

MINUTES
Oneida County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, October 21st, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.
County Board Meeting Room - 2nd Floor Oneida County Courthouse

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Holewinski called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Meeting Room of the Oneida County Courthouse. There was a brief moment of silence for our troops, law enforcement officers and emergency responders, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Prayer was offered by Supervisor Condado.

Members Present: Linnaea Newman, Bob Almekinder, Steven Schreier, Scott Holewinski, Robert Briggs, Russ Fisher, Debbie Condado, Greg Oettinger, Dan Hess, Collette Sorgel, Lenore Lopez, Billy Fried, Ted Cushing, Mitch Ives, Robb Jensen, Diana Harris, Connor Showalter and Michael Tautges.

Absent: Schultz, Timmons, Hanus

Student Representative: Vella Walden

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR, CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Please use a microphone when speaking.

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 MEETING:

Motion/Second: Cushing/Schreier to accept the Minutes of the September 16, 2025 meeting. All "Aye"; Motion carried.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

- Broadband Report – Oneida County Economic Development Executive Director Tony Pharo gave an update on Broadband, reporting that additional locations are now getting fixed wireless. Pharo noted that this will be fiber to the house. Pharo explained that he will have more information later regarding potential additional funding. Pharo reported that currently Bug Tussle has 30 miles of live fiber.

PUBLIC COMMENT (time limit of three minutes)

- Sign attendance form at the podium. Bob Clark of Minocqua spoke regarding Planning and Zoning issues. Pharo invited the Board to the Fall Summit.

Showalter entered at 9:40 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution # 64 – 2025: Offered by the Supervisors of the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee to grant an access license across county lands located in the Town of Cassian, Oneida County, to Todd and Renee Seidel to access their property.

Resolution to grant an access license across County lands located in the Town of Cassian, Oneida County, to Todd & Renee Seidel to access their property.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, a request has been made to the Oneida County Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee for an access license across County lands located in the SW ¼ NW ¼ Section 13, T37N, R7E, Town of Cassian, by the owners of the land in the SE ¼ NE ¼ Section 14, T37N, R7E, Town of Cassian; and

WHEREAS, the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee has reviewed the aforementioned access request and determined that no significant negative impact would result to County Forest land or its users by granting an access license; so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon receipt of \$60.00 land value, \$500.00 administration fee, and \$30.00 deed recording fee, the County Clerk be authorized and directed to issue the attached access license to Todd & Renee Seidel

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee this 14th day of October, 2025.

Offered and passage moved by: Robert Almekinder, Robert Briggs, Collette Sorgel, Mitch Ives

Resolution # 65 – 2025: Offered by the Supervisors of the Public Works and Solid Waste Committee to reimburse the Town of Stella one-half of the cost of installing a culvert over Starks Creek on Stella Lake Road.

Resolution to reimburse the Town of Stella one-half of the cost of installing a culvert over Starks Creek on Stella Lake Road.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Public Works & Solid Waste Committee

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute 82.08 provides for county aid to construct or repair municipal culverts and bridges to structures equivalent to 36” or larger with the municipality and county each paying one-half of the cost of construction or repair; and

WHEREAS, the County Board shall appropriate the sum required and shall levy a tax and when collected shall be held in an account administered by the Highway Committee; and

WHEREAS, a municipality that has voted to construct or repair a bridge or culvert may file an application for county aid with the county highway commissioner by June 30 of the year prior to project construction to be presented for approval as part of the following year’s County budget; and

WHEREAS, following an approved project’s completion the municipality shall submit a request for reimbursement that includes all invoices paid by the municipality no later than September 30 to receive reimbursement in the current year; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 the Town of Stella filed a petition and was approved for county aid for one-half the cost of installing a culvert over Starks Creek on Stella Lake Road in the estimated amount of \$80,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Stella has submitted paid invoices for cost to install the culvert over Starks Creek on Stella Lake Road for \$69,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the County’s responsibility under Section 82.08 would be one-half of \$69,500.00 or \$34,750.00;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that \$34,750.00 shall be paid to the Town of Stella and the money to come from the County Bridge Aid Account.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Public Works & Solid Waste Committee this 18th day of September, 2025.

Offered and passage moved by: Ted Cushing, Bob Almekinder, Dan Hess, Robb Jensen

Resolution # 66 – 2025 / Ordinance Amendment # 02 – 2025: Offered by the Supervisors of the Planning and Development Committee to amend the Oneida County Code, Section 25.04 Penalty Provisions.

Resolution to amend Section 25.04 Penalty Provisions of the Oneida County General Code. Ordinance Amendment offered by the Planning and Development Committee.

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Planning and Zoning Department administers various chapters of the Oneida County General Code, including Chapter 13 Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Ordinance and Chapter 9 Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 25 dictates forfeiture amounts for various violations of Oneida County's ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee feels that subsequent consecutive violations for failure to pump and/or inspect a septic tank should result in a fine greater than the fine imposed for an initial violation; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee feels that owners of tourist rooming houses, whether they have obtained a permit or not, should receive a greater fine to deter any violations of Chapter 9, Article 5, Section 9.58 Tourist Rooming House of the Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Any existing ordinances, codes, resolutions, or portions thereof in conflict with this ordinance shall be and hereby are repealed as far as any conflict exists.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.

Section 3. If any claims, provisions or portions of this ordinance are adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Chapter 25 of the General Code of Oneida County, Wisconsin, is amended as follows [additions noted by underline, deletions noted by strikethrough]:

Section 25.04 remains the same except:

§ 25.04. Penalty Provisions.

<u>Addendum A</u>		Forfeiture	Total
<u>Private On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems</u>			
<u>13.51(2)</u>	<u>Failing to inspect and maintain a septic tank, subsequent offense</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>452.50</u>
9.58	Noncompliance with Tourist Rooming House Ordinance requirements	100.00 <u>500.00</u>	263.50 <u>767.50</u>

The County Clerk shall, within seven (7) days after adoption of Ordinance Amendment #_____ by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, cause a certified copy thereof to be transmitted by mail to the Town Clerks of Oneida County and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Offered and passage moved by: Dan Hess, Bob Almekinder, Billy Fried, Mitch Ives

- Appointments to Committees, Commissions and other Organizations:
 - Appoint Kathleen Paul to the ADRC Committee for a 3-year term to expire in October 31st, 2028.

Motion/Second: Jensen/Schreier to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: 18, Aye; 3 Absent, Schultz, Timmons, Hanus; 1 Student, Walden

Motion: Adopted

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME November 12th, 2025 @ 9:30 a.m.

Unless a motion is made to change the starting time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Holewinski adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.