



CITY OF ONEIDA

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date:	August 18, 2026	Presiding:	Tom Simchik, Deputy Mayor
Time:	6:30pm	Clerk:	Sandy LaPera, City Clerk
Location:	Common Council Chambers	Meeting Type:	Regular ☒ Special ☐

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Tom Simchik, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Attendees

Present

Absent

Arrived Late

Mayor Rossi	☐	☒	☐ : _____
City Manager Lovell	☒	☐	☐ : _____
Councilor McHugh	☒	☐	☐ : _____
Councilor Cimpi	☐	☒	☐ : _____
Councilor Smith	☒	☐	☐ : _____
Councilor Jones	☐	☒	☐ : _____
Councilor Pagano	☒	☐	☐ : _____
Councilor Simchik	☒	☐	☐ : _____

Also Present

City Attorney Bell	☐	Supervisor: _____	☐
Attorney Wendy Loughnot	☒	Supervisor: _____	☐
Fire Chief Jones	☒	Water Super. Drew Campany	☒
Police Chief Lowell	☒	Parks & Rec Dir. Luke Griff	☒

PROCLAMATION: Purple Heart Day

Proclamation

City of Oneida - Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Oneida proudly supports our nation's military veterans and honors the men and women who have served—and continue to serve—with courage and distinction in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the nation's oldest military decoration still awarded, established by General George Washington in 1782 as the Badge of Military Merit. It is presented to members of the U.S. Armed Forces who have been wounded or made the ultimate sacrifice in combat against an enemy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Military Order of the Purple Heart promotes patriotism, supports combat-wounded veterans and their families, advocates for veterans, and works to ensure the sacrifices of Purple Heart recipients are never forgotten; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oneida is honored to recognize the courage, sacrifice, and selfless service of all Purple Heart recipients who have defended our nation and its freedoms;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Rossi, Mayor of the City of Oneida, do hereby proclaim August 18, 2026, as

“PURPLE HEART DAY”

in the City of Oneida and encourage all residents to join in honoring the courageous men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart. Let us remember their sacrifices, recognize their unwavering dedication to our nation, and express our enduring gratitude for their service to our country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the City of Oneida on this 18th day of August, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None
OLD BUSINESS: None

SUPERVISOR'S REMARKS: None
MAYOR'S REMARKS: None
CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: See Attachment A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilor McHugh
Seconded by Councilor Smith

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular meeting held on August 4, 2026, are approved as presented.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 (Rossi/Cimpi/Jones)

MOTION RESULT: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Meeting

Motion by Councilor Smith
Seconded by Councilor Pagano

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Special meeting held on August 11, 2026, are approved as presented.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 (Rossi/Cimpi/Jones)

MOTION RESULT: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

APPROVAL OF WARRANT

Motion by Councilor Pagano
Seconded by Councilor McHugh

RESOLVED, that Warrant No. 16, including checks and ACH payments totaling \$1,611,837.35, as audited by the Voucher Committee, is hereby approved for payment in the usual manner at the discretion of the Comptroller.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 (Rossi/Cimpi/Jones)

MOTION RESULT: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

WAIVE RULE TO ACCEPT AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTION 26-114

Moved by Councilor Pagano
Seconded by Councilor McHugh

RESOLVED, that per Resolution 08-180 adopted by the Common Council on August 19, 2008, the provisions of the procedure to accept agenda items are hereby waived.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 (Rossi/Cimpi/Jones)

MOTION RESULT: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

HIGH PRESSURE ZONE STUDY

RESOLUTION 26-115

Moved by Councilor Pagano
Seconded by Councilor Smith

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Oneida hereby authorizes GHD to conduct a High-Pressure Zone Study within the vicinity of the Baker Reservoir and southwest portion of the City of Oneida for a lump sum fee of \$27,000.00.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 (Rossi/Cimpi/Jones)

MOTION RESULT: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

DISCUSSION: City Manager Lovell provided a brief overview of the proposed high-pressure zone study, advising that residents in the area surrounding the Baker Reservoir have experienced ongoing water pressure and flow issues. He stated that, after considering various options, the proposed professional study was determined to be the most cost-effective approach and is beyond the scope of work the City can perform in-house. The study is intended to identify problem areas within the system and determine the causes of the pressure and flow issues. He noted that the \$27,000 cost would be paid from the Water Fund, which is separate from the General Fund and is currently financially healthy and sustainable.

RECEIVE/FILE MONTHLY REPORTS

RESOLUTION 26-116

Moved by Councilor Pagano

Seconded by Councilor Smith

RESOLVED, to receive and place on file the Monthly Reports from the City Department Heads.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 (Rossi/Cimpi/Jones)

MOTION RESULT: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McHugh raised a question regarding the CDBG report, and a property identified as a community residential facility, asking whether that designation referred to a healthcare-type residential facility, a shelter, or another type of residential use. She indicated that she had reached out for clarification but that the information received regarding the property was limited. Discussion also included whether the property was operated by a nonprofit organization and how that determination could affect its tax status.

Councilor McHugh also asked for additional information regarding the City's Pro-Housing Community certification. City Manager Lovell explained that the Common Council had formally approved the certification the previous year and that the designation has become increasingly important for municipalities seeking New York State grant funding. He stated that Pro-Housing Communities identify themselves as supportive of housing growth and development and that many municipalities throughout the State have obtained the designation to remain competitive for grant opportunities. He explained that the designation provides the City with greater flexibility when pursuing State funding by demonstrating its willingness to support housing expansion and development. He further noted that municipalities without Pro-Housing Community certification may be ineligible for certain housing, infrastructure, environmental, planning, and housing study grants. While there are additional technical requirements associated with specific grant programs and funding formulas, he characterized the certification primarily as the City affirming to New York State that it supports housing development and wishes to remain eligible and competitive for available funding.

Councilor Smith then commented regarding the Veterans Memorial Field project and AYSO's use of the property, including the need for restroom facilities as part of the proposed improvements. Discussion followed regarding whether grant funding associated with the City's Pro-Housing designation or other New York State programs could potentially assist with that portion of the project. City Manager Lovell stated that the City has had several discussions regarding the property and the limitations associated with its location in the floodplain. He explained that fencing, buildings, and other improvements at the site are subject to floodplain requirements; however, the City had been advised that certain improvements could potentially be constructed provided they meet the necessary engineering requirements.

City Manager Lovell further advised that the City had preliminary discussions with its engineers and that restroom facilities had been incorporated into the designs. He did not believe the floodplain issue would necessarily prevent the restrooms from being constructed. He noted that approximately \$700,000 to \$750,000 is currently available for the Veterans Memorial Field project and that adding approximately \$200,000 in improvements would bring the overall project cost to just under \$1 million. He stated that the City would like to complete the entire project within the available budget if possible and that New York State grant funding could potentially provide significant assistance with the cost of the restroom facilities and related infrastructure, allowing the City to preserve available project funding for the field and other planned improvements.

City Manager Lovell provided an update regarding the Veterans Memorial Field project and the City's efforts to obtain input from AYSO. He stated that one of the primary issues delaying progress has been the lack of feedback from AYSO regarding the proposed design and improvements. The City initially contacted AYSO in January and has subsequently sent emails and follow-up communications seeking comments on the proposed layout. Lovell explained that the City does not want to proceed with a project without input from the organization that regularly uses the fields and would like confirmation that the proposed layout and design will meet AYSO's needs before advancing further with engineering and project planning. He expressed concern that continued delays in receiving feedback could make it increasingly difficult to move the project forward and invited Council to discuss whether additional efforts should be made to engage AYSO,

including sending further correspondence or otherwise establishing a timeframe for receiving comments.

Councilor Pagano discussed the limitations associated with constructing improvements at Veterans Memorial Field due to the property's location in the floodplain, particularly with respect to buildings, fencing, and other permanent improvements. City Manager Lovell advised that the City has received some indication that there may be flexibility to undertake certain improvements provided the applicable floodplain and engineering requirements are satisfied. He stated that the ultimate design will also depend upon available funding and expressed concern that the existing project budget may not be sufficient to construct all of the desired improvements, particularly buildings and related infrastructure.

City Manager Lovell indicated that he would also reach out to contacts associated with AYSO in an effort to determine the status of their review and obtain the requested feedback. City Manager Lovell stated that the City is primarily seeking direction from AYSO so that the design can be finalized and the project can begin moving into the next stages, including coordination with project planners and determining responsibilities for the various components of the work.

Councilor Smith indicated that, with members of the Council absent, he believed it would be appropriate to wait until the rest of the Council was present before making a determination on how to proceed.

**ADOPT A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL
LAW §3-C IN THE CITY OF ONEIDA**

RESOLUTION 26-117 (TABLED)

Motion to Table by Councilor Pagano
Seconded by Councilor Smith

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a proposed local law titled Local Law of 2026, "A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c in the City of Oneida," was presented and introduced at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Oneida held on July 21, 2026; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on such proposed local law on the 4th day of August, 2026, by the Common Council of the City of Oneida and proof of publication of notice of such public hearing, as required by law, having been submitted and filed, and all persons desiring to be heard in connection with said proposed local law having been heard, and said proposed local law having been in the possession of the members of the Common Council of the City of Oneida in its final form in the manner required by Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of proposed Local Law of 2026 has previously been determined to be an unlisted action and will have no significant adverse effect on the environment, thus concluding the environmental review process; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to enact said proposed Local Law of 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Oneida, Madison County, New York, does hereby enact a proposed Local Law of 2026 as follows:

A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C IN THE CITY OF ONEIDA

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the City of Oneida to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2027, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Common Council of the City of Oneida, County of Madison, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2027, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court’s order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 (Rossi/Cimpi/Jones)

MOTION RESULT: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

DISCUSSION: Deputy Mayor Simchik requested that the matter be tabled until the next meeting due to the absence of three Council members, stating that he did not believe it would be fair to proceed with a vote without them present. Council agreed to move the matter to the next meeting. The motion to table was put to a vote and approved.

~~**AGREEMENT WITH GOTTA DO CONTRACTING LLC WWTP**~~

PULLED FROM AGENDA

Moved by Councilor

Seconded by Councilor

RESOLVED, to authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement with Gotta Do Contracting LLC for the acceptance of high strength organic waste at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

MOTION RESULT: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed

WATER BOARD RECOMMENDATION

RESOLUTION 26-118

Moved by Councilor Smith

Seconded by Councilor Pagano

RESOLVED, to approve the June 9, 2026, Water Board's consideration for an amendment to Common Council Resolution 11-41 – Backflow Prevention Device Administrative Late Fee and Notice of Violation Policy.

Ayes: 4
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 3 (Rossi/Cimpi/Jones)
MOTION RESULT: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

BUDGET TRANSFERS/AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION 26-119

Moved by Councilor Pagano
 Seconded by Councilor Smith

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					
\$	50,000.00	002.8300.0401.0000		002.8300.0436.0000	
		Water Utilities		Contingency	
<i>To re-allocate funds from contingency to cover expected utility expenses for the remainder of 2026</i>					
\$	27,000.00	002.8300.0403.0000		002.0002.0912.0000	
		Water Contracts		Water Fund Balane	
<i>To allocate funds to a high-pressure zone study</i>					
\$	7,500.00	001.7140.0104.0000	\$ 1,460.00	001.7140.0418.2025	
		Pool Salaries		Pool Supplies/Lifeguard Swimsuits	
			\$ 6,040.00	001.7140.0403.2022	
				Men's Softball	
<i>To re-allocate funds to cover the salary expenses for the pool staff</i>					

Ayes: 4
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 3 (Rossi/Cimpi/Jones)
MOTION RESULT: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor McHugh questioned the decision to table the resolution to adopt the Tax Levy Local Law due to the absence of three Council members, noting that a similar situation had occurred in March when members were absent and Council proceeded with a vote. She

expressed concern regarding consistency in how such situations are handled. It was explained that the voting requirements for adoption of a local law differ from those applicable to a typical resolution, as a local law requires a specified number of affirmative votes of the entire Council. It was also noted that the absence of three Council members from the current meeting had not been anticipated and occurred at the last minute.

Deputy Mayor Simchik called for a 5-minute recess at 6:55p.m.

DUE PROCESS HEARINGS

OPEN DUE PROCESS HEARINGS-WATER/SEWER BILLS

RESOLUTION 26-120

Motioned by Councilor Pagano
Seconded by Councilor McHugh

RESOLVED, that the Due Process Hearings for Water/Sewer Bills be hereby opened at 7:00p.m.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 (Rossi/Cimpi/Jones)

MOTION RESULT: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

DUE PROCESS HEARINGS-WATER/SEWER BILLS

COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS

109 N. MAIN ST. ONEIDA, NY 13421

AUGUST 18, 2026

The witness was sworn in by the City Clerk.

CUSTOMER NAME	PROPERTY ADDRESS	OWNER	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
Casey Coleman	215/217 Linden St.	Same		\$1,702.92

DUE PROCESS HEARING-WATER/SEWER BILLS

Casey Coleman

RESOLUTION 26-121

Moved by Councilor Pagano
Seconded by Councilor McHugh

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XIX of the City of Oneida Water Department Rules and Regulations, titled "Termination of Service," the Common Council will, upon receipt of a written request submitted to the Water Superintendent, conduct a Due Process Hearing prior to terminating a customer's water service, **and**

WHEREAS, Casey Coleman properly requested a Due Process Hearing before the Common Council to contest the Water Department's decision to terminate **his**/her/their water service, **and**

WHEREAS, a Due Process Hearing was thereafter timely held on August 18, 2026, by the City of Oneida Common Council, **and**

WHEREAS, Casey Coleman **appeared** before the Common Council at the aforementioned Due Process Hearing, **now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the following action has been approved by the Common Council:

NAME: Casey Coleman

ADDRESS: 215/217 Linden St.

ACCOUNT #:

BILL DATES: 3/1/17 to 7/28/26 (215 Linden St.) and
9/1/17 to 7/28/26 (217 Linden St.)

AMOUNT: \$1,702.92

ACTION BY COUNCIL:

EXTENSION GRANTED UNTIL October 20, 2026

AMOUNT: \$500.00

FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL

AMOUNT:

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Balance to be Re-levied	Subject to Interest and Penalties	Amount:	TBD
		TOTAL	TBD

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the balance due on October 30, 2026, including any penalties, shall be re-levied onto the 2027 City Tax Bill.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 (Rossi/Cimpi/Jones)

MOTION RESULT: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

DISCUSSION: Council agreed to accept a one-time payment of \$500 to be paid by October 20th, with the understanding that any remaining balance not paid in full by October 30, 2026, will be re-levied.

DUE PROCESS HEARINGS-WATER/SEWER BILLS

COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS

109 N. MAIN ST. ONEIDA, NY 13421

AUGUST 18, 2026

The witness was sworn in by the City Clerk.

CUSTOMER NAME	PROPERTY ADDRESS	OWNER	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
Linda Hopkins	339 Seneca St.	Same		\$585.28

DUE PROCESS HEARING-WATER/SEWER BILLS

Linda Hopkins

RESOLUTION 26-122

Moved by Councilor Pagano
Seconded by Councilor McHugh

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XIX of the City of Oneida Water Department Rules and Regulations, titled "Termination of Service," the Common Council will, upon receipt of a written request submitted to the Water Superintendent, conduct a Due Process Hearing prior to terminating a customer's water service, **and**

WHEREAS, Linda Hopkins properly requested a Due Process Hearing before the Common Council to contest the Water Department's decision to terminate his/**her**/their water service, **and**

WHEREAS, a Due Process Hearing was thereafter timely held on August 18, 2026, by the City of Oneida Common Council, **and**

WHEREAS, Linda Hopkins **appeared** before the Common Council at the aforementioned Due Process Hearing, **now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the following action has been approved by the Common Council:

NAME:	Linda Hopkins		
ADDRESS:	339 Seneca St.		
ACCOUNT #:			
BILL DATES:	1/1/17 to 7/28/26	AMOUNT:	\$585.28

ACTION BY COUNCIL:

EXTENSION GRANTED UNTIL	August 28, 2026	AMOUNT:	\$125.00
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL	September 11, 2026	AMOUNT:	\$125.00
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL	September 25, 2026	AMOUNT:	\$125.00
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL	October 9, 2026	AMOUNT:	\$125.00
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL	October 23, 2026	AMOUNT:	\$85.28
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL		AMOUNT:	
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL		AMOUNT:	

TOTAL \$585.28

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the payment terms established by the Common Council shall be strictly adhered to by the property owner or other person responsible for payment of the water account, and failure to comply with said terms shall result in the City proceeding with the termination of water service as previously noticed.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 (Rossi/Cimpi/Jones)

MOTION RESULT: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

DISCUSSION: Linda Hopkins advised that she has two properties with outstanding water balances and asked whether the balances would be handled separately. It was confirmed that the two accounts would remain separate and that payments would be applied to the respective properties. She was advised that payments could be made toward the balances through October 30, 2026, and that any amount remaining unpaid after that date would be re-levied onto the respective property taxes.

Hopkins also asked whether partial payments are permitted on property taxes, noting that several years ago she had not had sufficient funds to pay her taxes in full and partial payments were not permitted at that time. Discussion followed regarding the City's current procedures for accepting partial tax payments.

Hopkins further expressed concern that her water bill had increased significantly since January. She questioned whether there could be an issue contributing to the increased usage and acknowledged that she has a toilet that runs. She was advised to address the possible leak and that her bill would go down significantly. She was also advised of the Leak Adjustment Policy and the ability to go before the Water Board for consideration of an adjustment.

DUE PROCESS HEARINGS-WATER/SEWER BILLS

COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS

109 N. MAIN ST. ONEIDA, NY 13421

AUGUST 18, 2026

The witness was sworn in by the City Clerk.

CUSTOMER NAME	PROPERTY ADDRESS	OWNER	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
Whitney Hopkins	341 Seneca St.	Linda Hopkins		\$607.84

DUE PROCESS HEARING-WATER/SEWER BILLS

Whitney Hopkins

RESOLUTION 26-123

Moved by Councilor Pagano
Seconded by Councilor McHugh

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XIX of the City of Oneida Water Department Rules and Regulations, titled "Termination of Service," the Common Council will, upon receipt of a written request submitted to the Water Superintendent, conduct a Due Process Hearing prior to terminating a customer's water service, **and**

WHEREAS, Whitney Hopkins properly requested a Due Process Hearing before the Common Council to contest the Water Department's decision to terminate his/**her**/their water service, **and**

WHEREAS, a Due Process Hearing was thereafter timely held on August 18, 2026, by the City of Oneida Common Council, **and**

WHEREAS, Whitney Hopkins **appeared** before the Common Council at the aforementioned Due Process Hearing, **now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the following action has been approved by the Common Council:

NAME:	Whitney Hopkins		
ADDRESS:	341 Seneca St.		
ACCOUNT #:			
BILL DATES:	3/1/17 to 7/28/26	AMOUNT:	\$607.84

ACTION BY COUNCIL:

EXTENSION GRANTED UNTIL	September 9, 2026	AMOUNT:	\$100.00
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL	October 14, 2026	AMOUNT:	\$100.00

FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL	October 30, 2026	AMOUNT:	\$407.84
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL		AMOUNT:	
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL		AMOUNT:	
		TOTAL	\$607.84

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the payment terms established by the Common Council shall be strictly adhered to by the property owner or other person responsible for payment of the water account, and failure to comply with said terms shall result in the City proceeding with the termination of water service as previously noticed.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 (Rossi/Cimpi/Jones)

MOTION RESULT: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

DISCUSSION: Whitney Hopkins advised that she had experienced financial hardship due to her limited income. Council agreed to allow the outstanding balance to be paid in two payments, with any remaining unpaid balance to be re-levied against the property, which is owned by her mother, Linda Hopkins. Ms. Hopkins stated that she would make every effort to pay the balance in full to avoid having the amount re-levied against her mother's property.

DUE PROCESS HEARINGS-WATER/SEWER BILLS

COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS

109 N. MAIN ST. ONEIDA, NY 13421

AUGUST 18, 2026

CUSTOMER NAME	PROPERTY ADDRESS	OWNER	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
Ondraya De Los Santos	391 Genesee St.	Same		\$996.38

DUE PROCESS HEARING-WATER/SEWER BILLS

Ondraya De Los Santos

RESOLUTION 26-124

Moved by Councilor McHugh

Seconded by Councilor Smith

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XIX of the City of Oneida Water Department Rules and Regulations, titled "Termination of Service," the Common Council will, upon receipt of a written request submitted to the Water Superintendent, conduct a Due Process Hearing prior to terminating a customer's water service, **and**

WHEREAS, Ondraya De Los Santos properly requested a Due Process Hearing before the Common Council to contest the Water Department's decision to terminate his/**her**/their water service, **and**

WHEREAS, a Due Process Hearing was thereafter timely held on August 18, 2026, by the City of Oneida Common Council, **and**

WHEREAS, Ondraya De Los Santos **failed to appear** before the Common Council at the aforementioned Due Process Hearing, **now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the following action has been approved by the Common Council:

NAME: Ondraya De Los Santos

ADDRESS: 391 Genesee St.

ACCOUNT #:

BILL DATES: 3/1/17 to 7/28/26

AMOUNT: \$996.38

ACTION BY COUNCIL:

EXTENSION GRANTED UNTIL

AMOUNT:

FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL

AMOUNT:

FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL

AMOUNT:

TOTAL \$996.38

And be it further

RESOLVED. that the Water Department will proceed with the termination of water service.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 (Rossi/Cimpi/Jones)

MOTION RESULT: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

DUE PROCESS HEARINGS-WATER/SEWER BILLS

COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS

109 N. MAIN ST. ONEIDA, NY 13421

AUGUST 18, 2026

The witness was sworn in by the City Clerk.

CUSTOMER NAME	PROPERTY ADDRESS	OWNER	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
Jacob Sheets	346 Williams St.	Same		\$1,166.33

DUE PROCESS HEARING-WATER/SEWER BILLS

Jacob Sheets

RESOLUTION 26-125

Moved by Councilor Pagano

Seconded by Councilor McHugh

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XIX of the City of Oneida Water Department Rules and Regulations, titled "Termination of Service," the Common Council will, upon receipt of a written request submitted to the Water Superintendent, conduct a Due Process Hearing prior to terminating a customer's water service, **and**

WHEREAS, Jacob Sheets properly requested a Due Process Hearing before the Common Council to contest the Water Department's decision to terminate **his/her/their** water service, **and**

WHEREAS, a Due Process Hearing was thereafter timely held on August 18, 2026, by the City of Oneida Common Council, **and**

WHEREAS, Jacob Sheets **appeared** before the Common Council at the aforementioned Due Process Hearing, **now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the following action has been approved by the Common Council:

NAME:	Jacob Sheets		
ADDRESS:	346 Williams St.		
ACCOUNT #:			
BILL DATES:	3/4/22 to 7/28/26	AMOUNT:	\$1,166.33
ACTION BY COUNCIL:			
EXTENSION GRANTED UNTIL	August 21, 2026	AMOUNT:	\$500.00
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL	September 25, 2026	AMOUNT:	\$666.33
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL		AMOUNT:	
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL		AMOUNT:	
		TOTAL	\$1,166.33

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the payment terms established by the Common Council shall be strictly adhered to by the property owner or other person responsible for payment of the water account, and failure to comply with said terms shall result in the City proceeding with the termination of water service as previously noticed.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 (Rossi/Cimpi/Jones)

MOTION RESULT: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

DISCUSSION: The wife of Jacob Sheets appeared and stated that she could make a payment immediately and the remainder of the balance the following month due to hardship with daycare costs.

DUE PROCESS HEARINGS-WATER/SEWER BILLS

COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS

109 N. MAIN ST. ONEIDA, NY 13421

AUGUST 18, 2026

The witness was sworn in by the City Clerk.

CUSTOMER NAME	PROPERTY ADDRESS	OWNER	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
Robert Owen	212 N. Willow St.	Same		\$844.77

DUE PROCESS HEARING-WATER/SEWER BILLS

Robert Owen

RESOLUTION 26-126

Moved by Councilor Pagano
Seconded by Councilor McHugh

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XIX of the City of Oneida Water Department Rules and Regulations, titled "Termination of Service," the Common Council will, upon receipt of a written request submitted to the Water Superintendent, conduct a Due Process Hearing prior to terminating a customer's water service, **and**

WHEREAS, Robert Owen properly requested a Due Process Hearing before the Common Council to contest the Water Department's decision to terminate **his/her/their** water service, **and**

WHEREAS, a Due Process Hearing was thereafter timely held on August 18, 2026, by the City of Oneida Common Council, **and**

WHEREAS, Robert Owen **appeared** before the Common Council at the aforementioned Due Process Hearing, **now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the following action has been approved by the Common Council:

NAME: Robert Owen

ADDRESS: 212 N. Willow St.

ACCOUNT #:

BILL DATES: 1/1/17 to 7/28/26 **AMOUNT:** \$844.77

ACTION BY COUNCIL:

EXTENSION GRANTED UNTIL September 18, 2026 **AMOUNT:** \$422.39

FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL October 23, 2026 **AMOUNT:** \$422.38

FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL **AMOUNT:**

FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL **AMOUNT:**

TOTAL \$844.77

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the payment terms established by the Common Council shall be strictly adhered to by the property owner or other person responsible for payment of the water account, and failure to comply with said terms shall result in the City proceeding with the termination of water service as previously noticed.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 (Rossi/Cimpi/Jones)

MOTION RESULT: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

DISCUSSION: Robert Owen requested that he be allowed to make two payments on the account, which was granted by council.

DUE PROCESS HEARINGS-WATER/SEWER BILLS

COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS

109 N. MAIN ST. ONEIDA, NY 13421

AUGUST 18, 2026

The witness was sworn in by the City Clerk.

CUSTOMER NAME	PROPERTY ADDRESS	OWNER	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
Taberg MH LLC	Clock Rd. Annsville	Same		\$51,557.48

DUE PROCESS HEARING-WATER/SEWER BILLS

Austin Deraaff/Taberg MH LLC

RESOLUTION 26-127

Moved by Councilor Pagano
Seconded by Councilor McHugh

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XIX of the City of Oneida Water Department Rules and Regulations, titled "Termination of Service," the Common Council will, upon receipt of a written request submitted to the Water Superintendent, conduct a Due Process Hearing prior to terminating a customer's water service, **and**

WHEREAS, Jacob Deraaff on behalf of Taberg MH LLC properly requested a Due Process Hearing before the Common Council to contest the Water Department's decision to terminate his/her/**their** water service, **and**

WHEREAS, a Due Process Hearing was thereafter timely held on August 18, 2026, by the City of Oneida Common Council, **and**

WHEREAS, Austin Deraaff on behalf of Taberg MH LLC **appeared** before the Common Council at the aforementioned Due Process Hearing, **now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the following action has been approved by the Common Council:

NAME:	Taberg MH LLC		
ADDRESS:	Clock Rd./Annsville		
ACCOUNT #:			
BILL DATES:	12/3/25 to 8/3/26	AMOUNT:	\$51,557.48

ACTION BY COUNCIL:

EXTENSION GRANTED UNTIL	September 30, 2026	AMOUNT:	\$17,000.00
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL	November 1, 2026	AMOUNT:	\$3,000.00
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL	December 1, 2026	AMOUNT:	\$3,000.00

FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL	January 1, 2027	AMOUNT:	\$3,000.00
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL	February 1, 2027	AMOUNT:	\$3,000.00
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL	March 1, 2027	AMOUNT:	\$3,000.00
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL	April 1, 2027	AMOUNT:	\$3,000.00
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL	May 1, 2027	AMOUNT:	\$3,000.00
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL	June 1, 2017	AMOUNT:	\$3,000.00
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL	July 1, 2027	AMOUNT:	\$3,000.00
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL	August 1, 2027	AMOUNT:	\$3,000.00
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL	September 1, 2027	AMOUNT:	\$3,000.00
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL	October 1, 2027	AMOUNT:	\$1,557.48
TOTAL			\$51,557.48

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby approves the above stated payment arrangement for the outstanding water and sewer balance, conditioned upon the owner and/or person responsible for payment making all payments toward the outstanding balance in accordance with the agreed-upon payment schedule and paying all future and newly issued monthly water and sewer bills in full and when due; **And be it further**

RESOLVED, that the timely payment of all future water and sewer bills is a condition of the Common Council's agreement to permit the outstanding balance to be paid over twelve months, and failure to comply with either the payment arrangement or the timely payment of future bills shall constitute a default of the agreement and will result in the City proceeding with termination of water service; **And be it further**

RESOLVED, that the property owner shall enter into a written agreement, as prepared by the City Attorney, with the Common Council memorializing the above referenced agreement.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 (Rossi/Cimpi/Jones)

MOTION RESULT: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

DISCUSSION: Austin Deraaff advised that his company purchased the property a year ago and they were trying to determine where, if any, leaks were, as the bill was higher than when with the

previous owner. There was discussion regarding water usage at the property. It was explained that it is difficult to compare usage because a single meter serves the entire property, which consists of approximately 85 sites. It was noted that the account has been running relatively consistently based on the available usage information.

Councilor McHugh expressed concern regarding the substantial outstanding water balance and distinguished the situation from those involving individual homeowners experiencing financial hardship. She noted that the property is an investment property and that no payments had been made toward the 2025 water charges. McHugh referenced the City's recent efforts to hold landlords accountable for providing safe properties for tenants and stated that she was struggling with the request given the circumstances. She stated that, in her opinion, the outstanding water balance should be paid in full.

Council continued to discuss payment options, and it was ultimately determined that an initial payment of \$17,000 would be made, followed by \$3,000 per month for eleven months and then the final balance on the twelfth month. Mr. Deraaff also agreed to pay all future/new monthly water/sewer bills timely as consideration for the council agreeing to allow them to pay the balance over 12 months.

DUE PROCESS HEARINGS-WATER/SEWER BILLS

COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS

109 N. MAIN ST. ONEIDA, NY 13421

AUGUST 18, 2026

CUSTOMER NAME	PROPERTY ADDRESS	OWNER	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
Edgar Davis	282 N. Main St.	Same		\$152.76

DUE PROCESS HEARING-WATER/SEWER BILLS

Edgar Davis

RESOLUTION 26-128

Moved by Councilor Smith
Seconded by Councilor Pagano

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XIX of the City of Oneida Water Department Rules and Regulations, titled "Termination of Service," the Common Council will, upon receipt of a written

request submitted to the Water Superintendent, conduct a Due Process Hearing prior to terminating a customer's water service, **and**

WHEREAS, Edgar Davis on behalf of Taberg MH LLC properly requested a Due Process Hearing before the Common Council to contest the Water Department's decision to terminate his/her/their water service, **and**

WHEREAS, a Due Process Hearing was thereafter timely held on August 18, 2026, by the City of Oneida Common Council, **and**

WHEREAS, Edgar Davis on behalf of Taberg MH LLC **failed to appear** before the Common Council at the aforementioned Due Process Hearing, **now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the following action has been approved by the Common Council:

NAME:	Edgar Davis		
ADDRESS:	282 N. Main St.		
ACCOUNT #:			
BILL DATES:	3/1/2017 to 7/28/2026	AMOUNT:	\$152.76

ACTION BY COUNCIL:

EXTENSION GRANTED UNTIL		AMOUNT:	
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL		AMOUNT:	
		TOTAL	\$152.76

And be it further

RESOLVED. that the Water Department will proceed with the termination of water service.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 (Rossi/Cimpi/Jones)

MOTION RESULT: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

DUE PROCESS HEARINGS-WATER/SEWER BILLS

COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS

109 N. MAIN ST. ONEIDA, NY 13421

AUGUST 18, 2026

The witness was sworn in by the City Clerk.

CUSTOMER NAME	PROPERTY ADDRESS	OWNER	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
Tamara & Charles Fox	105 N. Lake St.	Same		\$938.56

DUE PROCESS HEARING-WATER/SEWER BILLS

Tamara & Charles Fox

RESOLUTION 26-129

Moved by Councilor Pagano
Seconded by Councilor McHugh

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XIX of the City of Oneida Water Department Rules and Regulations, titled "Termination of Service," the Common Council will, upon receipt of a written request submitted to the Water Superintendent, conduct a Due Process Hearing prior to terminating a customer's water service, **and**

WHEREAS, Tamara and Charles Fox on behalf of Taberg MH LLC properly requested a Due Process Hearing before the Common Council to contest the Water Department's decision to terminate his/her/**their** water service, **and**

WHEREAS, a Due Process Hearing was thereafter timely held on August 18, 2026, by the City of Oneida Common Council, **and**

WHEREAS, Tamara and Charles Fox on behalf of Taberg MH LLC **appeared** before the Common Council at the aforementioned Due Process Hearing, **now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the following action has been approved by the Common Council:

NAME: Tamara and Charles Fox

ADDRESS: 105 N. Lake St.

ACCOUNT #:

BILL DATES: 3/1/2021 to 7/28/2026

AMOUNT: \$938.56

ACTION BY COUNCIL:

EXTENSION GRANTED UNTIL	September 18, 2026	AMOUNT:	\$938.56
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL		AMOUNT:	
FURTHER GRANTED UNTIL		AMOUNT:	
TOTAL			\$938.56

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the payment terms established by the Common Council shall be strictly adhered to by the property owner or other person responsible for payment of the water account, and failure to comply with said terms shall result in the City proceeding with the termination of water service as previously noticed.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 (Rossi/Cimpi/Jones)

MOTION RESULT: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

DISCUSSION: Tamara Fox advised that she would be able to pay the bill in full in September.

CLOSE DUE PROCESS HEARINGS-WATER/SEWER BILLS

RESOLUTION 26-130

Motioned by Councilor McHugh

Seconded by Councilor Pagano

RESOLVED, that the Due Process Hearings for Water/Sewer Bills be hereby closed at 7:49p.m.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 (Rossi/Cimpi/Jones)

MOTION RESULT: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor McHugh
Seconded by Councilor Pagano

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 (Rossi/Cimpi/Jones)

MOTION RESULT: ☒ Passed ☐ Failed

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

CITY OF ONEIDA

Sandra LaPera, City Clerk