

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

### TOWN OF ONEIDA, OUTAGAMIE COUNTY

APRIL 15, 2025

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by Chairperson Scott Schaumberg

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

Also present: Riley Olson, Glen Olson, Anna Maass and Joe Maass

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Chairperson Schaumberg

**Appointment of Tellers, Sergeants-at-Arms or Parliamentarian:** Glen Olson motioned to proceed without Appointment of Tellers, Sergeants-at-Arms or a Parliamentarian. Riley Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Minutes of Annual Meeting April 16, 2024 and Budget Hearing November 13, 2024:** Joe Maass motion to approve minutes of Annual Meeting April 16, 2024, and Budget Hearing November 13, 2024. Riley Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Municipal Overview:** Clerk Kelly Hill presented materials included in Annual Meeting Packet which contained: 2025 Notices; 2025 Town Board Members and Town contact information; School District information; Common Outagamie County contacts; Town of Oneida property, buildings and owned vehicles; Town of Oneida Building Inspector Report for 2024 along with 2024 building permit report from Oneida Nation of taxable property; Building inspector contact information; 2025 garbage and recycling schedule; Town of Oneida map

**Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenue and Expenditures:** Anna Maass motioned to dispense reading the Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenue and Expenditures, as presented in the KerberRose Audit Report and included in the 2024 Annual Report. Glen Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Fire Department Report:** Fire Chief Glen Olson summarized the Town of Oneida Volunteer Fire Department Report as included in the Annual Report Packet. Fire Department currently has 29 active firefighters and one junior firefighter. The Fire Department lost one Active Firefighter with the passing of Jim Olson and one Honorary Firefighter Tim Konitzer. Fire Department officers are as follows; Fire Chief, Glen Olson, Kurt Olson as Assistant Chief, Joe Maas as Captain, Chet Olson as Lieutenant, Kyle Vanden Langenberg as Secretary, Anna Maass as Treasurer. Fire Board Members are Riley Olson and Bryan Schaumberg.

Fire Department had 94 total calls in 2024; 6 structures, 19 false alarms/controlled fires, 22 accidents/scene safety, 6 vehicle fires. 10 CO2 detectors/gas smell. 4 MABAS calls, 1 grass fires, 25 wires down, 2 lift assists.

**First Responder Report:** EMS Activity Report submitted by County Rescue is included in the Annual Report Packet.

**Park Report:** Kelly Hill reported the park pavilion is available for residents to rent from Memorial Day thru September 30th. In 2024, it was rented for 16 days. Two days are currently booked for summer 2025. Rental applications are included in the packet and available on the town website.

**Burning by DNR rules:** Burning safety guidelines are included in the Annual Report Packet and available at [dnr.wisconsin.gov](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov). Terry Hock noted that as of April 15, 2025, the DNR issued a “No Burn Ban” in Outagamie County due to dry conditions. Residents planning a burn larger than 3 ft x 3 ft should contact Fire Chief Glen Olson or Chairperson Scott Schaumberg. Burning during high-risk conditions is prohibited.

**Old Business:** Discussion was held regarding the continued increase of property in the Town being purchased by Oneida Nation, which then is converted into non-taxable trust land. This transition results in the loss of property tax revenue for the Town, affecting both the current budget and future revenue potential. Development by Oneida Nation does not generate property tax revenue for the Town —unlike privately owned developments, which contribute to the tax base. Additionally, when land is moved into non-taxable trust, the associated school tax burden is redistributed among the remaining taxable properties in the district. This shift often causes residents to see increases in their school tax bills, even when no new referendum has been approved. Referendums, if passed, would be funded solely by taxable property owners, even though all residents—including those on tax-exempt land—are eligible to vote. This situation when compared to residents that are renters: while they do not directly pay property taxes, the financial impact ultimately falls on the property owner. Currently, approximately half of the properties in the Town of Oneida are in Oneida Nation non-taxable trust land. Potential future town tax levy referendums would raise the same concern of only tax paying properties being financially responsible.

#### **New Business:**

**BugTussel Broadband Expansion:** Outagamie County grant-funded broadband project laid a backbone as phase 1 through the county. Town Hall hosts a connecting unit, powered by generator during outages Roads include; Cty EE, Cty H, Fish Creek Rd, Town Rd, Ranch Rd, Old Seymour, Crooked Creek, Van Ct, Van Bostel, Pearl St and Cooper Rd. Information provided in Annual Report Packet.

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Spectrum Expansion: Spectrum has active ROW permits for approximately 20 miles of road including; Bain Rd, McCabe Rd, Section Line Rd, Jordan Ct, Hansen Rd, Fish Creek Rd, Cty EE, Vine Rd, Ranch Rd, Raine Rd, Poplar Rd, Hwy 54, Hwy 55, Cty Y, Henn Ln, Smith Rd, Pearl St, Rice Rd, Bodart Ct, Moore Rd, Culbertson Rd, Cty H and Government Rd. Information provided in Annual Report Packet.

Oneida Nation Fiber to Home: Oneida Nation received a \$6.6 Million Dollar grant to enhance internet services to Oneida Reservation. Information provided in Annual Report Packet.

**Date of 2025 Annual Meeting:** Joe Maass motioned to hold the 2026 Annual Meeting on the third Tuesday in April-Tuesday, April 21, 2026. Anna Maass seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Riley Olson motioned to adjourn at 8:07P.M. Anna Maass seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted and Published by,

Kelly Hill, Clerk/Treasurer