councilor Simchik



**RESOLVED**, to approve the following 2021 Budget Amendment/Transfers

	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>
\$ 8,000.00	001.1325.0101.0000 Chamberlain Salaries	001.9011.0807.0000 Police & Fire Retirement
<b><i>To re-allocate funds to cover Chamberlain Office Salaries</i></b>		
\$ 30,822.79	001.9089.0800.0000 Employee Benefits	001.9011.0807.0000 Police & Fire Retirement
<b><i>To re-allocate funds to cover year end employee buyback/payouts</i></b>		
\$ 1,830.00	003.9730.0700.0000 Sewer Interest on BAN	003.9089.0800.0000 Sewer Employee Benefits
<b><i>To re-allocate funds to cover interest on BAN</i></b>		

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 (Kinville/DuBois)

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Councilor Simchik noted that the old bell press was now off line and has been replaced. City Engineer Rowe advised that production is better, trucks can be filled in half the time with higher solids content, using less water.

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Coulthart

The regular meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

**CITY OF ONEIDA**

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Sandra LaPera, City Clerk