

**ONEIDA COUNTY PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**April 29, 2026**  
**COUNTY BOARD ROOM – 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**  
**ONEIDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE**  
**RHINELANDER, WI 54501**

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Members Present: Scott Holewinski, Bob Almekinder, Michael Tautges, Dan Hess, Billy Fried

Members Absent: None

Department Staff Present: Karl Jennrich, Director; Monique Taylor, Administrative Support

Other County Staff Present: Lenore Lopez; Linnaea Newman

Guests Present: See sign-in sheet.

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**Call to order.**

Chair Holewinski called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

Approve the agenda. Motion by Billy Fried, second by Bob Almekinder, to approve the agenda. With all members present voting “Aye,” the motion carried.

**CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING:**

**Ordinance Amendment #13-2025 authored by the Planning and Development Committee to amend Chapter 9, Article 3-Zoning, Administrative Review, and Sanitary Permits, Section 9.37, and Article 8-Administration / Enforcement / Variances and Appeals / Amendments, Section 9.82, and Article 5-Additional Types of Uses, Section 9.58 Tourist Rooming House, of the Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance.** Mr. Jennrich discussed the details of the matter. The Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Northwoods River News on April 14 and 21, 2026. A Proof of Publication is contained in the file. The Notice was also posted on the Oneida County Courthouse Bulletin Board on April 9, 2026. An Affidavit of Mailing and mailing list are also contained in the file. No public comments were received. Mr. Jennrich read the proposed changes into the record.

Chair Holewinski opened the public portion of the public hearing.

None.

Chair Holewinski closed the public portion of the public hearing.

Motion by Dan Hess, second by Bob Almekinder, to approve and put into resolution format to bring back to the committee for review. With all members present voting “Aye,” the motion carried.

**Public comments.**

Carol Warden spoke.

Eric Rempala spoke.

Kelly Kraetsch spoke.

Joel Skjerven spoke.

## Planning and Development

### **Discussion/decision concerning election of vice chair for Planning and Development Committee.**

Nominations made for Dan Hess. Aye: Unanimous.

**Approve meeting minutes of April 15, 2026.** Motion by Billy Fried, second by Bob Almekinder, to approve the meeting minutes of April 15, 2026. With all members present voting “Aye,” the motion carried.

**Discussion/decision concerning a Conditional Use Permit application pursuant to Section 9.42(C)(1) of the Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance for property described as 103 Elm Street LLC and described as Lot 1, CSM 3587, being part of the SW SE, Section 2, T39N, R6E, PIN WR-18, 103 Elm Street, Town of Woodruff. The committee will be discussing and determining an extension for the review of time of the application.** Mr. Jennrich discussed the details of the matter. Motion by Dan Hess, second Bob Almekinder, to extend the review time of the application by sixty (60) additional days. With all members present voting “Aye,” the motion carried.

**Discussion/decision concerning Section 9.77 Off-Street Parking and Loading Space of the Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance. The committee will be reviewing all aspects of Section 9.77 and research from staff.** Mr. Jennrich discussed the details of the matter. A memo was sent to the towns and comments were received from five of them in response to the memo. Mr. Jennrich read the responses into the record. Motion by Billy Fried, second by Dan Hess, to leave Section 9.77 as written. With all members present voting “Aye,” the motion carried.

**Discussion/decision concerning data centers. The committee will be discussing placement in zoning districts and a possible moratorium of data centers.** Mr. Jennrich discussed the details of the matter. The committee conferred with Mr. Jennrich. Motion by Bob Almekinder, second by Michael Tautges, to put a one (1) year moratorium on data centers. With all members present voting “Aye,” the motion carried.

**Discussion/decision/prioritization of the 2026 Oneida County Planning & Zoning Department projects.** Mr. Jennrich provided updates. The committee conferred with Mr. Jennrich. Discussion only, no action taken.

**Refunds.** There was one request. Motion by Dan Hess, second by Bob Almekinder, to approve the refund as requested in the amount of \$344.00. With all members present voting “Aye,” the motion carried.

**Approve future meeting dates.** May 13 and 27, 2026

**Future agenda items.** As discussed.

### **Adjourn.**

**1:39 p.m.** There being no further matters to lawfully come before the committee, Chair Holewinski adjourned the meeting.

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Scott Holewinski, Chair

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Karl Jennrich, Planning & Zoning Director