

**MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2023**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Oneida, NY was held on the nineteenth day of December 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Common Council Chambers, 109 N. Main, Oneida, NY 13421.

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Michelle Kinville.

<u>Attendees</u>	Present	Absent	Arrived Late
Mayor Acker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Szczerba	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Laureti	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Rossi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Kinville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Pagano	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>
Brandee DuBois	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Also Present

City Attorney Nadine Bell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire Chief Scott Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
City Clerk Sandy LaPera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Police Chief Steve Lowell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
City Engineer Jeff Rowe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Safety Com. Kevin Salerno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Codes Director Bob Burnett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Councilor Elect Andrea Hitchings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comptroller Lee Ann Wells	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilor Elect Rob Winchell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

PUBLIC COMMENT

ROBERT EATON-407 W. ELM ST. ONEIDA

Robert Eaton addressed the Council once again to inquire as to whether any decisions had been made regarding a Hen Law and asked what he needed to do to get this moving forward. Councilor Laureti

advised that he had started looking over information from minutes and research done by previous Councils and found that there was more opposition than interest. Mr. Eaton stated that this was quite a few years ago, and neighboring communities have already established guidelines and repercussions for if rules are not followed and stated that he was open to discussion to make this happen.

OLD BUSINESS: None
SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councilor Simchik
Seconded by Councilor Rossi

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 5, 2023, are hereby approved as presented.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF WARRANT

Moved by Councilor Rossi
Seconded by Councilor Pagano

RESOLVED, that Warrant No. 24, checks and ACH payments in the amount of \$875,048.15 as audited by the Voucher Committee are hereby approved for payment in the usual manner at the discretion of the Comptroller.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MONTHLY REPORTS

RESOLUTION 23-228

Moved by Councilor Rossi
Seconded by Councilor Szczerba

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: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

BUDGET TRANSFERS/AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION 23-229

Moved by Councilor Simchik

Seconded by Councilor Rossi

	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>
2023 & 2024 Budget Adjustments		
\$ 4,000.00	001.1989.0400.0000 Printing	001.1620.0401.0000 General Electric & Gas
<i>To re-allocate funds to cover printing costs</i>		
<u>2023 Budget</u>		
\$ 49,342.00	030.3410.0203.0000 ARPA-Fire Cardiac Monitor	030.0030.0912.000 ARPA Fund Balance
<u>2024 Budget</u>		
\$ (49,342.00)	030.3410.0203.0000 ARPA-Fire Cardiac Monitor	030.0030.0912.000 ARPA Fund Balance
<i>To allocate funds in the 2023 ARPA budget and remove from 2024 ARPA budget due to cost savings of \$5658 cost savings only available if ordered prior to 12/30/23</i>		
\$ 3,209.00	001.9089.0800.0000 General Fund Employee Benefits	001.1620.0401.0000 General Electric & Gas
\$ 15,200.00	002.9089.0800.0000 Water Fund Employee Benefits	002.8300.0436.0000 Water Contingency
<i>To re-allocate funds to cover disbursement of employee benefit time</i>		
\$ 35,000.00	001.9060.0805.0000 General Health Insurance	001.5110.0101.0000 Street Maintenance Salaries
<i>To re-allocate funds to cover the cost of contractual health insurance payouts to employees</i>		

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

BOARD REAPPOINTMENT-RECREATION BOARD

RESOLUTION 23-230

Moved by Councilor Rossi
Seconded by Councilor Pagano

RESOLVED, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Colleen Samura to the Recreation Board for a 3-year term.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2024 WATER RATES, WATER SERVICE CHARGES AND SEWER RATES

RESOLUTION 23-231

Moved by Councilor Simchik
Seconded by Councilor Rossi

RESOLVED, that the 2024 City of Oneida Water Rates and Water Service Charges, attached hereto, are hereby approved, **and be it further**

RESOLVED, that the 2024 City of Oneida Sewer Rates be hereby approved.

- Base Rate: \$10.69
- Rate per 100 Cubic Feet: \$7.56

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

BOARD REAPPOINTMENT-ETHICS BOARD

RESOLUTION 23-232

Moved by Councilor Simchik
Seconded by Councilor Rossi

RESOLVED, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Erwin Smith to the Ethics Board for a 4-year term.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
MOTION CARRIED

CELLULAR TELEPHONE ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

RESOLUTION 23-233

Moved by Councilor Rossi
Seconded by Councilor Pagano

RESOLVED, that the Employee Acknowledgement of Receipt and Understanding of the Cellular Telephone Administrative Policy from Fire Department Employees: Andrew Cooney, David Hoffman, Noel Strife, and Charles Kazlauskas, be hereby received and placed on file.

RESOLVED, that the Telephone Request Form from Fire Department Employees: Andrew Cooney, David Hoffman, Noel Strife, and Charles Kazlauskas, pursuant to the City of Oneida Cellular Telephone Policy adopted June 15, 2010, Resolution 10-153 and reaffirmed on May 17, 2016, be hereby approved.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
MOTION CARRIED

WATER DEPARTMENT AGREEMENTS

RESOLUTION 23-234

Moved by Councilor Simchik
Seconded by Councilor Rossi

RESOLVED, to authorize the Mayor to sign the following agreements:

- 2024 Marble Hill Maintenance Agreement
- 2024 Stockbridge Water District Maintenance Agreement
- 2024 Prospect Street Water District Maintenance Agreement

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE BID-LIQUID ALUMINUM SULFATE

RESOLUTION 23-235

Moved by Councilor Rossi
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED, to approve the apparent low bidder meeting specifications for Liquid Aluminum Sulfate to Holland Co. Inc., 153 Howland Ave., Adams, MA 01220.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE BID-LIQUID CHLORINE & SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE

RESOLUTION 23-236

Moved by Councilor Rossi
Seconded by Councilor Szczerba

RESOLVED, to approve the apparent low bidder meeting specifications for Liquid Chlorine & Sodium Hypochlorite to Slack Chemical Co., Inc. PO Box 30, 465 South Clinton St., Carthage, NY 13619.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

AUTHORIZATION-136 MADISON STREET

RESOLUTION 23-237

Moved by Councilor Rossi
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED, to authorize the Fire Marshal to retain a design professional to evaluate the structure located at 136 Madison Street, consistent with Resolution 23-175 approved on October 3, 2023.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION 23-238

Motioned by Councilor Rossi
Seconded by Councilor Pagano

RESOLVED, that the meeting is hereby adjourned to Executive Session at 6:38p.m. to
 Seek advice of Counsel Discuss a personnel matter pertaining to the City Manager

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Councilor Elect Andrea Hitchings and Councilor Elect Rob Winchell were invited to attend the Executive Session.

PRESENT: Council members, Councilor Elect Andrea Hitchings, Councilor Elect Rob Winchell

1. Discussion was held to discuss a personnel matter with no action taken.

Motioned by Councilor Rossi
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

RESOLVED, that Executive Session is hereby adjourned to the regular meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Rossi
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The regular meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

CITY OF ONEIDA

Sandra LaPera, City Clerk