

CITY CLERK

SANDY LAPERA, CITY CLERK

OCTOBER
2025

MONTHLY REPORT

Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
00100171255	Clerk Fees	Copies	1	1.25
		Genealogy	1	22.00
		Notary	14	28.00
	Vital Records	Acknowledgement of Paternity	4	0.00
		Births	102	1,020.00
		Deaths	125	1,250.00
		Government Use Copies - Free	12	0.00
		Marriage	22	220.00
	Sub-Total:			\$2,541.25
00100171258	Marriage License	Marriage License	7	122.50
		Sub-Total: \$122.50		
00100171260	ZBA	Site Plan - 10,001 sq. ft. or larger	1	1,100.00
		Site Plan Modification	1	100.00
		Sub-Total: \$1,200.00		
00100171265	Deed Recording Fee	DEED RECORDING FEE	31	930.00
		Sub-Total: \$930.00		
00100182263	Fire Permits	Alarms	12	380.00
	Solid Fuel Permit	Solid Fuel Permit	1	60.00
	Sub-Total: \$440.00			
00100202544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	36	396.00
		Female, Unspayed	5	125.00
		Male, Neutered	35	385.00
		Male, Unneutered	9	225.00
		Replacement Tags	4	20.00
	Dogs	Impoundment2	1	50.00
	Late Fee	Late Fee	13	220.00
	Sub-Total: \$1,421.00			
00100202545	Annual License Fees	Special Events License	1	25.00
	Application-Renewal Fee	Hens Permit	1	50.00
	Sub-Total: \$75.00			
00100202555	Building	Building Permits	18	4,973.99
		Certificate of Occupancy	19	475.00
		Signs	2	250.00
	Truss ID Permit	Truss ID Permit	1	50.00
	Sub-Total: \$5,748.99			

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Total Local Shares Remitted:				\$12,478.74
Amount paid to:	NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program			113.00
Amount paid to:	State Health Dept.			157.50
Total State, County & Local Revenues:		\$12,749.24	Total Non-Local Revenues:	\$270.50

To the Supervisor:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies received by me, Sandra LaPera, City Clerk, City of Oneida during the period stated above, in connection with my office, excepting only such fees and monies, the application of which are otherwise provided for by law.

Supervisor

Date

City Clerk

Date

CITY ENGINEER

JEFF ROWE

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City of Oneida
Engineering | Public Works

October 2025 Monthly Report

Prepared By: Jeffrey A. Rowe, P.E.
City Engineer



CITY OF ONEIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS
109 N. Main Street, Oneida, NY 13421

CITY OF ONEIDA - ENGINEERING | PUBLIC WORKS

Monthly Report – October 2025

A. Public Works Monthly Recap (Streets, Traffic, Mosquito, Garage, Sanitary Sewer Collection)

Public Works staff performed the General Maintenance tasks listed below during October 2025:

- Mowing (weekly)
- Sidearm and brush hog (weekly)
- Green waste pickup (bags and brush)
- Assist Traffic Department – painting and traffic loop repair
- Assist Water Department; sewer camera truck and hydrovac truck
- Masonry work – catch basins, manholes and sidewalks
- Loader work – green waste disposal site and DPW garage
- Rail Trail – paving with Madison County
- Stump removals – grinding, cleanup, topsoil/seed
- Bucket truck – set up Halloween decorations – Cleveland Ave
- Tree trimming and removals
- Street sweeper (daily)
- Remove garbage from downtown
- Sewer camera truck – sewer lines and laterals
- Fall Fest – preparation and cleanup
- Painting for Broad Street and Stone Street – crosswalks and stop bar
- Seneca Street and Belmont Ave – coordination with PD and relocate school zone signage
- Main Street and Walnut Street – traffic loop replacement, coordination with PC&G
- Summit Ave and Broadway Place – fabrication and installation of new signage

B. Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Treatment plant general maintenance ongoing

C. Water Distribution/Treatment

- Monthly water sampling
- Annual Sanitation Inspection by Madison County Health Department completed
- Commenced work on chlorine bulk storage building at Lake Street Pump Station
- Prepared and distributed Round 1 of Lead and Copper Sampling notice
- Renewed Forestry Management contract for 2026
- Completed quarterly TTHM and HA5 report for County Health Department

D. Buildings

- General maintenance ongoing
- Mowed Liberty Street and Clinch Park (2x) for Parks and Recreation Dept
- Installed cork boards in Water Department and Planning Department
- Leaf pickup and removals outside City Hall
- Replaced filters at City Hall and Kallet
- Cleaning carpets and flooring tiles at Court (Service Master)
- Shut down cooling tower (seasonal)
- Installed new gas valve in boiler at Kallet

E. Capital Projects

- Please find below a brief status update of on-going projects:

CITY OF ONEIDA - ENGINEERING | PUBLIC WORKS

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2025 Current Master Capital Project Summary		
Description	Status as of 10/31/25	Estimated Completion of Phase
WTP - Glenmore Dam Improvements	Construction	June 2026
Annual Street Resurfacing	Project Closeout	December 2025
Higinbotham Brook Culvert Replacement – Phase 1	Project Closeout	September 2025
Lake Street Pump Station Improvements	Project Closeout	October 2025
Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) Improvements	Secure Funding	Spring 2026
WWTP Improvements – Phase 3	Construction	January 2026
Sidewalk Replacement	Construction	November 2025

- **WTP – Glenmore Dam Improvements**

Status: Concrete load distribution beams – remaining 3 have been completed, Buttress anchors – all 8 anchors on west side have been drilled, set and grouted; drilling and consolidation grouting of east anchors are in progress; retaining wall facing and cap/apron concrete (east) – facing has been completed, upper anchors are in progress; Blowoff slide gate and stem guides – complete; Mud valve replacement – complete; Raw water piping replacement - complete.

- **WWTP Improvements**

Status: Two remaining influent pumps have been reconfigured and delivered to WWTP. ESG is continuing to work with contractors and WWTP plant staff to coordinate installation of influent pumps and maintain plant operations.

- **Lake Street Pump Station Improvements**

Status: Contractors addressing punch list items identified on notice of substantial completion.

- **Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) Improvements**

Status: Applications for additional grant funding being prepared.

- **Sidewalk Replacement**

Status: Contractor commenced work on October 7th. Work to be performed in several areas throughout the City. Anticipated completion during mid-November.

- **Annual Street Resurfacing**

Status: Assembling project documentation for submission to NYSDOT CHIPS program for funding reimbursement.

CODES DEPARTMENT

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CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

JAMES ACKERMAN
Code Enforcement Officer



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Monthly Report October 2025

Housing Inspections

	October	YTD
Inspections	7	65
Re-Inspections (housing, otr's & misc.)	15	105
No Shows	0	5
2 Family Units	3	36
3+ Family Units	4	29
Cancellations/rescheduled appts.	2	25
Complaints	8	120
Mowing/Grass Letter Sent	1	6
Lots Mowed by DPW	0	12
Misc. Trash Can and Junk Letters Sent	3	11
Door hangers left Order to Remedy	0	15
Appearance Tickets	0	2

Code Enforcement/Building

	October	YTD
Permits Issued	21	111
Cost	69469.77	86236.57
Certificate of Occupancy	1	9
Certificate of Compliance	4	84
Permit Extensions	3	26
Stop Work Order	1	9
Building Inspections (otr's, misc.)	26	155
Sign Permits	1	17
Sign Violations	0	0
Sign Compliance	0	0
Orders to Remedy-Fence/Trailer	0	1

Trash/junk letters and Door hangers- these numbers are combined for Housing and Code Enforcement

FIRE DEPARTMENT

SCOTT JONES, CHIEF

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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
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Scott Jones
Fire Chief



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***Oneida Fire Dept
Monthly Reports***

October, 2025

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Scott Jones, *Chief*



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Fire Department Revenue- **October ,2025**

Alarm Permits:	\$380
Solid Fuel Burning Permits:	\$60
Tent Inspections:	\$0
Fireworks	\$0
Fire Inspections:	\$1440

Inspected Properties:

2110 Glenwood Plaza
134 Main St
646 Lenox Ave
147-149 Cedar St
214 Sconondoa St
200 Lenox Ave
248 Main St
108 Main St

23 Reinspections

October, 2025	YTD
FIRE	\$870.34
RESCUE	523.67
NON-FIRE	3748.54
EMERGENCY RESPONSE TOTALS	\$5,142.55

TYPE OF CALLS REPORT
AND NUMBER OF CALLS

FIRE	4
RESCUE	141
NON FIRE	91
TOTAL	236



Overtime Expenditures

Acct	Start Bal	This period	YTD Bal
Regular 102	\$200,000.00	\$13,468.92	\$76,733.99
Train/EMS 107	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,672.03
Fire Mar 108	\$6,000.00	\$352.22	\$2,423.30
Train/Fire 109	\$26,906.42	\$2,829.43	\$7,600.66
Personal Leave 112	\$10,000.00	\$369.47	\$3,362.58
Short Shift 114	\$207,052.00	\$19,556.40	\$51,993.24

YTD Call Comparison

	2024	2025	DIFF
FIRE	36	54	18
RESCUE	1151	1218	67
NON FIRE	809	951	142
Totals:	1996	2223	227

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Fire Marshal's Office
Brian B. Burkle Jr., Fire Marshal
Andrew P. Bennett, Assistant Fire Marshal



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FIRE MARSHAL MONTHLY REPORT TOTAL COMMERCIAL AND PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PROPERTIES - 403 OCTOBER 2025

TOTAL INSPECTION HOURS	95.5
TOTAL INVESTIGATION HOURS	0
TOTAL FIRE PREVENTION HOURS	37
TOTAL OFFICE HOURS	132.5

OFFICE BREAKDOWN	TOTAL INSPECTIONS
BUSINESS INSPECTION	6
BUSINESS REINSPECTION	23
BUSINESS C OF C	10
PUBLIC ASSEMBLY INSPECTION	1
PUBLIC ASSEMBLY REINSPECTION	2
PUBLIC ASSEMBLY C OF C	1
OPERATING PERMITS	0
SOLID FUEL BURNING DEVICE	0
ORDER TO VACATE	0
VACANT BUILDING INSPECTIONS	0
TENT INSPECTIONS	0
FIREWORKS DISPLAY INSPECTION	0
OCCUPANCY LOAD RAING	0
COMPLAINTS	0
APPEARANCE TICKETS	5
NO SHOW	1
STOP WORK ORDER	0
FOOD TRUCK INSPECTIONS	0

OFFICE BREAKDOWN	TOTAL HOURS
MEETINGS	15
PLAN REVIEW	1
PRE PLAN	0

OFFICE BREAKDOWN CONT'D**TOTAL HOURS**

KNOX BOX WORK	0
FIRE EXTINGUISHER REPAIR	0
911 ADDRESSING	0
MISCELLEANOUS	8.5
CODES TRAINING	0
FIRE INVESTIGATION	0
FIRE INVESTIGATION TRAINING	0
FIRE PREVENTION	58
SMOKE DETECTOR INSTALLATION	1
SMOKE DETECTORS INSTALLED	3
CO DETECTORS INSTALLED	0

FIRE MARSHAL' S ACTIVITIES

ARC Fire Station Tour.

Fire Prevention presenation at Willard Prior Elementary.

Fire Prevention presenation at Seneca Street Elementary.

Fire prevention presentation at Knee High to Knowledge 3yo and 4yo classes.

Issued Appearance Tickets to 127 Genesee St, 131 Genesee St, 204 Genesee St, 228 Genesee St, 1000 Oneida Plaza

Fire Prevention presenation at Oneida Area Daycare.

Attended Trunk or Treat at Vets Field.

PARKS & RECREATION

LUKE GRIFF, DIRECTOR

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MONTHLY REPORT

Rick Rossi
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Lucas M. Griff
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October 2025

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

STEVE VONDERWEIDT, DIRECTOR

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Department of Planning and Development



Monthly Report — October 2025

Overview

October was a productive and outward-facing month for the Department of Planning and Development. Our work focused on continuing key Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) projects, strengthening regional partnerships, and improving internal review and permitting procedures. The department also represented the City at a major statewide planning summit, gaining valuable connections that will support housing and redevelopment goals in the months ahead.

Highlights & Recent Achievements

- **Empire State Development (ESD) Planning Summit – October 22:** Director Steve Vonderweidt attended this full-day event focused on Micron-related regional growth, workforce development, and housing readiness. The summit provided extensive networking opportunities with state and local leaders. Key new contacts include a housing developer specializing in mixed-income and workforce housing, with follow-up conversations planned to explore downtown redevelopment opportunities.
- **Hotel Oneida Project:** Water service was restored to the property, enabling asbestos abatement and continuation of selective demolition. Project partners reaffirmed investor commitment despite delays associated with the Hotel Syracuse project. Regular site coordination continues with the demolition contractor and City Manager Kyle Lovell.
- **Devereaux & Lerman Buildings:** Meetings were held among the City Manager, ESD, DOS, the Madison County IDA, and prospective new owners. DOS has confirmed the proposed transfer is acceptable if fair and reasonable. The vision remains to redevelop the three properties into a live/work mixed-use community for small business owners and artisans.
- **AYSO Soccer Fields / Veterans Park Improvements:** After successful design meetings with C&S Engineers, initial concept sketches were received. The City provided consolidated comments and anticipates construction to begin in spring 2026 following permit and design finalization.
- **Flood Mitigation Plan RFP:** A new request for proposals was finalized to obtain cost estimates for a comprehensive citywide flood mitigation plan. The document mirrors prior City RFPs but streamlines timelines and adds grant-management and MWBE participation language to ensure compliance once funding is secured.

- DEC Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure (ZEVIN) Grant – Contract C02678G: The Department secured an official deadline extension from the NYS DEC and updated contact information. The MWBE/SDVOB Utilization Plan has been drafted and submitted for review; troubleshooting of the online portal is underway.

Interagency & Regional Coordination

Continued collaboration with Madison County Planning and NYSDOT Region 2 on GML §239-m/f referrals. Maintained standing communication with DOS and ESD on DRI project scopes and eligibility compliance. Coordinated with Kipp Hicks, Madison County IDA Executive Director, on shared downtown redevelopment goals and future incentive alignment.

Local Law & Policy Development

Wireless Communications (Tower Siting) Review: Began comparative research of peer municipal ordinances (e.g., Rome NY, Canastota, Cortland) to frame a modernized tower-siting code balancing telecommunications needs with local control. A draft outline is being prepared for legal review and subsequent PCZBA discussion.

Vehicle Storage Complaint – Commercial Zoning: Analyzed the City Code and confirmed that unrestricted on-site vehicle accumulation is not permitted solely by virtue of a commercial zoning designation; coordination with Codes staff continues on enforcement guidance.

Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals (PCZBA)

Prepared the full November 18 meeting packet in advance, using the verified September 9 format (page headers, motion tables, and standardized roll-call checklist). Implemented the public hearing notice template approved in October, ensuring consistency across all future hearings. Enhanced internal packet assembly workflow to separate short vs. long agendas and streamline the transition from draft to final minutes.

Codes & Department Support

Continued administrative oversight of Codes operations, including coordination with Officer Jay Ackerman and City Clerk Jeannie Markle on meeting documentation. Assisted with property inquiries, floodplain determinations, and code interpretations for developers and residents. Reviewed procedures for vehicle storage, signage, and accessory-structure permits to ensure alignment with current zoning standards.

Public Communication & Mapping

Responded to multiple resident inquiries on zoning and floodplain matters. Maintained coordination with the City Assessor to improve GIS data integrity for zoning boundaries and overlays. Drafted an internal guide for staff on SEQRA Type I/II determinations and referral routing to external agencies.

Administrative & Budget Items

Completed review of the proposed 2026 City Budget, identifying stable funding levels for Planning and Codes operations. No major reductions expected; existing contractual lines

remain adequate to support grant matches and professional-services tasks. Continued digitization of department templates and shared drive organization for Planning and Codes.

Looking Ahead (November Priorities)

- Submit finalized ZEVIN Utilization Plan to DEC and resolve portal upload errors.
- Release and advertise the Flood Mitigation Plan RFP.
- Conduct follow-up meeting with the mixed-income housing developer from the ESD Summit to explore potential sites and funding structures.
- Finalize Comprehensive Plan & Form-Based Code consultant contract following Council authorization.
- Continue assembling December PCZBA packet and verifying all public notice requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

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October 2025 Monthly Report

Overtime: The Department had a total of \$23,650 in overtime for the month of October before any reimbursements were requested. The Department endeavors to keep overtime costs responsible while providing the best quality services.

Activity: As a matter of continued exceptional service, during the month of October Oneida Police handled 983 service incidents, issued 140 traffic tickets and 1 parking ticket, and made 68 arrests.



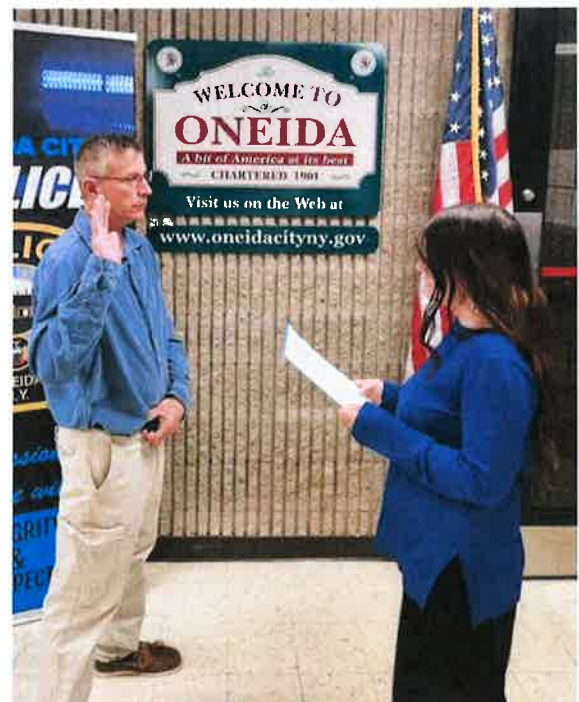
The month kicked off with the annual Oneida Fall Festival on October 4th, where officers and administrative staff enjoyed spending the day connecting with residents. Officers were on duty throughout the event to ensure everyone's safety. The department hosted an informational table, where attendees could meet officers, ask questions, and pick up a variety of crime prevention and public safety related materials. Events like the Fall Festival provide valuable opportunities for the department to strengthen relationships with community members in a positive, approachable setting.

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The department participated in Operation Safe Stop on October 22nd, a statewide education and enforcement initiative aimed at protecting children from motorists who illegally pass stopped school buses. By taking part in this annual effort, the department reinforced its commitment to traffic safety and to safeguarding the community's youngest residents.

We are proud to welcome Community Service Officer Paul Kodya as the newest member of the Oneida City Police Department! In his role, CSO Kodya will assist with a variety of community-oriented tasks that support officers in their daily operations and enhance public service throughout the city. His addition represents the department's continued investment in strengthening its relationship with residents and providing responsive, community-centered policing. The department is excited to have CSO Kodya on board and looks forward to his contributions toward maintaining the safety and overall well-being of the Oneida community.



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On October 25th, the department partnered with BRIDGES for National Prescription Drug Take Back Day at Tractor Supply Co. The event offered residents a safe and anonymous way to dispose of unused or expired medications while also providing free Narcan training. Thanks to strong community participation, the effort contributed to a safer environment and helped prevent potential misuse of prescription drugs.

On that same day, the department joined the community at Trunk or Treat in Vet's Field, celebrating Halloween with families, decorated vehicles, and plenty of candy. The event, organized by Oneida Parks and Recreation, was a great success and served as another opportunity for officers to connect with residents in a fun and friendly setting.



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We concluded October on a heartwarming note as the department introduced Dobby, the newest member of the Oneida City Police family. Dobby's story began when he was found wandering the streets, and with the help of Wanderers' Rest Humane Association, he soon found his forever home with Assistant Chief Will Clark and his family. Dobby now comes to work each day alongside Assistant Chief Clark, greeting visitors, brightening the station, and lifting spirits throughout the department. His playful energy and friendly demeanor have quickly made him a symbol of compassion, second chances, and the strong sense of family that defines the Oneida City Police Department.