

Village of Oriskany

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Oriskany Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting Minutes for May 9, 2022

The Village of Oriskany Board of Trustees met on Monday, May 9, 2022 in the village office at 708 Utica St., Oriskany, NY.

In attendance were Mayor Clifford O'Connor, Jr.; Trustees Paul Rieben, John Kasprzyk, Chris Burtch and Sean Fortnam; Village Treasurer Peggy Nugent, Village Clerk Alexis Albright; Fire Chief Jeff Burkhart; Oneida County Legislator Bob Koenig; and constituent Shelley Gardner.

Mayor O'Connor opened the regular monthly meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The following reports were submitted:

| Report | Motion | Second | Result |
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| Minutes (Regular & Special) | Trustee Rieben | Trustee Kasprzyk | Approved |
| Treasurer's Report | Trustee Fortnam | Trustee Kasprzyk | Approved |
| Police | Trustee Kasprzyk | Trustee Rieben | Approved |
| Fire | Trustee Fortnam | Trustee Kasprzyk | Approved |
| Museum | Trustee Rieben | Trustee Fortnam | Approved |
| Codes | Trustee Rieben | Trustee Fortnam | Approved |
| DPW | Trustee Kasprzyk | Trustee Fortnam | Approved |

The mayor then addressed the trustees and department heads. Fire Chief Burkhart said that the department has applied for grants to replace bailout gear that is part of an unfunded state mandate. Each set cost about \$700 each + \$70 to have it fitted. Physicals and fit testing have been delayed but are still on the docket. New upstairs air conditioning is being installed by the department this week. Sahl's Glass will handle the removal of the old window units.

Trustee Kasprzyk informed the group that the library is working on organizing game and movie nights. They have also filed their petition to be on the school district ballot for increased funding.

Alexis Albright mentioned getting the A-4 Skyhawk painted and re-decaled before the USS *Oriskany* shipmates visit in Fall 2023. The plane used to be painted in place, but may need more extensive detailing than that (perhaps by the air mechanics school at Griffiss).

The meeting then opened for public comment. Shelley Gardner, new owner of 1201 Utica St. (formerly St. Peter's Church), spoke about her plans for the building. The church was built in 1832. She is having new windows installed to replace the plywood and plexiglass currently in place. A mason specializing in historic buildings is working on brick repairs. Internet service was installed and it was found the walls are 18" thick. She intends to operate the building as Hunter's Hush Harbor, along with her son Hunter, selling mid-century decor, artwork, and architectural salvage. She discussed parking for the area and asked about what sections were allowable parking for her patrons. The business will operate on a seasonal basis.

There were no police reform questions.

County legislator Bob Koenig updated the group that the funding mentioned at last meeting is earmarked for consolidation only and cannot be used for shared services, only full mergers. The diesel tank currently shared with the school at the village highway garage was discussed. The school would like to replace the tank, but funding has been a point of discussion. The state would like school buses converted to electric by 2027. More discussion will be needed between all parties to reach a resolution.

Trustee Rieben told the group that the Little League Parade was a success. The fire department also participated in the Heart Run & Walk on the same day. The Memorial Day speakers are lined up and Alexis will put them together in the program binder. Christine Gauthier is on board to direct the Summer Recreation Program again this year. She has begun working on programming. Bus driver availability may be an issue for field trips. The school is already experiencing a shortage. Applications for program assistants have been slow. It may be necessary to hire four part-time helpers on a schedule instead of 2 full time. Applications will remain open.

Turning to old business, the solar moratorium was tabled again. The quotes for the playground repairs had not come back yet. The Oriskany Creek Commission will meet next week. Dues will be about \$2,000 per member to off-set the initial study for the project.

For information only, David Kingwater applied for fire department membership and Hannah Wright will be promoted to an active member status upon her 18th birthday.

Memorial Day services will be in Trinkaus Park at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 30, 2022. The Oriskany Museum will be open afterwards. Trash pickup will be on that Monday morning.

Vouchers were signed. Trustee Kasprzyk made a motion to close the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Trustee Burtch seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Oriskany Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the village office.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis W. Albright
Oriskany Village Clerk
June 12, 2022