



CITY OF ONEIDA COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date:	April 7, 2026	Presiding:	Rick Rossi, Mayor
Time:	6:30pm	Clerk:	Sandy LaPera, City Clerk
Location:	Common Council Chambers	Meeting Type:	Regular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special <input type="checkbox"/>

CALL TO ORDER

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

Attendees

	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"/>

PROCLAMATION:

Bikers Against Child Abuse (Steve Vonderweidt/Members of B.A.C.A)

CITY OF ONEIDA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Bikers Against Child Abuse® (B.A.C.A.) is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a safer environment for abused children and empowering them to feel stronger, safer, and less afraid of the world in which they live; and

WHEREAS, members of the Bikers Against Child Abuse® Syracuse Chapter proudly serve communities throughout Central New York, including the City of Oneida and Madison County, by supporting children who have experienced abuse and standing beside them so they know they are not alone; and

WHEREAS, B.A.C.A. volunteers work in cooperation with families, law enforcement, social services, and the judicial system to help abused children regain confidence, courage, and a sense of safety while navigating difficult circumstances; and

WHEREAS, April is recognized nationally as Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about the prevention of child abuse and to strengthen community efforts to ensure that every child grows up in a safe and supportive environment; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, compassion, and service of Bikers Against Child Abuse® members help raise awareness and provide support for vulnerable children in our region;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Rossi, Mayor of the City of Oneida, do hereby proclaim **April 7, 2026**, as

BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE® AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Oneida and I encourage all residents to recognize the importance of protecting children, supporting victims of abuse, and working together to ensure that every child in our community grows up safe, valued, and supported.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the City of Oneida on this 7th day of April 2026.

RICK ROSSI, MAYOR

PUBLIC HEARING: 2025 Assessment Roll-Sidewalk Replacement Program

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING
2025 ASSESSMENT ROLL-SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION 26-

Moved by Councilor
Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing for the 2025 Assessment Roll-Sidewalk Replacement Program is hereby opened at ____pm.

Ayes: ____

Nays: ____

Absent: ____

MOTION RESULT: Passed Failed

APPEARANCES

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING
2025 ASSESSMENT ROLL-SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION 26-

Moved by Councilor
Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing for the 2025 Assessment Roll-Sidewalk Replacement Program is hereby closed at ____pm.

Ayes: ____

Nays: ____

Absent: ____

MOTION RESULT: Passed Failed

PUBLIC COMMENT:

OLD BUSINESS:

CITY MANAGER'S REMARKS:

MAYOR'S REMARKS:

PRESENTATION: Arthur Kerr-Route 5 Development Project

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor

Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on March 17, 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. 7, 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. 2025 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM ASSESSMENT ROLL

RESOLUTION 26-

Moved by Councilor
Seconded by Councilor

WHEREAS, on or about March 17, 2026, the City of Oneida Common Council received and placed on file the Assessment Roll that has been prepared for the 2025 Sidewalk Replacement Program; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 18, 2026, due notice of the completion of said Assessment Roll and of the filing of same with the City Clerk, and of the time and place when and where this Council would meet to hear and consider any objections to the said Assessment Roll, and for the purpose of receiving, correcting, or amending the same, was duly provided to each property owner on said Assessment Roll, as was publication of a notice thereof in the official newspaper; and

WHEREAS, the Council duly met at the time and place specified in said notice, to wit; in Council Chambers, Oneida Municipal Building, 109 N. Main St., Oneida, NY on the seventh day of April, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. and a hearing was duly held upon said assessment roll; **now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article VI of the Oneida City Charter, titled "Assessments for Local Improvements," Section 6.5, the sidewalk replacement program having been completed, the Common Council does hereby assess the cost and expense incidental thereto; **and be it further**

RESOLVED, that in furtherance of such assessment, the Common Council does hereby confirm the Assessment Roll for the 2025 Sidewalk Replacement Program as amended, corrected, or altered by this Council, and does further deem the report of assessment to be final and correct; **and be it further**

RESOLVED, that the Common Council does hereby authorize the City Manager and the City Clerk to sign said Assessment Roll and file same with the City Chamberlain for collection. The amount assessed against each parcel of real property shall become and be a first lien upon such parcel of real property until fully paid.

Councilor McHugh _____
Councilor Cimpi _____
Councilor Smith _____
Councilor Jones _____
Councilor Pagano _____
Councilor Simchik _____

MOTION RESULT: Passed Failed

2. BUDGET TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION 26-

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.

	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>
2026 Budget Adjustments		

\$ 25,000.00	001.1620.0403.0001 Contracts MB/FD	001.0001.0912.0000 General Fund Balance
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To allocate funds to cover insurance deductible charges involved with an emergency repair

\$ 50,000.00	002.8300.0302.0000 Water Equipment Maint & Repair	002.8300.0436.0000 Water Contingency
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To re-allocate funds from the appropriated contingency line to fund unforeseen water equipment repairs & replacements

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: Passed Failed

3. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (OPFA)

RESOLUTION 26-

Moved by Councilor

Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Oneida Paid Firefighters Association, Local 2692 (OPFA), providing for compensation to members for all documented paramedic training in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the agreement.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: Passed Failed

4. AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR CYBERSECURITY SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS

RESOLUTION 26-

Moved by Councilor
Seconded by Councilor

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Information Technology Services (ITS) and the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) have developed an Intergovernmental Agreement to enhance cybersecurity capabilities for participating municipalities through the New York Security Operations Center (NYSOC); and

WHEREAS, said Agreement provides access to Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) software and related cybersecurity services, including monitoring, threat detection, response support, and training, to improve the protection of municipal systems and critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oneida is eligible to participate in this program, which includes the provision of EDR software licenses and services at no cost to the City for an initial term of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, participation requires the City to collaborate with the State by deploying the software, maintaining system compatibility, and sharing certain cybersecurity data to enhance statewide threat detection and response capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds that participation in this program will strengthen the City's cybersecurity posture, improve incident response capabilities, and support the protection of public systems and data;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Oneida hereby authorizes the City to enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement with the New York State Office of Information Technology Services and the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the provision of Endpoint Detection and Response cybersecurity services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement and any and all documents necessary or related thereto.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: Passed Failed

NEW BUSINESS:

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