

MINUTES
Oneida County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, August 18th, 2026 – 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: Collette Sorgel, Sandy Hamburg, Scott Holewinski, Kyle Timmons, Robert Briggs, Debbie Condado, Dan Hess, Greg Oettinger, Russ Fisher, Billy Fried, Ted Cushing, Robb Jensen, Michael Tautges, Chris Schultz, Bob Almekinder, Andrea Sheppard, Mary Roth Burns, Kyle Kilbourn, Matthew Campbell and Linnaea Newman.

Absent: Lopez

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR, CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Please use a microphone when speaking.

APPOINTMENT/CONFIRMATION/SWEARING IN OF DISTRICT #1 SUPERVISOR MATTHEW CAMPBELL:

Chairman Holewinski appointed Matthew Campbell as District # 1 Supervisor. Vote confirming appointment: 19 Aye; 1 Vacant, District 1; 1 Absent, Lopez
Chief Deputy County Clerk Heidi Nehls swore in the new District # 1 Supervisor Matthew Campbell.

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 16, 2026 MEETING:

Motion/Second: Kilbourn/Sheppard to amend the June 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes to strike the wording "Kilbourn expressed concern that Vilas County was spending more money on Tourism than Oneida." And to replace with "Kilbourn expressed concern that Oneida County's tourism growth rate was less than Vilas and other tourist destinations in Wisconsin."

Vote on Motion: 20 Aye, 1 Absent, Lopez

Motion/Second: Cushing/Jensen to accept the amended Minutes of the June 16, 2026 meeting.
All "Aye"; Motion carried.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

- Broadband Report – Economic Development Executive Director Tony Pharo gave an update regarding broadband. Pharo reported that the six county buildings are now hooked up with fiber from Bug Tussel. Pharo noted that there are some areas now live.

PUBLIC COMMENT (time limit of three minutes):

- Sign attendance form at the podium. Victor Poneis made a public comment regarding the proposed moratorium. Eric Rempala spoke regarding Resolution # 56 – 2026 / Ordinance Amendment # 02 – 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution # 48 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the ADRC Committee to accept a donation from Linda Lukowski for the ADRC Senior Nutrition Program.

Resolution to accept Donation from Lynda Lukowski.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the

**Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Committee.
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute s 59.52(19) requires that the County Board approves all donations to the county; and

WHEREAS, Oneida County Resolution #37-2019 adopted the Oneida County Acceptance of Monetary, Non-Monetary and In-Kind Donation Policy; and

WHEREAS, The ADRC was notified on June 5th, 2026 that a donation totaling \$5,000 will be made to the ADRC of Oneida County by Lynda Lukowski; and

WHEREAS, The donation requires the specific use of funds provided is for the ADRC Senior Nutrition Program; and

WHEREAS, The ADRC provides essential nutrition services to the adult, aging and disabled citizens of Oneida County and the donation would benefit the citizens of Oneida County; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that Oneida County accepts the generous donation from Lynda Lukowski; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that the Oneida County ADRC Committee will approve use of any and all funds provided through this donation for use in the ADRC Senior Nutrition Program.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the ADRC Committee this 22nd day of June, 2026.

Offered and passage moved by: Joan Hauer, Melanie Fralick, Debbie Condado, Rita Mahner, Sandy Hamburg.

Resolution # 49 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to Convey Tax Foreclosed Property RH-1327 to David Schmitz.

Resolution to convey tax foreclosed and other county real estate.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee.

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

WHEREAS, the tax foreclosed real estate parcel(s) identified in Exhibit A listed below have been offered for public sale pursuant to the procedures in Chapter 18 of the General Code of Oneida County, WI; and,

WHEREAS, the Land Records Committee has determined it would be in the best interest of Oneida County to convey the parcel(s) by quit claim deed to the successful bidder(s) listed in Exhibit A; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the sale of the parcel(s) listed in Exhibit A to the successful bidder(s) listed with any condition or terms listed in Exhibit A; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby approves conveying the parcel(s) described in Exhibit A to the successful bidder(s), upon the receipt of the required sale amount listed in Exhibit A, and the Board authorizes the County Clerk, upon receipt of the \$30 deed recording fee(s), to issue quit claim deed(s) conveying any interest the County has in the description(s) described in Exhibit A.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Records Committee this 4th day of August, 2026.

Offered and passage moved by: Robert Briggs, Chris Schultz, Lonore Lopez, Kyle Timmons.

Resolution # 50 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to Convey Excess County Lands SU-730-3 to Gregory A. Nesbit and Tammy K. Nesbit.

Resolution to convey excess county lands to Nesbit.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee.

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

WHEREAS, Oneida County retained a 100 foot strip of land on each side of the center line of existing roads crossing the SW ¼ - NE ¼ of Section 16, Township 39 North, Range 9 East, as recorded in the Register of Deeds, Volume 64 of Deeds on Page 533, Document # 114619, recorded on December 11th, 1942; and,

WHEREAS, a request has been made to Oneida County from the adjoining landowner(s) listed in Exhibit A requesting that a portion of said strip(s) of land described above and adjacent to Evergreen Dr. be conveyed to them as they are the present adjoining owner(s) of the land, and they have paid the \$250.00 administrative fee to process this request; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Sugar Camp has been notified of this request and the Land Records Committee recommends that the parcel(s) described in Exhibit A be conveyed to the adjoining landowner(s), provided the Town of Sugar Camp does not have any objection to said conveyance; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby approves conveying the parcel(s) described in Exhibit A to the adjoining landowner(s), and authorizes the County Clerk, upon receipt of the \$30 deed recording fee(s), to issue a quit claim deed conveying any interest the County has in the description(s) noted below in Exhibit A.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Records Committee this 4th day of August, 2026.

Offered and passage moved by: Robert Briggs, Chris Schultz, Lonore Lopez, Kyle Timmons.

Resolution # 51 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to Convey Excess County Lands WB-39-2 to Kelsey M. Thibdeau and Quinn R. Horner.

Resolution to convey excess county lands to Thibdeau & Horner.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee.

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

WHEREAS, Oneida County retained a 100 foot strip of land on each side of the center line of existing roads crossing the SW ¼ - NW ¼ of Section 3 and SE ¼ - NE ¼ of Section 4, Township 36 North, Range 7 East, as recorded in the Register of Deeds, Volume 64 of Deeds on Page 355, Document # 111924, recorded on December 2nd, 1941; and,

WHEREAS, a request has been made to Oneida County from the adjoining landowner(s) listed in Exhibit A requesting that a portion of said strip(s) of land described above and adjacent to Hancock Lake Rd be conveyed to them as they are the present adjoining owner(s) of the land, and they have paid the \$250.00 administrative fee to process this request; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Woodboro has been notified of this request and the Land Records Committee recommends that the parcel(s) described in Exhibit A be conveyed to the adjoining landowner(s), provided the Town of Woodboro does not have any objection to said conveyance; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby approves conveying the parcel(s) described in Exhibit A to the adjoining landowner(s), and authorizes the County Clerk, upon receipt of the \$30 deed recording fee(s), to issue a quit claim deed conveying any interest the County has in the description(s) noted below in Exhibit A.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Records Committee this 4th day of August, 2026.

Offered and passage moved by: Robert Briggs, Chris Schultz, Lenore Lopez, Kyle Timmons.

Resolution # 52 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee to Grant an Access License Across County Lands Located in the Town of Enterprise, Oneida County to Quinn Goretski to Access His Property.

Resolution to grant an access license across County lands located in the Town of Enterprise, Oneida County, to Quinn Goretski to access his 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 SE ¼ NE ¼ Section 17, T35N, R9E, Town of Enterprise, by the owners of the land in the NE ¼ SE ¼ Section 17, T35N, R9E, Town of Enterprise; 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 \$150.00 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 Quinn Goretski.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee this 4th day of August, 2026.

Offered and passage moved by: Robert Almekinder, Robert Briggs, Chris Schultz, Collette Sorgel, Lenore Lopez.

Resolution # 53 – 2026 / Ordinance Amendment # 04-2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Public Works Committee to Establish a \$5.00 Boat Launch Fee at Sand/Dam Lake Boat Launch.

Resolution to establish a \$5.00 boat launch fee at Sand/Dam Lake boat launch.

Ordinance Amendment offered by the Public Works Committee.

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

WHEREAS, Oneida County recently discovered the Oneida County Highway Department owns the Sand/Dam Lake boat launch area in Sugar Camp and;

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Highway staff will have to maintain the launch and;

WHEREAS, there is a need for added revenue due to costs to maintain, upgrade or replace components and the boat launch and;

WHEREAS, it is recommended that a \$5.00 boat launch fee be established at the Sand/Dam Lake boat launch and;

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee has carefully studied the proposed changes and recommends approval.

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 14 of the General Code of Oneida County, Wisconsin, is amended as follows [additions noted by underline, deletions noted by strikethrough]:

14.13 RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 14.13 remains unchanged except for the following:

(23) Sand/Dam Lake Boat Launch.

(a) The Sand/Dam Lake boat launch shall be under the management, supervision and control of the Public Works Committee and Oneida County Highway Department

(1) A daily boat launch fee of \$5.00 shall be charged for the access and use of the Sand/Dam Lake boat launch in Sugar Camp.

The County Clerk shall, within seven (7) days after adoption of Ordinance Amendment #1-2021 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 Safety and Professional Services.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Public Works Committee this 6th day of August, 2026.

Offered and passage moved by: Ted Cushing, Bob Almekinder, Dan Hess, Billy Fried, Greg Oettinger.

- Appointments to Committees, Commissions and other Organizations:
 - Appoint Patricia Raske to the ADRC Committee for a 2-year term to expire July 2028.
 - Appoint Maureen Rodcziczak to the ADRC Committee for a 2-year term to expire July 2028.
 - Re-Appoint Linda Lukowski to the Oneida County Nutrition Advisory Council for a 2-year term to expire in May 2028.
 - Re-Appoint Cheryl Gilmeister to the Oneida County Nutrition Advisory Council for a 2-year term to expire in May 2028.
 - Re-Appoint Kathy Plautz to the Oneida County Nutrition Advisory Council for a 2-year term to expire in May 2028.
 - Re-Appoint Lee Emmer to the Oneida County Nutrition Advisory Council for a 2-year term to expire in May 2028.
 - Re-Appoint Sue Emmer to the Oneida County Nutrition Advisory Council for a 2-year term to expire in May 2028.
 - Re-appoint Dan Chronister to the Board of Adjustment for a 3-year term to expire in July 2029.
 - Appoint Tim Guilfoyle to the Board of Adjustment as the 1st Alternate for a 3-year term to expire in July 2029.

Supervisor Sheppard requested that Resolution # 55-2026 / Rezone Petition # 01-2026 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

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

Roll Call Vote: 20 Aye; 1 Absent, Lopez

Motion: Adopted

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Resolution # 55 – 2026 / Rezone Petition # 01 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Planning and Development Committee to Rezone Land from District #11 Shoreland Wetland to District #2 Single Family Residential on property described as being part of **Government Lot 1, Section 13, T35N, R10E, PIN SC-139-2, Town of Schoepke.**

Resolution offered by the Planning and Development Committee

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

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee having considered Rezone Petition #01-2026 (copy attached), which was filed March 17, 2026, to amend the Master Zoning District Document and the Oneida County Official Zoning District Boundary Map, and having given notice thereof as provided by law and having held a public hearing thereon June 10, 2026, pursuant to § 59.69(5), Wisconsin Statutes, and having been informed of the facts pertinent to the changes which are as follows:

To rezone land from District #11 Shoreland Wetland to District #2 Single Family Residential on property described as being part of Government Lot 1, Section 13, T35N, R10E, PIN SC-139-2, Town of Schoepke.

And being duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected as follows:

WHEREAS, the owner is requesting the wetland rezone for residential development; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Schoepke did not recommend approval of the request (copy attached); and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources provided a Wetland Delineation Report stating the following in their findings of fact for the driveway:

- 1. The project consists of installing 402 square feet of fill for a driveway to access buildable upland area.*
- 2. The Department has completed an evaluation of the project site and plans and has determined that the project site and project plans as described in the submitted application meet the standards to qualify for this General Permit.*
- 3. The proposed project, if constructed in accordance with this permit, will not adversely affect water quality, will not increase water pollution in surface water, and will not cause environmental pollution as defined in s. 283.01(6m), Wis. Stats.*
- 4. The wetland discharge resulting from the proposed activity will comply with water quality requirements as authorized by this document.*
- 5. No practicable alternative exists which would avoid adverse impacts to wetlands, and the project will result in the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative into consideration practicable alternatives that avoid wetland impacts.*
- 6. All practicable measures to minimize adverse impacts to the functional values of the wetland have been taken.*
- 7. The proposed project will not result in significant adverse impacts to wetland functional values, significant impacts to water quality, or other significant adverse environmental consequences.*

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources provided a Wetland Delineation Report stating the following in their findings of fact for the structure:

- 1. A permit, GP-NO-2024-44-04331 was issued February 2025 for 402 Square feet of fill for the driveway.*
- 2. This permit authorizes an additional 312 square feet of wetland fill resulting in a single and complete project of 714 square feet of wetland fill for residential development.*
- 3. The Department has completed an evaluation of the project site and plans and has determined that the project site and project plans as described in the submitted application meet the standards to qualify for this General Permit.*
- 4. The proposed project, is constructed in accordance with this permit, will not adversely affect water quality, will not increase water pollution in surface waters, and will not cause environmental pollution as defined in s. 283.01(6m), Wis. Stats.*

5. *The wetland discharge resulting from the proposed activity will comply with water quality requirements as authorized by this document.*
6. *No practicable alternative exists which would avoid adverse impacts to wetlands, and the project will result in the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative taking into consideration practicable alternatives that avoid wetland impacts.*
7. *All practicable measures to minimize adverse impacts to the functional values of the wetland have been taken.*

WHEREAS, On June 10, 2026, the Planning and Development Committee held a public hearing and the adjoining landowners were provided with a written notice of the change and there were 2 public comments received, 0 people spoke in favor, 1 people spoke against, and 0 people spoke in ambiguity of the proposed changes; and

WHEREAS, the Planning & Development Committee has reviewed the general standards as specified in Section 9.86(F) of the Oneida County Zoning & Shoreland Protection Ordinance and concluded that the standards have been met. The Planning & Development Committee recommends passage.

NOW THEREFORE, THE ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: Petition #01-2026:

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

Section 2: The 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 the ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4: Rezone Petition #01-2026 is hereby adopted amending the Master Zoning District Document and the Oneida County Official Zoning District Boundary Map, by changing the zoning district classification from District #11 Shoreland Wetland to District #2 Single Family Residential on property described as follows:

To rezone land from District #11 Shoreland Wetland to District #2 Single Family Residential on property described as being part of Government Lot 1, Section 13, T35N, R10E, PIN SC-139-2, Town of Schoepke.

The County Clerk shall, within seven (7) days after adoption of Rezone Petition #01-2026 by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, cause a certified copy thereof to be transmitted by mail to the Schoepke Town Clerk.

Offered and passage moved by: Scott Holewinski, Dan Hess, Bob Almekinder, Billy Fried, Michael Tautges.

Discussion: Sheppard expressed concern that the town and the community were against this Resolution. Sheppard wanted to know what the process was to move this forward. Jennrich presented the process. Jennrich noted that shoreland/wetland is not allowed to be filled in per the rules of the State of Wisconsin unless they meet certain requirements or are rezoned. Jennrich explained that the owners received approval from Federal Emergency Management Agency, US Army Corps of Engineers and the DNR. Supervisor Briggs stated that he had no concerns.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 55-2026 / Rezone Petition # 01-2026: 17 Aye; 2 Nay, Kilbourn, Burns; 1 Abstain, Campbell; 1 Absent, Lopez

Resolution # 55-2026 / Rezone Petition # 01-2026: Adopted

Resolution # 54 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to Convey RH 9333-1001, 1991 W Winnebago St. to Decorah Properties, LLC.

Resolution to convey Part of RH 9333-1001, 1991 W Winnebago St. to Decorah Properties, LLC.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee.

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

WHEREAS, RH 9333-1001, 1991 W Winnebago Street as shown on the map in Exhibit A are owned by Oneida County, and;

WHEREAS, an Offer to Purchase for the private sale of RH 9333-1001, 1991 W Winnebago Street has been received from Decorah Properties, LLC for \$718,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, per County Code an appraisal was completed for 1991 W. Winnebago St. and an appraised value of \$725,000 to \$740,000 was received, and;

WHEREAS, per County Code the County Board can waive the appraised value and accept a lesser amount, and;

WHEREAS, the Land Records Committee recommends the private sale of 1991 W Winnebago St. to Decorah Properties, LLC which will allow the property to continue to provide services as a Residential Substance Abuse Center for Adults while under ownership of Decorah Properties, and;

WHEREAS, the Land Records Committee recommends that the Offer to Purchase be accepted with the terms and conditions set forth in the Offer (Exhibit B), and recommends that the County Clerk and the County Board Chair be authorized to execute and sign on behalf of Oneida County any related documents necessary to complete the transaction and the deed to transfer the property; and,

WHEREAS, if any items arise which require additional negotiations, that the County Board Chair is authorized to negotiate those items and do not have to bring back to the Land records Committee or County Board if the negotiations do not substantially affect the Offer; and,

WHEREAS, any costs to complete the transaction such as, but not limited to land surveying, applications fees, title insurance and related closing cost are to be paid out of the proceeds from the sale.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County hereby accepts the Offer to Purchase with the terms and conditions set forth in the Offer prepared by the Decorah Properties, LLC shown as Exhibit B, and recommends that the County Clerk and the County Board Chair be authorized to execute and sign on behalf of Oneida County any related documents necessary to complete the transaction and the deed to transfer the property; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any items arise which require additional negotiations, that the County Board Chair is authorized to negotiate those items and do not have to bring back to the Land Records Committee or County Board if the negotiations do not substantially affect the Offer; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any costs to complete the transaction such as but not limited to land surveying, applications fees, title insurance and related closing cost are to be paid out of the proceeds from the sale.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Records Committee this 4th day of August, 2026.

Offered and passage moved by: Robert Briggs, Chris Schultz, Kyle Timmons, Lenore Lopez.

Discussion: Corporation Counsel Chad Lynch stated that Decorah Properties offered to purchase property that is currently owned by the County. Lynch noted that an appraisal was completed and presented the offer to purchase. Lynch explained that the asking price was lower due to repairs needed to the facility. Lynch noted that listed in the offer to purchase is an agreement to continue as a residential treatment facility for as long as Decorah Properties owns the property. Lynch reported

that if the Board wants to go into closed session, it would need to be for negotiation reasons. Bruce Decorah presented his plan for the future of the Winnebago property.

CLOSED SESSION: It is anticipated that a motion will be made, seconded and approved by roll call vote to enter into closed session pursuant to Section §19.85 (1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Topic: Winnebago St. Building (RH 9333-1001) Offer to Purchase). It is anticipated that the County Board will return to open session by roll call vote to consider the remainder of the meeting agenda.

Announcement of action taken in closed session, or take action based on closed session (NOTE: If the announcement of action taken in closed session would compromise the need for the closed session, the action taken will not be announced. Any action taken in closed session may be announced when the need for the closed session has passed).

Motion/Second: Sorgel/Hess to go into Closed Session at 10:07 a.m.

Roll Call Vote: 20 Aye; 1 Absent

Motion: Passes

Motion/Second: Cushing/Sorgel to return to Open Session at 10:20 a.m.

Roll Call Vote: 20 Aye; 1 Absent

Motion: Passes

Announcement: Chairman Holewinski announced that while in closed session no action was taken.

Resume – Resolution # 54 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to Convey RH 9333-1001, 1991 W Winnebago St. to Decorah Properties, LLC.

Discussion: Lynch presented an issue with an existing easement on the property.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 54 – 2026: 18 Aye; 1 Nay, Burns; 1 Absent, Lopez; 1 Abstain, Campbell

Resolution # 54 – 2026: Passes

Resolution # 56 – 2026 / Ordinance Amendment # 02 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Planning and Development Committee to Amend Section 9.57 of the Oneida County Code to Implement a One (1) Year Moratorium on Data Centers.

Resolution to amend Section 9.57 to implement a one (1) year moratorium on data centers. Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Planning and Development Committee.

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

WHEREAS, the Planning & Development Committee, having considered Ordinance Amendment #02-2026, which was filed July 9, 2026 (copy attached) to amend Section 9.57 of the Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance, and having given notice thereof as provided by law and having held a public hearing thereon July 8, 2026, pursuant to § 59.69(5), Wisconsin Statutes, and having been informed of the facts pertinent to the changes which are as follows:

WHEREAS, Oneida County's zoning regulations are adopted to protect public health, safety, comfort, convenience, and general welfare; manage growth and the impacts of land development; protect water and other natural resources; preserve rural character; preserve property values; and facilitate adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage, and other public services and facilities; and

WHEREAS, data centers and similar high-intensity computing facilities may create land use impacts that can include, but are not limited to, high electrical demand; need for supporting utility infrastructure; substantial cooling and mechanical systems; noise and vibration; emergency power

generation and fuel storage; lighting and security features; traffic during construction and periodic operations; and potential compatibility concerns with nearby residential, agricultural, and rural land uses; and

WHEREAS, the Planning & Development Committee finds that an interim moratorium is necessary to allow adequate time for County staff and the Planning & Development Committee to evaluate potential data center-related impacts and to consider whether amendments or clarifications to the Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance are needed to ensure consistent administration of permits and protections for the public; and

WHEREAS, during the moratorium period, the County intends to evaluate potential zoning text amendments, application requirements, performance standards, or use classifications to address data centers in a manner consistent with the overall purpose and intent of the zoning code; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a temporary moratorium on specified data center-related activities and approvals in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare while the County conducts necessary review and considers appropriate regulatory standards; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2026, the Planning and Development Committee held a public hearing and there were 0 public comments received, 15 people spoke in favor, 0 people spoke against, and 0 people spoke in ambiguity of the proposed changes; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee has carefully studied the proposed changes after listening to comments made at the public hearing and recommends approval.

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 9 of the General Code of Oneida County, Wisconsin, is amended as follows [additions noted by underline, deletions noted by strikethrough]:

9.57 INTERIM MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS ~~MORATORIUM ON LIVESTOCK FACILITIES LICENSING (2-2020,2-2021,9-2021)~~ ~~Removed from ordinance as moratorium expired March 1, 2022)~~

A. Purpose & Intent

1. Intent

- a. Oneida County's zoning regulations are adopted to protect public health, safety, comfort, convenience, and general welfare; manage growth and the impacts of land development; protect water and other natural resources; preserve rural character; preserve property values; and facilitate adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage, and other public services and facilities.
- b. Where property is affected by the regulations imposed by the zoning chapter and by the other governmental regulations, the more restrictive regulations apply, and the zoning chapter is intended to be liberally construed in favor of the County for the promotion of public health, safety, comfort, convenience, and general welfare.
- c. Data centers and similar high-intensity computing facilities may create land use impacts that can include, but are not limited to, high electrical demand, need for supporting utility infrastructure, substantial cooling and mechanical systems, noise and vibration, emergency power and fuel storage, lighting and security features, traffic during construction and periodic operations, and potential compatibility concerns with nearby residential, agricultural, and rural land uses.
- d. The County Board finds that an interim moratorium is necessary to allow adequate time for County staff and the Planning and Development Committee to evaluate potential data center-related impacts and to consider whether amendments or

clarifications to the Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance are needed to ensure consistent administration of permits and protections for the public.

- e. During the moratorium period, the County intends to evaluate potential zoning texts, amendments, application requirements, performance standards, or use classifications to address data centers in a manner consistent with the overall purpose and intent of the zoning ordinance.

2. Purpose

- a. It is the purpose of this ordinance is to establish a temporary moratorium on specified data center-related activities and approvals in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, while the County conducts necessary review and considers appropriate regulatory standards.

B. Authority

The Oneida County Board of Supervisors has the authority under Wisconsin statutes, including but not limited to, ss. 59.02(2) and 59.69, Wis. Stats.

C. Applicability and Jurisdiction

This Ordinance applies to all territory located within the portions of the unincorporated areas of Oneida County where Chapter 9 of the Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance applies.

D. Definitions

For the purposes of this Ordinance:

1. Data Center means a facility, or a portion of a facility, whose primary purpose is to house computer systems and associated components, including servers, network equipment, and data storage systems, together with supporting mechanical, electrical, power generation, cooling, ventilation, and security systems, where the facility is designed for or operates as follows:
 - a. enterprise data processing;
 - b. colocation services;
 - c. cloud computing infrastructure; and/or
 - d. other large-scale digital data storage, processing, or transmission operations.
2. Data Center Expansion means any physical expansion or intensification of an existing Data Center, including, without limitation, building additions; new principal or accessory structures; installation or expansion of generators, fuel storage, substations, transformers, cooling equipment, or similar infrastructure; or other changes that increase the facility's operational capacity or intensity.
3. New Data Center Development means establishment of a new Data Center on a parcel where a Data Center did not lawfully exist prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

E. Moratorium and Prohibited Actions During Moratorium

1. Moratorium Established. During the effective period of this Ordinance, the County shall not accept, process, approve, or issue approvals, permits, or authorizations for New Data Center Development or Data Center Expansion in the unincorporated area of Oneida County.
2. Specific Actions Covers. The moratorium applies to, without limitations, the following:
 - a. land use permits/zoning permits for new development or change in use;
 - b. approvals related to conditional uses, where applicable;
 - c. zoning map or text amendment requests that are submitted primarily to allow New Data Center Development or Data Center Expansion; and
 - d. any other County Zoning approval that, if granted, would authorize New Data Center Development or Data Center Expansion.

F. Exemptions

1. The moratorium shall not apply to the following:
 - a. Previously Issued and Lawfully Established Approvals. Work for which a land use permit or other County zoning approval has been lawfully issued prior to the effective

date of this Ordinance, provided that the permit remains valid under applicable time limits and has not expired, become void, or been revoked.

- b. Ordinary Maintenance/Repair. Ordinary maintenance and repair activities that do not constitute Data Center Expansion as defined herein.
- c. County/Utility Emergency Actions. Emergency work necessary to protect public health and safety or to restore utility service, as determined by the Zoning Administrator or designee.

G. Duration of the Moratorium

This moratorium shall remain in effect for twelve (12) months from the date of adoption, unless it is replaced or extended by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors.

H. Severability

If any provision of this Ordinance is adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect the validity of other provisions.

I. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

The County Clerk shall, within seven (7) days after adoption of Ordinance Amendment #02-2026 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: Scott Holewinski, Dan Hess, Bob Almekinder, Billy Fried, Michael Tautges.

Discussion: Jennrich explained that data centers are being built in local communities, this issue was discussed at the Planning and Development Committee. Jennrich noted that Data Centers are not regulated in the current Zoning Ordinances. Jennrich stated that this Ordinance allows for adequate time to evaluate any needed changes to our Ordinances. Discussion regarding the limitations to the proposed Ordinance/Moratorium. Holewinski explained that this give the County time to look into the issue and determine what the rules should be.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 56 – 2026 / Ordinance Amendment # 02 – 2026: 20 Aye; 1 Absent, Lopez

Resolution # 56 – 2026 / Ordinance Amendment # 02 – 2026: Passes

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME September 15th, 2026 @ 9:30 a.m.

Unless a motion is made to change the starting time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Holewinski adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.