



# ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

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### \*\*\* NOTICE OF MEETINGS \*\*\*

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*Notice is hereby given that the Oneida County Board of Legislators will meet in accordance with the following schedule on Wednesday, September 13, 2023.*

10:00 A.M. – DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNICATIONS

12:00 P.M. WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

2:00 P.M. FULL BOARD SESSION- LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS

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### **MEETING REMINDERS:**

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Mme. Pratt, Mr. Flisnik

2ND BY:

RE: APPROVAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ONEIDA COUNTY AND NEW YORK STATE, THROUGH ITS OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, This Board is in receipt of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Oneida County and New York State, through its Office of Information Technology Services and Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, and

WHEREAS, The Intergovernmental Agreement will allow the County to participate in the Joint Security Operations Center and to receive endpoint detection and response software—which is sophisticated software that monitors digital activity of the County’s devices to identify and stop intrusions and data breaches—all at no cost to the County, thereby strengthening the County’s cyber security infrastructure by allowing the early detection of, and immediate response to, cyber security threats; and

WHEREAS, There are no fees associates with this Agreement, which shall be for a three (3) year term commencing on the effective date and will automatically renew for additional twelve (12) month terms based upon approval of funding in the State budget and approval of the New York State Office of the Comptroller, if applicable, and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Oneida County Charter Section 2202, said Intergovernmental Agreement must be approved by the Oneida County Board of Legislators, now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That the Oneida County Board of Legislators hereby approves, and authorizes the County Executive to execute, an Intergovernmental Agreement between Oneida County and New York State, through its Office of Information Technology Services and Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, for a three (3) year term commencing on the effective date, including future amendments, extensions, and automatic renewals for twelve (12) month terms upon approval of funding in the State budget and approval of the New York State Office of the Comptroller, if applicable.

APPROVED: Government Operations Committee
Ways and Means Committee

DATED: September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES NAYS ABSENT

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Boucher, Flisnik

2ND BY:

RE: RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF A GRANT AGREEMENT RENEWAL BETWEEN ONEIDA COUNTY, THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, This Board is in receipt of a Grant Agreement Renewal between Oneida County, through its Department of Mental Health, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to a Grant Agreement entered into between the parties on or about August 19, 2022, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs awarded funding to allow Oneida County to contract with providers to meet needs of eligible veterans and their families through outreach, the provision or coordination of suicide prevention services, and connection to the Department of Veterans Affairs and community resources, for a term commencing September 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023 (Contract #168459), and

WHEREAS, Oneida County was awarded a Grant Agreement Renewal, for an amount up to \$750,000.00, for a term commencing September 30, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024. Said Renewal had a deadline for execution of August 17, 2023. Therefore, Ashlee L. Thompson, Commissioner of Mental Health, obtained the permission of the Oneida County Board of Legislators for the Oneida County Executive to execute the Grant Agreement Renewal prior to Board approval with the understanding that the Oneida County Board of Legislators would retroactively approve said Grant Agreement Renewal, and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Oneida County Charter Section 2202, said Grant Agreement Renewal must be approved by the Oneida County Board of Legislators, now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That the Oneida County Board of Legislators hereby retroactively authorizes and approves a Grant Agreement Renewal between Oneida County, through its Department of Mental Health, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, for a term commencing September 30, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024, including future amendments and extensions.

APPROVED: Health & Human Services Committee
Ways and Means Committee

DATED: September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES NAYS ABSENT

NO. 257

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Boucher, Flisnik

2ND BY:

RE: APPROVAL OF A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ONEIDA COUNTY, THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND NEW YORK STATE, THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

WHEREAS, This Board is in receipt of a Grant Agreement between Oneida County, through its Department of Health, and New York State, through its Department of Health, in the sum of \$575,685.00, to fund an Immunization Action Plan, which will conduct assessment, outreach and education activities to increase pediatric and adult immunization rates to reduce the occurrence of vaccine preventable disease (VPD), and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Oneida County Charter Section 2202, said Grant Agreement must be approved by the Oneida County Board of Legislators, now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That Oneida County Executive, Anthony J. Picente, Jr., is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents related to a Grant Agreement, including future amendments and extensions, between Oneida County, through its Department of Health, and New York State, through its Department of Health, in the sum of \$575,685.00 for a term commencing April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2028, including future amendments and extensions.

APPROVED: Health and Human Services Committee
Ways and Means Committee

DATED: September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:
AYES NAYS ABSENT



NO. 259

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Boucher, Flisnik

2ND BY:

RE: APPROVAL TO SET THE SALARY FOR THE POSITION TITLE SENIOR VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER, GRADE 30W, STEP 4, \$51,569 AND TO TRANSFER A POSITION FROM COST CENTER 6011 TO COST CENTER 6510

WHEREAS, This Board is in receipt of correspondence from Commissioner of Personnel, Amanda L. Cortese-Kolasz, requesting approval to establish the salary for the position title of Senior Veterans Service Officer and to transfer position number 6011-572 to Cost Center 6510 as Senior Veterans Service Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Personnel recommends that the starting salary for the position be set at Grade 30W, Step 4, \$51,569; and

WHEREAS, Said requests must be approved by the Oneida County Board of Legislators, now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That the Oneida County Board of Legislators hereby establishes the salary for the position title of Senior Veterans Service Officer at Grade 30W, Step 4, \$51,569, effective immediately; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Oneida County Board of Legislators hereby transfers position number 6011-572 to Cost Center 6510 in the title Senior Veterans Service Officer, effective immediately.

APPROVED: Health and Human Committee
Ways and Means Committee

DATED: September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:
AYES NAYS ABSENT

NO.

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ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Boucher, Flisnik

2ND BY:

RE: APPROVAL TO FUND POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

WHEREAS, This Board is in receipt of correspondence from Commissioner of Personnel, Amanda L. Cortese-Kolasz, requesting authorization to fund position numbers in the Department of Family and Community Services:

Child Support Division:

- 6010-348 – Support Investigator – Grade 23W, Step 4, \$39,878
6010-345 – Support Investigator – Grade 23W, Step 4, \$39,878
6010-351 – Support Investigator – Grade 23W, Step 4, \$39,878
6010-470 – Support Investigator – Grade 23W, Step 4, \$39,878
6010-049 – Child Support Unit Supervisor Assistant – Grade 33W, Step 4, \$57,126

Resource Division:

- 6010-183 – Social Services Investigator – Grade 23W, Step 4, \$39,878
6010-543 – Social Services Investigator – Grade 23W, Step 4, \$39,878
6010-185 – Senior Social Services Investigator – Grade 27W, Step 4, \$46,647
6010-395 – Senior Social Services Investigator – Grade 27W, Step 4, \$46,647

Medical Division:

- 6013-166 – Chief Social Welfare Examiner – Grade 33W, Step 4, \$57,126

, and

WHEREAS, Said request must be approved by the Oneida County Board of Legislators, now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That the Oneida County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes and approves the funding of the following position numbers:

Child Support Division:

- 6010-348 – Support Investigator – Grade 23W, Step 4, \$39,878
6010-345 – Support Investigator – Grade 23W, Step 4, \$39,878
6010-351 – Support Investigator – Grade 23W, Step 4, \$39,878
6010-470 – Support Investigator – Grade 23W, Step 4, \$39,878
6010-049 – Child Support Unit Supervisor Assistant – Grade 33W, Step 4, \$57,126

Resource Division:

- 6010-183 – Social Services Investigator – Grade 23W, Step 4, \$39,878

6010-543 – Social Services Investigator – Grade 23W, Step 4, \$39,878  
6010-185 – Senior Social Services Investigator – Grade 27W, Step 4, \$46,647  
6010-395 – Senior Social Services Investigator – Grade 27W, Step 4, \$46,647

Medical Division:

6013-166 – Chief Social Welfare Examiner – Grade 33W, Step 4, \$57,126

APPROVED:           Health and Human Services Committee  
                              Ways and Means Committee

DATED:   September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES   NAYS   ABSENT



NO. 261

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Boucher, Flisnik

2ND BY:

RE: APPROVAL OF AN EXTENSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN ONEIDA COUNTY, THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND INTEGRATED COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES NETWORK, INC. (ICAN)

WHEREAS, This Board is in receipt of an Extension Agreement between Oneida County, through its Department of Family and Community Services, and Integrated Community Alternatives Network, Inc. (ICAN), and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to a Purchase of Services Agreement entered into between Oneida County and Integrated Community Alternatives Network, Inc., on November 16, 2020, Integrated Community Alternatives Network, Inc. agreed to provide Street Outreach services to individuals and families who are homeless and living on the streets, for the sum of \$85,556.00, with a term commencing October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021 (the "Agreement"), and

WHEREAS, The parties later entered into an Amendment on June 15, 2022 to extend the term of the Agreement by one year, for a term ending September 30, 2022, and to incorporate additional funding of \$88,056.00 for the extended term of the Agreement, bringing the total of the Agreement to \$173,612.00, and

WHEREAS, The parties wish to enter into an Extension Agreement to extend the term of the Agreement by one year, for a term ending September 30, 2023, and to incorporate additional funding of \$181,124.00, bringing the new total of the Agreement to \$354,736.00, and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Oneida County Charter Section 2202, said Extension Amendment must be approved by the Oneida County Board of Legislators, now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That this Board authorizes and approves an Extension Agreement between Oneida County, through its Department of Family and Community Services, and Integrated Community Alternatives Network, Inc., for a term commencing October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023, including future amendments and extensions.

APPROVED: Health and Human Services Committee
Ways and Means Committee

DATED: September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES NAYS ABSENT

NO. 262

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Boucher, Flisnik

2ND BY:

RE: APPROVAL OF A FOURTH RENEWAL TO A PURCHASE OF SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN ONEIDA COUNTY, THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND THE LUTHERAN HOME OF CENTRAL NEW YORK, INC.

WHEREAS, This Board is in receipt of a Fourth Renewal to a Purchase of Services Agreement between Oneida County, through its Department of Family and Community Services, and The Lutheran Home of Central New York, Inc., and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to a Purchase of Services Agreement entered into between Oneida County and The Lutheran Home of Central New York, Inc., on March 18, 2019, The Lutheran Home of Central New York, Inc. agreed to provide Social Adult Day Care Services to continue to provide community based long term care services to the frail and elderly, and to assist older consumers to delay or divert nursing home placement, with a term commencing January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019, with the option to renew for four (4) additional one-year terms (Contract #75228), and

WHEREAS, Oneida County and The Lutheran Home of Central New York, Inc. later entered into a First Renewal (Contract #91647); Second Renewal (Contract #129282) and Third Renewal (Contract #163031) pursuant to Section 2(A) of the original Agreement, and

WHEREAS, Oneida County and The Lutheran Home of Central New York, Inc. wish to enter into the Fourth Renewal, for an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00, for a term commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Oneida County Charter Section 2202, said Fourth Renewal must be approved by the Oneida County Board of Legislators, now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That this Board authorizes and approves a Fourth Renewal to a Purchase of Services Agreement between Oneida County, through its Department of Family and Community Services, and The Lutheran Home of Central New York, Inc., for a term commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023, including future amendments and extensions.

APPROVED: Health and Human Services Committee
Ways and Means Committee

DATED: September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:
AYES NAYS ABSENT

NO. 263

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Idzi, Flisnik

2ND BY: Mr.

RE: APPROVAL TO SET THE SALARY FOR THE POSITION TITLE SENTENCING MITIGATION SPECIALIST, GRADE 32W, STEP 4, \$55,198 AND TO CREATE TWO (2) SENTENCING MITIGATION SPECIALIST POSITIONS IN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER – CRIMINAL OFFICE (COST CENTER 1174)

WHEREAS, This Board is in receipt of correspondence from Commissioner of Personnel, Amanda L. Cortese-Kolasz, requesting approval to establish the salary for the position title of Sentencing Mitigation Specialist and requesting authorization to create two (2) Sentencing Mitigation Specialist positions in the Public Defender – Criminal Office; and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Personnel recommends that the starting salary for the position be set at Grade 32W, Step 4, \$55,198; and

WHEREAS, Said requests must be approved by the Oneida County Board of Legislators; now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Legislators hereby establishes the salary for the position title of Sentencing Mitigation Specialist at Grade 32W, Step 4, \$55,198, effective immediately; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Oneida County Board of Legislators hereby authorizes and approves creating two (2) Sentencing Mitigation Specialist positions (Grade 32W, Step 4, \$55,198) in the Public Defender – Criminal Office, cost center 1174, effective immediately.

APPROVED: Public Safety Committee
Ways and Means Committee

DATED:

Adopted by the following vote:
AYES NAYS ABSENT

NO. 264

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Idzi, Flisnik

2ND BY:

RE: APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ONEIDA COUNTY, THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, AND NEW YORK STATE, THROUGH ITS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

WHEREAS, This Board is in receipt of correspondence from Holly Bolton, Director of Probation, requesting approval of an Amendment to a Grant Agreement between Oneida County, through its Department of Probation, and New York State, through its Division of Criminal Justice Services, through its Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Grant, in the sum of \$42,594.00, to provide funding for reimbursement of expenses incurred by Oneida County’s Domicile Restriction Program, which provides Alternatives to Incarceration at the Pre-Trial and Post-Sentencing stages of the legal process, and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Oneida County Charter Section 2202, said Grant Agreement must be approved by the Oneida County Board of Legislators, now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That Oneida County Executive, Anthony J. Picente, Jr., is hereby authorized to electronically execute any and all documents related to an Amendment to a Grant Agreement between Oneida County, through its Probation Department, and New York State, through its Division of Criminal Justice Services, in the amount of \$42,594.00 for a term commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, including any future non-material amendments and extensions.

APPROVED: Public Safety Committee
Ways and Means Committee

DATED: September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:
AYES NAYS ABSENT

NO.

265

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Idzi, Flisnik

2ND BY:

RE: SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$610,000.00 TO A 1340 1171.195-000 – OTHER FEES & SERVICES (ASSIGNED COUNSEL)

WHEREAS, In accordance with Section 609 of the Administrative Code, the County Executive has requested a supplemental appropriation be made in the amount of \$610,000.00 to A 1340 1171.195-000 – Other Fees & Services (Assigned Counsel), and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental appropriation will be supported by unanticipated revenue in the following account in the following amount:

A 1340 1171.3025-115 State Aid – Indigent Legal Services Fund \$610,000.00
Assigned Counsel Legal Fee Reimb.

now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That a supplemental appropriation, from 2023 funds, as hereinafter set forth, is hereby approved:

TO:

A 1340 1171.195-000 Other Fees & Services (Assigned Counsel) \$610,000.00

APPROVED: Public Safety Committee
Ways & Means Committee

DATED: September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES NAYS ABSENT

NO. 266

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Idzi, Flisnik

2ND BY:

RE: SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$88,812.00 TO A 3020 3020.493-000 – MAINTENANCE, REPAIR & SERVICES CONTRACTS (EMERGENCY SERVICES)

WHEREAS, In accordance with Section 609 of the Administrative Code, the County Executive has requested a supplemental appropriation be made in the amount of \$88,812.00 to A 3020 3020.493-000 – Maintenance, Repair & Services Contracts (Emergency Services), and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental appropriation will be supported by unanticipated revenue in the following account in the following amount:

A.599 Appropriated Fund Balance \$88,812.00

now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That a supplemental appropriation, from 2023 funds, as hereinafter set forth, is hereby approved:

TO:

A 3020 3020.493-000 Maintenance, Repair & Services Contracts \$88,812.00 (Emergency Services)

APPROVED: Public Safety Committee Ways & Means Committee

DATED: September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES NAYS ABSENT

NO. 267

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Idzi, Flisnik

2ND BY:

RE: APPROVAL OF A TEMPLATE FOR SPECIAL DETAIL SERVICES TO BE USED BETWEEN ONEIDA COUNTY, THROUGH ITS SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND OTHER ENTITIES

WHEREAS, This Board is in receipt of correspondence from Oneida County Sheriff, Robert M. Maciol, requesting approval of a Template to be used between Oneida County, through its Sheriff's Office, and various municipalities, school districts and other entities for Special Detail Services that will provide security at various events hosted by municipalities, school districts and other entities, regardless of whether the event is a one-time event, a recurring event, or a series of recurring events, and

WHEREAS, The terms for each Agreement will vary depending on an agreed upon schedule, with Oneida County being reimbursed for time spent by personnel patrolling the event(s) at the maximum rate of \$69.00 per hour, and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Oneida County Charter Section 2202, said Template must be approved by the Oneida County Board of Legislators, now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That the Oneida County Board of Legislators hereby approves the Template to be used between Oneida County, through its Sheriff's Office, and various municipalities, school districts and other entities for Special Detail Services and authorizes Oneida County Executive, Anthony J. Picente, Jr., to execute such Agreements between Oneida County and the various municipalities, school districts and other entities.

APPROVED: Public Safety Committee
Ways and Means Committee

DATED: September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:
AYES NAYS ABSENT

NO. 268

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Koenig, Flisnik

2ND BY:

RE: ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT OFFER BETWEEN ONEIDA COUNTY, THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THROUGH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, This Board is in receipt of correspondence from Edward A. Arcuri, Commissioner of Aviation, requesting acceptance of a Grant Offer between Oneida County, through its Department of Aviation, and the United States of America, through the Federal Aviation Administration, through the Airport Improvement Program, in the sum of \$231,984.00, to be used for the construction of new realigned Taxiway H, including removal of Taxiway D and Taxiway H stubs – Design, and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Oneida County Charter Section 2202, acceptance of said Grant Offer must be approved by the Oneida County Board of Legislators, now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That Oneida County Executive, Anthony J. Picente, Jr., is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents related to the acceptance of a Grant Offer, including future amendments and extensions, between Oneida County, through its Department of Aviation, and the United States, through the Federal Aviation Administration, through the Airport Improvement Program.

APPROVED: Airport Committee
Ways and Means Committee

DATED: September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:
AYES NAYS ABSENT



NO. 269

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Waterman, Flisnik

2ND BY:

RE: APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN ONEIDA COUNTY AND MODEL OF ARCHITECTURE SERVING SOCIETY, LLC

WHEREAS, This Board is in receipt of a Professional Design Services Agreement between Oneida County and Model of Architecture Serving Society LLC to provide concept and schematic design services for the transformation the REA wing of Union Station into the Utica Food Hub, a permanent and four-season home for the Oneida County Public Market, and

WHEREAS, Model of Architecture Serving Society LLC will provide concept and schematic design services for an amount not to exceed \$377,400.00, for a one (1) year term commencing upon execution, and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Oneida County Charter Section 2202, said Professional Design Services Agreement must be approved by the Oneida County Board of Legislators, now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That the Oneida County Board of Legislators hereby approves, and authorizes the County Executive to execute, a Professional Design Services Agreement between Oneida County and Model of Architecture Serving Society, LLC, including any future amendments and extensions, for an amount not to exceed \$377,400.00, for a one (1) year term commencing upon execution.

APPROVED: Public Works Committee
Ways and Means Committee

DATED: September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:
AYES NAYS ABSENT

NO. 270

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Waterman, Flisnik

2ND BY:

RE: APPROVAL OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ONEIDA COUNTY AND ONEIDA-HERKIMER SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, This Board is in receipt of correspondence from Karl E. Schrantz, P.E., Commissioner of Water Quality & Water Pollution Control, requesting approval of a Lease Agreement between Oneida County and the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Management Authority to provide Oneida County with access rights to Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Management Authority’s Food2Energy facility property in order to install equipment that will screen food waste slurry before pumping to the Water Pollution Control Plant digesters for biogas production, and

WHEREAS, There are no fees associated with this Lease Agreement, which shall be for a five (5) year term commencing upon execution, with the option to renew for up to five (5) additional five (5) year terms, and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Oneida County Charter Section 2202, said Lease Agreement must be approved by the Oneida County Board of Legislators, now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That the Oneida County Board of Legislators approves, and authorizes the County Executive to execute, a Lease Agreement between Oneida County and Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Management Authority, for a five (5) year term commencing upon execution, including future amendments and extensions, with the option to renew for up to five (5) additional five- (5) year terms, and it is further

RESOLVED, That the terms and conditions of said Lease Agreement shall be as more fully set forth in the document on file with the Clerk of this Board.

APPROVED: Public Works Committee
Ways and Means Committee

DATED: September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES NAYS ABSENT

NO. 271

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Waterman, Flisnik

2ND BY:

RE: APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ONEIDA COUNTY AND MARCH ASSOCIATES, ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS, P.C.

WHEREAS, This Board is in receipt of an Agreement between Oneida County and MARCH Associates, Architects and Planner, P.C. to provide professional design services for the renovation of a portion of the basement level in the Plumley Complex on the Rome campus of the Mohawk Valley Community College to house the Dental Hygiene Program, and

WHEREAS, MARCH Associates, Architects and Planners, P.C., Inc. will provide professional design services for the sum of \$197,150.00, for a term commencing upon execution and ending upon completion of the work; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Oneida County Charter Section 2202, said Agreement must be approved by the Oneida County Board of Legislators, now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That the Oneida County Board of Legislators hereby approves, and authorizes the County Executive to execute, an Agreement between Oneida County and MARCH Associates, Architects and Planners, P.C., including future amendments and extensions, in the sum of \$197,150.00, for a term commencing upon execution and ending upon completion of the work.

APPROVED: Public Works Committee
Ways and Means Committee

DATED: September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES NAYS ABSENT

NO.

272

**ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Messrs. Waterman, Flisnik

**2ND BY:**

**RE: AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE OF THE STATE-AID PROGRAM ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A CAPITAL PROJECT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND APPROVING STATE FUNDED LOCAL PROJECT AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER AGREEMENTS**

**WHEREAS,** A project for the Reconstruction of Middle Settlement Road (CR 30) between State Route 5 and Clinton Street, Town of New Hartford, Oneida County, PIN 2754.27 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under a New York State program administered by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), and

**WHEREAS,** A sum not to exceed \$2,688,000.00 in program funding is available to progress the Project, and

**WHEREAS,** The County of Oneida desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of State share of the costs of the design, ROW acquisition, construction, construction inspection and construction supervision, and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Board of Legislators, duly convened, does hereby

**RESOLVE,** That the Board of Legislators hereby approves the above Project; and it is hereby further

**RESOLVED,** That the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the County of Oneida to pay in the first instance 100% of the cost of design, ROW acquisition, construction, construction inspection and construction supervision work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

**RESOLVED,** That the sum of \$2,688,000.00 is hereby appropriated from H-298 and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and it is further

**RESOLVED,** That in the event the full state share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Board of Legislators shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the New York State Department of Transportation thereof; and it is further

**RESVOLED,** That the County Executive of the County of Oneida be and is hereby authorized to execute a State-Funded Local Project Agreement, all other necessary agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for State Aid on behalf of the County of Oneida with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the County's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, That a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation York by attaching it to any necessary agreement in connection with the Project between the County of Oneida and the State of New York, and it is further

**RESOLVED**, That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED:           Public Works Committee  
                              Ways and Means Committee

DATED: September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:  
AYES      NAYS      ABSENT

NO. 273

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Waterman, Flisnik

2ND BY:

RE: APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ONEIDA COUNTY AND BARTON & LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN CONSULTING SERVICES

WHEREAS, This Board is in receipt of an agreement between Oneida County and Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. to provide professional design services for two fuel storage dispensing facilities at the Department of Public Works maintenance facility located at 5999 Judd Road in Oriskany, and

WHEREAS, Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. will provide profession design services for the sum of \$88,250.00, for a term commencing upon execution and ending upon completion of the work, anticipated to be no later than December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Oneida County Charter Section 2202, said agreement must be approved by the Oneida County Board of Legislators, now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That the Oneida County Board of Legislators hereby approves, and authorizes the County Executive to execute, an agreement between Oneida County and Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for professional design consulting services, including future amendments and extensions thereto, in the sum of \$88,250.00, for a term commencing upon execution and ending upon completion of the work.

APPROVED: Public Works Committee
Ways and Means Committee

DATED: September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES NAYS ABSENT

NO.

274

**ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**

*RESOLUTION NO.*

*INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Waterman, Flisnik*

*2ND BY:*

**RE: APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN ONEIDA COUNTY AND MARCH ASSOCIATES, ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS, P.C. FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES**

**WHEREAS,** This Board is in receipt of an agreement between Oneida County and MARCH Associates, Architects and Planners, P.C. to provide professional design services for the continuation of the expansion of Cornell Cooperative Extension located at 121 Second Street in Oriskany, and

**WHEREAS,** MARCH Associates, Architects and Planners, P.C., Inc. will provide professional design services for the sum of \$409,000.00, for a term commencing upon execution and ending upon the completion of the work, anticipated to be May 30, 2025, and

**WHEREAS,** In accordance with Oneida County Charter Section 2202, said agreement must be approved by the Oneida County Board of Legislators, now, therefore, be it hereby

**RESOLVED,** That the Oneida County Board of Legislators hereby approves, and authorizes the County Executive to execute, an agreement between Oneida County and MARCH Associates, Architects and Planners, P.C., including future amendments and extensions, in the sum of \$409,000.00, to provide professional design services for the expansion of Cornell Cooperative Extension at Second Street in Oriskany, for a term commencing upon execution and ending upon completion of the work, anticipated to be no later than May 30, 2025.

APPROVED:           Public Works Committee  
                                  Ways and Means Committee

DATED: September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES   NAYS   ABSENT

NO. 275

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Waterman, Flisnik

2ND BY:

RE: APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ONEIDA COUNTY AND BEEBE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

WHEREAS, This Board is in receipt of an agreement between Oneida County and Beebe Construction Services, Inc. to provide construction management services throughout the pre-construction and construction phases for the Mohawk Valley Community College Science & Technology Building renovation project located at the Utica campus, and

WHEREAS, Beebe Construction Services, Inc. will provide construction management services for a sum not to exceed \$629,532.00 and for a term commencing upon execution and ending upon completion of the work, anticipated to be no later than June 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Oneida County Charter Section 2202, said Agreement must be approved by the Oneida County Board of Legislators, now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That the Oneida County Board of Legislators hereby approves, and authorizes the County Executive to execute, an agreement between Oneida County and Beebe Construction Services, Inc., including future amendments and extensions, to provide construction management services, such agreement in the sum not to exceed \$629,532.00, for a term commencing upon execution and ending upon completion of the work, anticipated to be no later than June 30, 2026.

APPROVED: Public Works Committee
Ways and Means Committee

DATED: September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES NAYS ABSENT



NO. 276

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Waterman, Flisnik

2ND BY:

RE: APPROVAL OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AGREEMENTS BETWEEN ONEIDA COUNTY AND CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY, INC.

WHEREAS, This Board is in receipt of correspondence from Commissioner of Public Works, Matthew S. Baisley, requesting approval of two Electricity Supply Agreements between Oneida County and Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. to provide electricity to Oneida County facilities, as procured through the Municipal Gas and Electric Alliance (MEGA), and

WHEREAS, The agreements shall commence upon execution and terminate in three years, with an estimated combined annual cost of approximately \$2,000,000.00 per year, and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Oneida County Charter Section 2202, said Agreement must be approved by the Oneida County Board of Legislators, now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That the Oneida County Board of Legislators hereby approves, and authorizes the County Executive to execute, two Electricity Supply Agreements between Oneida County and Constellation NewEnergy, Inc., for a term commencing upon execution and ending in three years, including any future amendments and extensions.

APPROVED: Public Works Committee
Ways and Means Committee

DATED: September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:
AYES NAYS ABSENT

NO. 277

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Waterman, Flisnik

2ND BY:

RE: APPROVAL OF AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN ONEIDA COUNTY AND C & S ENGINEERS, INC.

WHEREAS, This Board is in receipt of an Engineering Services Agreement between the County of Oneida and C & S Engineers, Inc., to provide construction inspection services with regard to the replacement of Gridley Paige Road Bridge over Big Creek in the Town of Marshall ("Project"), and

WHEREAS, C & S Engineers, Inc. will provide construction inspection services in connection with the Project for a fee not to exceed \$400,000.00, for a term commencing upon written Notice to Proceed and ending upon completion of the Project, anticipated to be no later than December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Oneida County Charter Section 2202, said Agreement must be approved by the Oneida County Board of Legislators, now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That the Oneida County Board of Legislators hereby approves, and authorizes the County Executive to execute, the Engineering Services Agreement between the County of Oneida and C & S Engineers, Inc., for a fee not to exceed \$400,000.000, and for a term commencing upon written Notice to Proceed and ending upon completion of the Project, anticipated to be no later than December 31, 2024, including future amendments and extensions.

APPROVED: Public Works Committee
Ways and Means Committee

DATED: September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES NAYS ABSENT

**ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Koenig, Flisnik**

**2ND BY:**

**RE:   ADVANCED APPROVAL OF FIVE (5) GRANT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN ONEIDA COUNTY, THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THROUGH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND ONEIDA COUNTY, THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION, AND THE STATE OF NEW YORK, THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**WHEREAS,** This Board is in receipt of correspondence from Edward Arcuri, Commissioner of Aviation, requesting authorization to enter into of five (5) Grant Agreements between Oneida County, through its Department of Aviation, and the United States of America, through the Federal Aviation Administration, if awarded, as well as the associated Grant Agreements between Oneida County, through its Department of Aviation, and the State of New York, through its Department of Transportation, due to the limited notice and short deadlines associated with the execution of such Grant Agreements; and

**WHEREAS,** If awarded, the Grant Agreements will provide Oneida County with funding from the Federal Aviation Administration totaling ninety percent (90%) of the total project amount and funding from the State of New York, through its Department of Transportation totaling five percent (5%) of the total project amount; and

**WHEREAS,** If awarded, the associated Oneida County share of each project will be five percent (5%) of the total project amount; and

**WHEREAS,** The five (5) projects are as follows: (1) Airfield Lighting Upgrades (Design), with a total project cost of up to \$104,760.00, to replace existing airfield lighting, signage and navigation aid equipment distributed across Griffiss International Airport; (2) Apron 1 & 2 Rehabilitation (Drainage) Phase 1 (Construction), with a total project cost of up to \$6,369,515.00, to rehabilitate the center portion of Apron 1 & 2 and to replace the associated storm water trench drains; (3) Reconfigure-Reconstruct Taxiway D, H, G Intersection (Design), with a total project cost of up to \$257,760.00, to provide 90 degree turns to eliminate direct access from the Terminal Apron on Runway 15-33 via Taxiway D; (4) Zero Emissions Vehicle(s) and Infrastructure (ZEV), with a total project cost of up to \$162,231.00, for the purchase of two (2) electric pickup trucks and two (2) charges; and (5) Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program – Airport Business Park Development – Griffiss Business & Tech Park, with a total project cost of up to \$868,500.00, for the development of 250 acres located mid-field and west of the Runway 15 end at Griffiss International Airport, and

**WHEREAS,** In accordance with Oneida County Charter Section 2202, said Grant Agreements must be approved by the Oneida County Board of Legislators, now, therefore, be it hereby

**RESOLVED,** That the Oneida County Board of Legislators hereby grants advanced approval of the following five (5) Grant Agreements between Oneida County, through its Department of Aviation, and the United States of America, through the Federal Aviation Administration, as well as the associated Grant Agreements between Oneida County, through its Department of Aviation, and the State of New York, through its Department of Transportation, and authorizes Oneida County Executive, Anthony J. Picente, Jr., to execute said Grant Agreements upon Oneida County's receipt of the same, including future amendments and extensions: (1) Airfield Lighting Upgrades (Design), with a total project cost of up to \$104,760.00, to replace existing airfield lighting, signage and navigation aid equipment distributed across Griffiss International Airport; (2) Apron 1 & 2 Rehabilitation (Drainage) Phase 1 (Construction), with a total project cost of up to \$6,369,515.00, to rehabilitate the center portion of Apron 1 & 2 and to replace the associated storm water trench drains; (3) Reconfigure-Reconstruct Taxiway D, H, G Intersection (Design), with a total project cost of up to \$257,760.00, to provide 90 degree turns to eliminate direct access from the Terminal Apron on Runway 15-33 via Taxiway D; (4) Zero Emissions Vehicle(s) and Infrastructure (ZEV), with a total project cost of up to \$162,231.00, for the purchase of two (2) electric pickup trucks and two (2) charges; and (5) Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program – Airport Business Park Development – Griffiss Business & Tech Park, with a total project cost of up to \$868,500.00, for the development of 250 acres located mid-field and west of the Runway 15 end at Griffiss International Airport.

APPROVED:            Airport Committee  
                              Ways and Means Committee

DATED:     September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES     NAYS     ABSENT

NO. 279

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Waterman, Flisnik

2ND BY:

RE: A TRANSFER OF \$125,000 TO ACCOUNT A-1620-1620.491-000 AND A TRANSFER OF \$25,000 TO ACCOUNT 1620-1620.493-000

WHEREAS, There are shortages in the Department of Public Works accounts for Other Materials & Supplies (A-1620-1620.491-000) and Maintenance, Repair & Service Contracts (1620-1620.493-000) due to an unanticipated increase in the amount and cost of certain repairs, and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Section 610 of the Administrative Code, the County Executive has requested approval by this Board to transfer funds sufficient to cover the present shortages, now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That transfers from 2023 funds, as hereinafter set forth, be and the same is hereby approved:

FROM:

A 1620 1620.414-000 Utilities \$150,000.00

TO:

A 1620-1620.491-000 Other Materials & Supplies \$125,000.00
A 1620-1620.493-000 Maintenance, Repair & Services Contracts \$ 25,000.00
\$150,000.00

APPROVED: Public Works Committee
Ways and Means Committee

DATED: September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES NAYS ABSENT

*NO. 280*

**ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**

***RESOLUTION NO.***

***INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Waterman, Flisnik***

***2ND BY:***

**RE: APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ONEIDA COUNTY AND THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

**WHEREAS,** This Board is in receipt of correspondence from James J. Genovese, II, Commissioner of Planning, requesting approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Oneida County and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the provision of non-financial Direct Technical Assistance in support of Oneida County’s work to improve the resiliency of the Oriskany Creek Watershed, and

**WHEREAS,** Said Memorandum of Understanding shall be for a thirty-six (36) month term commencing upon execution, and

**WHEREAS,** In accordance with Oneida County Charter section 2202, said Memorandum of Understanding must be approved by this Board, now, therefore, be it hereby

**RESOLVED,** That the Oneida County Board of Legislators approves and authorizes County Executive, Anthony J. Picente, Jr., to execute a Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the County of Oneida and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a thirty-six (36) month term commencing upon execution, and it is further

**RESOLVED,** That the terms and conditions of said Memorandum of Understanding shall be as more fully set forth in the document on file with the Clerk of this Board.

APPROVED: Public Works Committee  
Ways & Means Committee

DATED: September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES NAYS ABSENT

NO. 281

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. Flisnik

2ND BY:

RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR ONEIDA COUNTY TO APPLY TO THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL (OCR) FOR GRANTS TOTALING \$225,000 TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS IN ONEIDA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Oneida County Executive, Anthony J. Picente, Jr., is in receipt of correspondence from James J. Genovese II, Commissioner of Planning, requesting the submittal of an application by Oneida County to the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) totaling \$225,000.00, and

WHEREAS, The Community Development Block Grant funds will provide funding assistance to Copper City Meats in the Town of Floyd which will result in the creation of 15 or more new jobs, and

WHEREAS, The Community Development Block Grant funds, in conjunction with cash equity from the business, will facilitate wastewater infrastructure upgrades from the business to the Benton Road Pump Station in the Town of Marcy, and

WHEREAS, The CDBG program provides up to 40% of the project funding. The business owner will satisfy the remainder of the equity requirement in the form of cash equity; therefore, no County dollars will be spent on this project, and

WHEREAS, The CDBG Program requires the holding of two public hearings by the County, a minimum of one prior to the submission of said application, and one following the award to report on project accomplishments, and

WHEREAS, The CDBG program requires that the Community Development Block Grant application must comply with the program requirements set forth in 2 CFR Part 200 and applicable subparts and 24 CFR Part 570, as amended, now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That Oneida County Executive, Anthony J. Picente, Jr., is authorized to submit the application and amendments thereto and all understandings and assurances contained therein, and is further authorized to act in connection with the application to provide such additional information as may be required to request and implement said funds, and it is further

RESOLVED, That the Oneida County Board of Legislators will hold the first required public hearing on October 11, 2023, at 2:00 pm in the Oneida County Board of Legislators Chambers 10th Floor Oneida County Office Building 800 Park Avenue, Utica, NY 13501 and the second on a date to be determined, and it is further

RESOLVED, That the Oneida County Executive, Anthony J. Picente, Jr., is hereby authorized to execute all documents and certifications required as part of the submission of the application and to execute such documents as may be required in order to implement the program and enter into agreements

as are necessary to accept the award and distribute the funds.

APPROVED:           Ways and Means Committee

DATED: September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES   NAYS   ABSENT



NO. 282

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO.

INTRODUCED BY: Messrs. Idzi, Flisnik

2ND BY:

LOCAL LAW INTRO. "C" OF 2023

LOCAL LAW NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2023

A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ONEIDA PROVIDING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 466-A OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY LEGISLATORS OF THE COUNTY OF ONEIDA, STATE OF NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND PURPOSE.

- a. The Oneida County Legislature finds it appropriate to recognize the service and dedication of volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance company members. Furthermore, the Oneida County Legislature determines that attracting and retaining quality volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel is one of the most critical problems facing a number of communities in Oneida County and that maintaining effective emergency protection depends on the ability to train and retain volunteers.
b. The Legislature finds and determines that it is essential for the County to provide a real property tax exemption as an incentive to attract new volunteers and help combat a persistent and alarming decline in the number of volunteers serving as active responders to fire and medical emergencies and unless recruits are found to replace retiring volunteers and seasoned members are encouraged to continue their volunteer service, the health and safety of citizens served by the volunteer firefighter and emergency medical personnel corps may be jeopardized.
c. The Legislature further finds and determines that a real property tax exemption is an appropriate way to recognize the personal sacrifices and dedication of these community-spirited men and women who unselfishly give their time and risk their safety to protect their neighbors without compensation.
d. The purpose of this Local Law is to adopt the real property tax exemption provided for volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel in accordance with Section 466-a of the Real Property Tax Law to read as follows.

**SECTION 2. REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION.**

Real property owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service or such enrolled member and spouse residing in the County of Oneida shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of 10 percent of the assessed value of such property for County purposes, exclusive of special assessments.

**SECTION 3. QUALIFICATIONS.**

Such exemption shall only be granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance services in Oneida County if:

(a) the applicant resides in the County of Oneida and resides in the city, town or village, which is served by the incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service; and

(b) the real property which is the subject of such exemption is the primary residence of the applicant; and

(c) the real property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided however, that in the event any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this Local Law; and

(d) the applicant has obtained and displayed a certificate issued by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department indicating that the applicant has been an enrolled active member of such incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department for at least two years or the applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an enrolled active member of such incorporated voluntary ambulance service for at least two years and the applicant otherwise would be eligible for a service award program using the criteria for such service awards programs set forth in Sections 217 and 219-e of the General Municipal Law, which criteria are incorporated into this local law and are specifically made applicable to both volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers; and

(e) the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service has submitted to the Oneida County Director of Emergency Services a complete list of enrolled members, with their respective dates of service with such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service. The Oneida County Director of Emergency Services shall then review all applicants and certify those applicants who meet the necessary criteria to be eligible for this exemption.

**SECTION 4. TWENTY YEAR ACTIVE MEMBERS.**

Any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who accrues more than twenty years of active service

and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, shall be granted the ten percent exemption as authorized by this section for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within the County of Oneida.

**SECTION 5. UN-REMARIED SURVIVING SPOUSES OF VOLUNTEERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.**

An un-remarried spouse of a volunteer firefighter(s) or volunteer ambulance worker(s) killed in the line of duty may receive the real property tax exemption if:

1. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service who was killed in the line of duty; and
2. Such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least five years; and
3. Such deceased volunteer had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death.

**SECTION 6. UN-REMARIED SURVIVING SPOUSES OF VOLUNTEERS WITH AT LEAST TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE.**

An un-remarried spouse of a volunteer firefighter(s) or volunteer ambulance worker(s) with twenty years of service may receive the real property tax exemption if:

1. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of a deceased enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance; and
2. Such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least twenty years; and
3. Such deceased volunteer and un-remarried spouse had been receiving the exemption of such property prior to the death of such volunteer.

**SECTION 7. APPLICATION PROCESS.**

1. Applications for such exemption shall be filed annually with the assessor of the city, village or town on or before the taxable status date on a form as prescribed by the New York State Commissioner for the Office of Real Property Tax Services.
2. The assessor of the city, village or town shall have the duty and responsibility of procuring and filing a copy of such certification prior to granting the exemption provided for by this Local Law.

**SECTION 8. NO DIMINUTION OF CURRENT BENEFITS.**

No applicant who is a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker who by reason of such status is receiving any benefit under the provisions of law on the effective date of this Local Law shall suffer any diminution of such benefit because of the provisions of this Local Law.

**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Local Law shall be effective upon its filing with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and shall apply to assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dates occurring on or after such date.

APPROVED:           Public Safety Committee  
                          Ways and Means Committee

DATED:                Sit on Desks September 13, 2023

Adopted by the following vote:  
AYES:   NAYS:   ABSENT: