



Onondaga County Legislature

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE AGENDA

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1:00 p.m.
October 20, 2026

401 Montgomery St., Courthouse Room 407
Syracuse, New York 13202

- A. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- B. Presentation of Resolutions and Local Laws:
 - 1. **U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY:** Michael Sivak, Superfund Branch Manager; Larisa Romanowski, Public Affairs Specialist (*Will Appear Virtually*)
 - a. INFORMATIONAL: Overview of EPA Role in the Onondaga County Superfund Site
 - 2. **ONONDAGA COUNTY WATER ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION:**
 - a. 2026 Transfer Resolution
 - b. A Resolution Supplementing a Bond Resolution Dated and Duly Adopted June 6, 2023, Authorizing the Issuance of \$69,000,000 Bonds of the County of Onondaga, New York, to Pay Costs of Improvements for the Onondaga County Sanitary District
 - 3. **COUNTY LEGISLATURE:**
 - a. DISCUSSION: Upcoming Vacancies
- C. Adjournment

November 5, 2026

Motion Made By Mr. Eriksen

RESOLUTION NO. _____

2026 TRANSFER RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the following transfer be made:

<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
Admin Unit 3300000000	Admin Unit 3300000000	
Water Environment Protection	Water Environment Protection	
Speed Type# 484040	Speed Type# 481010	
Acct. 641010	Acct. 694130	
Regular Employee Salaries	Maint, Utilities, Rents	\$1,178,948
 <u>FROM:</u>	 <u>TO:</u>	
Admin Unit 3300000000	Admin Unit 3300000000	
Water Environment Protection	Water Environment Protection	
Speed Type# 484040	Speed Type# 481010	
Acct. 666500	Acct. 694130	
Contingent Account	Maint, Utilities, Rents	\$565,482



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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Title: AMENDING THE 2026 COUNTY BUDGET TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM SALARIES AND CONTINGENT ACCOUNT TO PAY FOR ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED UTILITY RATES

Purpose: WEP is seeking to transfer funds from the Contingent Account and Regular Employee Salaries to Maintenance Utilities and Rents for the supplementary costs associated with increased utility rates.

Summary: Increased utility rates on electricity and gas have resulted in utility costs exceeding the 2026 Maintenance Utilities and Rent budget. To cover projected costs, a transfer of \$1,744,430 is requested for the 413 – Maintenance Utilities and Rents account, with \$1,178,948 coming from 101 – Regular Employee Salaries and \$565,482 coming from 650 – Contingent Account.

Fiscal Impact: This will have no impact on the budget – net \$0.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

SUPPLEMENTAL BOND RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING A BOND RESOLUTION DATED AND DULY ADOPTED JUNE 6, 2023, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$69,000,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, NEW YORK, TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE ONONDAGA COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, by proceedings heretofore duly had and taken pursuant to the Onondaga County Administrative Code, the County of Onondaga has approved the improvements described herein; and

WHEREAS, by Bond Resolution No. 90 of 2023 (the “2023-090 Bond Resolution”) the County Legislature of the County of Onondaga, New York, did authorize the issuance of \$69,000,000 bonds of said County to pay certain improvements for the Onondaga County Sanitary District; and

WHEREAS, said 2023-090 Bond Resolution was intended to authorize financing for two projects as part of the Metro WWTP 1978 Plant Annex Asset Renewal Project, being the Clarifier and Gallery Asset Renewal project and the Harbor Brook Pump Station as to which proceedings prior thereto were duly had and taken; and

WHEREAS, as adopted, said 2023-090 Bond Resolution allocated said \$69,000,000 solely to the Clarifier and Gallery Asset Renewal project; and

WHEREAS, the map, plan, and report for the Harbor Brook Pump Station dated April 1, 2026 clarified that, in addition to \$2,000,000 in additional cost therefor, \$17,500,000 of the \$69,000,000 authorized by the 2023-090 Bond Resolution is allocated to the Harbor Brook Pump Station, and a public hearing was duly held thereon; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide an allocation for the financing of said improvements; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the County Legislature of the County of Onondaga, New York, as follows:

Section 1. For the object or purpose of paying costs of improvements for the Onondaga County Sanitary District consisting of the Clarifier and Gallery Asset Renewal project at Metro WWTP and the Harbor Brook Pump Station project, of the \$69,000,000 bonds of said County authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law by the 2023-090 Bond Resolution, there shall be allocated \$51,500,000 to the Clarifier and Gallery Asset Renewal project and \$17,500,000 shall be allocated to the Harbor Brook Pump Station, each a specific object or purpose.

Section 2. The maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid specific objects or purposes is \$69,000,000, and the plan for the financing thereof shall consist of the issuance of the \$69,000,000 bonds of said County authorized by the 2023-090 Bond Resolution, as supplemented hereby.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific objects or purposes is each forty years, pursuant to subdivision 4 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said County of Onondaga, New York, are hereby irrevocable pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. There shall annually be assessed upon the taxable real property in said Sanitary District in the manner provided by law an amount sufficient to pay said principal and interest as the same become due and payable, but if not paid from such source, all the taxable real property within said County shall be subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Fiscal Officer, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Chief Fiscal Officer, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer, the chief fiscal officer of such County. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Chief Fiscal Officer shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. The Chief Fiscal Officer is hereby further authorized, at his sole discretion, to execute a project financing agreement, and any other agreements with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and/or the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, including amendments thereto, and including any instruments (or amendments thereto) in the effectuation thereof, in order to effect the financing or refinancing of the specific object or purpose described in Section 1 hereof, or a portion thereof, by a bond, and, or note issue of said County in the event of the sale of same to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 8. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.
- 2) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said County is not authorized to expend money, or
- 3) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

Section 9. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the Post Standard, the official newspaper of such County, together with a notice of the Clerk of the County Legislature in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

ADOPTED: AYES: NAYS: ABSENT:

Dated: _____

Approved: _____
 County Executive, Onondaga County

ADOPTED: _____, 2026