



CITY OF ONEIDA
MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
109 N. MAIN ST., ONEIDA, NY 13421

AGENDA

Date:	March 17, 2026	Presiding:	Rick Rossi, Mayor
Time:	6:30 p.m.	Clerk:	Sandy LaPera, City Clerk
Location:	Common Council Chambers	Meeting Type:	Regular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special <input type="checkbox"/>

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

PUBLIC COMMENT: Limited to 3 minutes

OLD BUSINESS:

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

PRESENTATION: Director of Planning and Development-Steve Vonderweidt

A comprehensive overview of the City's Downtown Revitalization Initiative projects. This presentation will help clearly communicate where each project stands, what obstacles remain, and what the path forward looks like for implementation.

Approval of the Minutes: March 3, 2026

Approval of Warrant: 6

Item	Title	Facilitator
1.	DEED RECORDING FEES: approve to increase the Deed Recording Fees in the City of Oneida to \$40	STEDMAN
2.	ADVERTISE FOR RFP: Authorize the Director of Planning and Development to advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the installation and operation of an electric vehicle charging station.	VONDERWEIDT
3.	BUDGET TRANSFERS/AMENDMENTS: 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	WELLS

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4.	2026 WALK FOR AUTISM: approve the Special Event application from Jennifer and Ben Bailey for a 2026 Walk for Autism on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 10am to 2pm and authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement for the City of Oneida to co-sponsor this event	LAPERA
5.	SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM: receive and place on file the Final Assessment Roll for the 2025 Sidewalk Replacement Program, and schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 6:30pm in Common Council Chambers, 109 N. Main St., Oneida	CITY MANAGER

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION: City Budget



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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rick Rossi, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

<u>Attendees</u>	Present	Absent	Arrived Late
Mayor Rossi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> : _____
City Manager Lovell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> : _____
Councilor McHugh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> : _____
Councilor Cimpi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> : _____
Councilor Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> : _____
Councilor Jones	<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 Bell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supervisor: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attorney (Other)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supervisor: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire Chief Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police Chief Lowell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor

Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on March 3, 2026, are approved as presented.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: Passed Failed

APPROVAL OF WARRANT

Motion by Councilor
Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, that Warrant No. 6, including checks and ACH payments totaling \$_____, as audited by the Voucher Committee, is hereby approved for payment in the usual manner at the discretion of the Comptroller.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: Passed Failed

1. A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INCREASE TO THE CITY OF ONEIDA DEED RECORDING FEE

RESOLUTION 26-

Moved by Councilor

Seconded by Councilor

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Oneida previously established a Deed Recording Fee in the amount of thirty dollars (\$30.00) by Resolution No. 13-41, adopted on February 19, 2013, in accordance with Local Law No. 1 of 2013 adopted on February 20, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Deed Recording Fee has remained unchanged since its adoption in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed the current fee and determined that an adjustment is appropriate in order to better align the City of Oneida's Deed Recording Fee with the practices of other local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed increase will assist the City in offsetting administrative costs associated with the processing and recording of deeds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Oneida hereby approves an increase to the City of Oneida Deed Recording Fee from thirty dollars (\$30.00) to forty dollars (\$40.00); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this revised fee shall take effect immediately upon adoption of this resolution and shall be incorporated into the City's fee schedule.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: Passed Failed



CITY OF ONEIDA NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR

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February 24, 2026

City of Oneida
Common Council

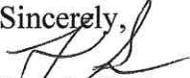
RE: Increase of Deed Recording Fees

Dear Council Members,

I have been researching the charge for Deed Recording in the City. Currently there is a \$30.00 charge in Oneida. The fee has not increased in many years. I compared that to Madison County, Oneida County, Utica and Rome. The average for them is \$37.00.

I would like to request that we increase the fee to \$40.00. This would closer align with what is being charged in the area.

If you have any questions, please call the Assessor's office at 315-363-7579. Or email me at lstedman@oneidacityny.gov

Sincerely,

Lonnie Stedman
City Assessor

FEE SCHEDULE FOR RECORDING OF DEEDS IN THE CITY OF ONEIDA

RESOLUTION 13-41

Moved by Councilor Cimpi
Seconded by Councilor Zogby

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Local Law No. 1 of 2013 to amend Section 5.27 of the Oneida City Charter titled Filing of Completed Assessment Roll; the following fee schedule is hereby approved:

Filing Fee for Recording of Deeds:	\$30.00
Fee for Copies related to Deed Filings:	\$ 5.00
Filing Fee for Recording Subdivision Map	\$10.00

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Adopted February 19, 2013

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2013

ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL 02/19/13 – RESOLUTION NO. 13-36

RESOLVED, that **LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2013** to amend Section 5.27 of the Oneida City Charter, titled Filing of Completed Assessment Roll, to include an obligation to file and record every deed of conveyance and subdivision map with the City Assessor be adopted as follows:

SECTION 1.

So that Section 5.27 of the Oneida City Charter shall be amended so as to read, in its entirety, as follows:

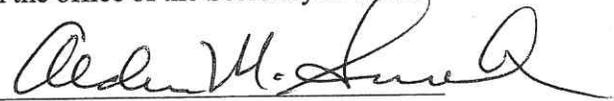
“Section 5.27. Filing of completed assessment roll.

- A. Consistent with the provisions of the Real Property Tax Law and the Municipal Home Rule Law, for the purpose of enabling the Assessor to prepare and perpetuate a more perfect record of the names of owners and claimants of real property within the City of Oneida, every deed of conveyance of lands in said City, or other instrument in writing, whereby the ownership of said lands shall be changed, made and executed after this local law takes effect, shall, before the same be received for record by the Clerk of the County of Madison, be presented at the office of the Assessor, who shall note the transfer of title upon their records. Such presentation to the Assessor shall be noted upon such deed, or other written instrument. Each and every map or plat of lands within the City, showing a subdivision of such lands into blocks or lots, shall, before it shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Madison, or in any City office, be presented to the Assessor and copy thereof filed in the office of the Assessor. Such presentation to the Assessor shall be noted upon the original map or plat. The fee for recording the aforementioned deeds, written instruments, and maps or plat, with the Assessor shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Common Council.
- B. The Assessor shall file the original and two certified copies of the finally completed assessment roll in the office of the City Clerk on or before the first day of August.

On or before the first day of September, the City Clerk shall deliver one certified copy to the Chairman or Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Madison. The original assessment roll shall be delivered to the City Chamberlain as provided in Section 5.30.”

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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



Alden M. Smith, Acting Mayor
February 20, 2013

2. ADVERTISE FOR RFP-ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION

RESOLUTION 26-

Moved by Councilor
Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, to authorize the Director of Planning and Development to advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the installation and operation of an electric vehicle charging station.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: Passed Failed

3. BUDGET TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION 26-

Moved by Councilor

Seconded by Councilor

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

	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>
2026 Budget Adjustments		
\$ 14,700.00	003.8110.0400.0002 Sewer Rehab Expense	003.0003.0912.0000 Sewer Fund Balance
<i>To allocate funds to cover charges involved with an emergency repair</i>		
\$ 37,880.23	001.1620.0403.0001 Contracts MB/FD	001.0022.2680.0000 Insurance Recovery
<i>To re-allocate funds to apply the insurance funds received to cover the repairs to the heating/cooling system</i>		

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: Passed Failed

4. SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION-2026 WALK FOR AUTISM/CITY OF ONEIDA CO-SPONSOR

RESOLUTION 26-

Moved by Councilor

Seconded by Councilor

WHEREAS, Jennifer and Ben Bailey, on behalf of “Families First”, have submitted a Special Event Application requesting approval to host the 2026 Walk for Autism in the City of Oneida; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this event is to raise awareness and support for individuals and families affected by autism within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Oneida recognizes the importance of this event and its positive impact on the community, as well as the mission of Families First in supporting local families; and

WHEREAS, the event organizers have agreed to comply with all necessary permitting, safety, and logistical requirements as set forth by the City of Oneida; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oneida wishes to co-sponsor this event in support of autism awareness and advocacy efforts within the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Oneida, that:

1. The Special Event Application submitted by Jennifer and Ben Bailey for the 2026 Walk for Autism through Families First is hereby approved.
2. The City of Oneida shall co-sponsor the event, providing necessary municipal support as deemed appropriate by city officials.
3. The event organizers shall coordinate with the City of Oneida’s departments, including public safety, public works, and any other relevant agencies, to ensure a safe and successful event.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: Passed Failed

5. FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL-2025 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 26-

Moved by Councilor
Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, that the final Assessment Roll for the 2025 Sidewalk Replacement Program, is hereby received and placed on file, **and be it further**

RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing regarding said Assessment Roll will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 6:30pm in Common Council Chambers, 109 N. Main St., Oneida, NY.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: Passed Failed

Address Number	Street Name	Applicant Name	Replacement area covered under 50/50 program (sqft)	Total Bill Amount
320	Broad	Carrie Riley	117.5	\$1,042.81
524	Broad	Andrew VanNortwick	200	\$1,775.00
312	Carpenter	Randy Lagoy	92.5	\$820.94
225	Cottage	Lance & Moira Yardley	75	\$665.63
257	E Walnut	Dan & Janet Jones	350	\$3,106.25
205	E Sands	Andrew Greico	98.8	\$876.85
325	Earl	Anthony Defazio	280	\$2,485.00
336-338	Elizabeth	Donald Kahler	282.5	\$2,507.19
344	Elizabeth	Daniel S Maniacek	125	\$1,109.38
415	Franklin	Rene F. Hunter	475	\$4,215.63
557	Lenox	Ricardo Gallup	368	\$3,266.00
559	Lenox	Michael Winton	318	\$2,822.25
308	Main	Anne Russell Brien DDS	95	\$843.13
312-314	Main	Anthony Caletka	372	\$3,301.50
347	Main	Scott Rapasadi	380	\$3,372.50
218	N Broad	Gloria & Wayne Grow	130	\$1,153.75
111	N Warner	Weal N. Barahmeh	50	\$443.75
129	N Warner	Diane English	187.5	\$1,664.06
224-226	North St	Donald Kahler	95	\$843.13
402	Seneca	Annette Clark	233	\$2,067.88
107	Sherman	Lucelle Tapalski	100	\$887.50
125	Sherman	Kevin Staple	75	\$665.63
121	St Joseph Place	Scott Rapasadi	305	\$2,706.88
542	Stone	Linda Wanfried	150	\$1,331.25
531	Tilden	Ken & Carmela Endemann	325	\$2,884.38
378	Washington	Robert Carello	120	\$1,065.00
Total				\$47,923.23

<- Amount owed by neighboring property owner at 334 Elizabeth St.
\$ 465.94

NEW BUSINESS:

COUNCIL DISCUSSION: City Budget

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor
Seconded by Councilor

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: Passed Failed

The meeting adjourned at _____ p.m.

CITY OF ONEIDA

Sandra LaPera, City Clerk