

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF ONEIDA, OUTAGAMIE COUNTY
APRIL 21, 2026**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 P.M. by Chairperson Scott Schaumberg.

Present: Scott Schaumberg, Al Krause, Terry Hock, and Kelly Hill

Also Present: Chris VanBoxtel, Carl Schaumberg, Mike Sobieck, Jon Sobieck, Warren Maass, Ken Olson, Lori Olson, Charlie Meltz, Jean Olson, Glen Olson, Anna Maass, and Joe Maass

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Chairperson Schaumberg

Appointment of Tellers, Sergeants-at-Arms, or Parliamentarian:

Ken Olson made a motion to proceed without appointing tellers, sergeants-at-arms, or a parliamentarian. Jon Sobieck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes of Annual Meeting (April 15, 2025) and Budget Hearing (November 12, 2025):

Jon Sobieck made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2025 Annual Meeting and the November 12, 2025 Budget Hearing. Ken Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Municipal Overview:

Clerk Kelly Hill presented materials included in the 2025 Annual Report Packet, which contained the following: 2026 and 2027 notices; Town Board members and contact information; school district information; common Outagamie County contacts; Town property, buildings, and vehicles; the 2025 Building Inspector Report; the 2025 building permit report from the Oneida Nation for taxable property; building inspector contact information; the 2026 garbage and recycling schedule; and a Town map.

Annual Financial Report:

Clerk Kelly Hill presented an overview of the financial report prepared by KerberRose. The report was reviewed page by page, with explanations provided. Residents were invited to ask questions or raise concerns for follow-up with the auditor.

The Clerk clarified that the audit reflects financial activity through December 31, 2025. The Town budget meeting was held in November 2025, with unexpended funds rolled over during the January 2026 Board meeting. She also explained that tax collection

creates a temporary increase at the end of the year in Town income, which is then reduced through the tax settlement process in January and again in February/

The auditor recommended contacting the Town's financial institution regarding custodial credit risk. The Clerk noted that a meeting had already been scheduled for the end of April to address this.

Fire Chief Glen Olson clarified that the Fire Department budget has remained at \$30,000 for many years. While Fire Department expenses are included under Public Safety in the report, page 16 specifically identifies the \$30,000 budget. He stated that the department remains fiscally responsible, and any remaining funds are transferred to the Fire Department Outlay Account for future fire department purchases.

Glen Olson made a motion to accept the Annual Financial Report as presented in the KerberRose Audit Report and included in the 2025 Annual Report. Jon Sobieck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fire Department Report:

Fire Chief Glen Olson presented the Town of Oneida Volunteer Fire Department Report as included in the Annual Report Packet.

In 2025, the department had 28 active firefighters and 2 junior firefighters. Training completed included: three firefighters completing Firefighter Level certification, six completing a wildland fire course, four attending Outagamie RTF training, and one completing the Driver Operator/Pumper course.

Department officers are as follows: Fire Chief is Glen Olson, Assistant Chief is Kurt Olson, the Captain is Joe Maass, Lieutenant is Chet Olson, Secretary is Kyle Vanden Langenberg and the Treasurer is Anna Maass. The Fire Board Members are Riley Olson and Gerardo Flores.

The department responded to 80 calls in 2025, including: 5 structure fires, 13 false alarms/controlled fires, 17 accidents/scene safety calls, 5 vehicle fires, 12 CO/gas-related calls, 7 MABAS calls, 7 grass fires, 13 wires-down calls, and 1 lift assist.

The department expressed appreciation to the Oneida Nation for the donation of twelve air packs and a compressor.

The department also received annual donations of \$5,000 from a firefighter's employer, which contributed toward RTF gear. With these funds, the department purchased two additional air packs and a RIT pack.

Additional purchases included four sets of turnout gear, three Milwaukee batteries, a Milwaukee positive pressure fan, and 500' of 5" LDH hose. Maintenance included

rebuilding the main pump on Engine 3821, new tires for Engine 3863, and annual pump testing for both engines.

Community involvement included:

Open House/Fire Prevention Event (approximately 25 attendees)

Oneida Elementary Safety Days (approximately 78 attendees)

National Night Out (approximately 80 attendees)

The annual Fire Department Picnic was well attended, and the 2026 picnic is scheduled for June 7, 2026.

Fire Chief Olson thanked the Town for its support and encouraged anyone interested in becoming a firefighter or junior firefighter to contact the department or the town.

First Responder Report:

The EMS Activity Report submitted by County Rescue is included in the Annual Report Packet. County Rescue responded to 279 calls in the Town of Oneida in 2025.

County Rescue now operates 24 hours out of the new fire station on South Pine Street in Howard. Freedom First Responders assist to serve the south end of Town, while Hobart First Responders assist to serve the north end.

Residents interested in becoming First Responders are encouraged to contact County Rescue, Town Board members, or the Clerk.

Park Report:

Clerk Kelly Hill reported that the park pavilion is available for rental from Memorial Day through September 30. In 2025, it was rented for 10 days, and two dates are currently reserved for 2026. Applications are included in the packet and available on the Town website.

Burning – DNR Guidelines:

Burning safety guidelines are included in the Annual Report Packet and available through the Wisconsin DNR website. Neither Outagamie County nor the Town requires a burn permit. Residents planning burns larger than 3 ft x 3 ft should contact Fire Chief Glen Olson or Chairperson Schaumberg. Burning during high-risk conditions is prohibited.

Old Business:

No old business was discussed.

New Business:

Fire Sign Status:

Mike Sobieck reported that he paid for a new address/fire number in August 2025, but has not received it. The Clerk will follow up.

April Flooding Discussion:

Chairperson Schaumberg stated that the Town of Oneida had declared a Flood Disaster Proclamation on April 15, 2026. Significant flooding caused road closures, culvert failures, and washouts. Approximately 15 loads of riprap were placed along Duck Creek on Seminary Road to prevent erosion. Multiple roads were closed and later reopened after emergency repairs. Evaluation and permanent repairs are ongoing.

Drainage and Road Maintenance Discussion:

The importance of ditch maintenance and drainage was discussed. The Town and Oneida Nation will address this at an upcoming Cooperative Governmental Meeting. The Town's boom mower experienced maintenance issues, and tree/brush management has been an ongoing concern. The Town did get estimates for tree removal last year on Fish Creek Road exceeded the budget.

Jon Sobieck of Sobieck Farm Services offered right-of-way brush cutting services. Seminary Road was identified as a priority area due to upcoming road work.

Additional areas of concern include Fish Creek Road, Ranch Road, Cooper Road, Ray Road, and Van Boxtel Road.

2026 Road Project:

The Town will be contributing to the 2026 road budget toward a joint project with the Oneida Nation. Oneida Nation will be contributing grant funding for the reconstruction of Old Seymour Road, Seminary Road, and Ranch Road (CTH H to Seminary Road).

Culvert replacements were completed in late 2025 and spring 2026. The project is expected to be completed before the school year and harvest season. Work will pause during the first week of July for the annual Powwow.

Work will proceed in phases, beginning on Ranch Road, followed by a segment of Old Seymour Road (Cty H to VanBoxtel) and Seminary Road (Ranch Rd to Cty E). Then the project will continue with the rest of Old Seymour Rd (VanBoxtel to Seminary Rd) and Seminary Rd (Old Seymour to Hwy 54). The project will conclude with the remaining of Seminary Rd (Old Seymour to Ranch Rd). Full road closures are not anticipated except during isolated culvert replacements.

Historically, the Town budgets for approximately one mile of road reconstruction annually. This year, those funds are being combined with grant funding that the Oneida Nation received to complete approximately 7.5 miles of roadway improvements. The

Town has also experienced unanticipated expenses due to severe winter weather and spring flooding.

Date of 2027 Annual Meeting:

Mike Sobieck made a motion to hold the 2027 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2027 (third Tuesday in April). Ken Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Mike Sobieck made a motion to adjourn at 8:34 P.M. Joe Sobieck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted and Published by:

Kelly Hill, Clerk/Treasurer