

# **Village of Oriskany**

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## **Oriskany Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting Minutes for July 12, 2022**

The Village of Oriskany Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, July 12, 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; Village Attorney Steve Deery; Asst. Fire Chief Glenn Block; DPW Asst. Supt. Chad Miller; Oneida County Legislator Bob Koenig; and from the public, Walter Bergen of Valley Road.

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:

<b>Report</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Result</b>
Minutes	Trustee Burtch	Trustee Kasprzyk	Approved
Treasurer's Report	Trustee Rieben	Trustee Burtch	Approved
Police	Trustee Kasprzyk	Trustee Fortnam	Approved
Fire	Trustee Fortnam	Trustee Kasprzyk	Approved
Museum	Trustee Rieben	Trustee Burtch	Approved
Codes	Trustee Burtch	Trustee Kasprzyk	Approved
DPW	Trustee Burtch	Trustee Fortnam	Approved

The mayor then addressed the trustees and department heads. Asst. Fire Chief Glenn Block said that there appears to be shifts around the garage bay doors at the firehouse. Chad Miller will find a mason to get an estimate on repairs. There's no news on the air pack grants.

Asst. Highway Supt. Chad Miller said that Beebe Construction completed a quote to replace the accessibility ramp at the museum. The estimate is about \$68,000. Curator Albright will start looking for grant opportunities. Miller also said that they will look into hiring out the soffit

repairs at the firehouse because it will be safer and faster. He is also getting estimates to have tree maintenance done within this year's tree removal budget.

Curator Alexis Albright said that attendance is up at the museum and she is reaching out to Hotel Utica on behalf of the shipmate's association to get quotes for their reunion in Oriskany next year. There are two windows at the museum that are exhibiting condensation and may need to be resealed.

There was no public comment and there were no police reform questions.

Moving on to old business, the SRO contract with the school is due to be renewed. The board set a goal to have it renewed by August.

Whitestown is holding a hearing in late July regarding their solar moratorium. Mr. Deery is keeping apprised of it.

Quotes have been received for both playground repairs and full replacement. Clerk Albright suggested applying for the Wadas Foundation Grant, which can be applied to youth sports and recreation. They recently covered the new Marcy playground set in full. Trustee Burtch motioned to apply for the grant, seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. All in favor. Motion carried.

The summer recreation program started Wednesday, July 6. Bus drivers have been hard to find, so field trips may be restricted to Fridays only. There are about 70-80 kids signed up. Right now, the kids may be able to go to the movies and a Syracuse Mets baseball game.

Highway Superintendent Brain Moulton submitted a letter of retirement, effective July 31, 2022. His retirement was accepted on a motion from Trustee Burtch, seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. All in favor. Motion carried. A letter will be sent thanking Brian for his years of service.

Trustee Rieben motioned to hire Ryan Mayo as DPW summer help, effective June 22, 2022. Seconded by Trustee Burtch. All in favor. Motion carried.

An early Christmas in the Nettles meeting was proposed for August to look into ordering sweatshirts and ornaments. Tentatively scheduled for 6 pm before the next board meeting.

The Oriskany Creek Commission has elected chairman and a budget will be worked on at the next meeting to decide dues.

Mr. Koenig said that county sales tax has been a little lower than usual and the suspended gas tax will also make things different. He also asked about the diesel tank the school uses at the DPW garage. The school wants the tank replaced, but there is a question of who will pay for it. The discussion led to the realization that it may be more about the overall cost to insure the older tank versus the actual functionality.

Vouchers were signed. Trustee Kasprzyk made a motion to close the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Trustee Fortnam seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Oriskany Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the village office.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis W. Albright  
Oriskany Village Clerk  
August 9, 2022