

Village of Oriskany Board of Trustees
Monthly Meeting September 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7Pm.

Present: Mayor O'Connor, Trustee Burtch, Trustee Rieben, Trustee Kasprzyk, Trustee Fortnam, Peggy Nugent, Andrea Lawrence, Brian Moulton, Mike Colangelo, Jeff Burkhart, Alexis Albright, Diane James, Kathy Humphrey, Deb & Jim Miller, William Chesbro, David Bunal, Bill Bergen, Pat Kahler, Patrick Lasher, Bill Panella, Len Pugh, Mike O'Donnell, Carrie Moulton.

Reports: Trustee Burtch motioned to accept the minutes from last month's meeting with the amended amount of \$1500.00 instead of \$15,000.00 for the Fire Department's portion of the Drone cost. Motion was seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk and carried. The treasurer's report was read by the board. Trustee Rieben motioned to accept the report as read and it was seconded by Trustee Fortnam. The Police Chief's report was read and Sargent Colangelo had no additions. Trustee Burtch motioned to accept the report as read and it was seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk and carried. Trustee Burtch motioned to accept the Fire Chief's report and it was seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk and carried. The Zoning Codes report was read, the Code Enforcer was absent so no additions. Trustee Rieben motioned to accept the report as written and it was seconded by Trustee Fortnam and carried. The Museum report was read

and Alexis had information on the Blue and Gold Marker for Summit Park. It will be installed with a brief ceremony on October 12th at 11AM. Trustee Kasprzyk motioned to accept the report as read and Trustee Fortnam seconded and was carried.

Anne Miligrano from the Mohawk Valley Water Board gave a brief presentation on the procedure and information necessary to proceed with an additional fee on the water/ sewer bills for the purpose of repairs on the Village lines as needed. The Board is in favor of this process as the Village will now be responsible for the repairs and need to build a reserve for this. Anne will send an email to Andrea and Peggy letting them know what she will need in order to organize this transition. This will be billed in quarterly cycles. A letter will go out to all customers/ residents explaining the process. The goal for start up is January 1, 2020 and the Boards preference is for the charges to be based on usage rather than a flat rate.

Public Comment: Resident Pat Lasher from Miller Street in Oriskany asked when the building on River Street that has caved in will be torn down. The Mayor stated that a demolition permit was issued back in February. Mr. Kernan asked that the Planning Board approve the permit. The Planning Board has no obligation in this procedure as the Permit was issued by the Codes Enforcement Officer and the building should be demolished. He asked further what lawsuits were pending regarding Mr. Kernan and Waterbury Square. The Village Attorney Deery stated that there are currently 3 procedures

pending. Mr. Kernan is appealing the dismissed case on The Dollar General property. The second suit is a #78 proceeding against the Planning Board for the issue with the permit for which the Planning Board has no obligation. Mr. Kernan has asked for an extension dated October 16th, 2019. DEC also has a suit against Mr. Kernan / Waterbury Square for improper removal process regarding payment of fees. The court date for this procedure is October 17 & 18, 2019. Mr. Lasher also stated that the roof on the main building has now collapsed. Carrie Moulton commented on the speed of traffic on River Street in front of her business, Stockdales, and Sargent Colangelo said the Police would monitor this.

Department Head & Board Member Updates:

Chief Burkhart reported that the washer for turnout gear has been ordered. He stated that he needed to purchase 3 books for the EMT course for a cost of \$120.00 each. The Mayor said to purchase them.

OC Legislator Koenig reported that the animal law is on the docket for this month and will more than likely be passed. Sargent Colangelo stated that he had some concerns with the new red law.

Trustee Rieben said the Christmas in the Nettles will be December 8, 2019 this year. A committee meeting will be scheduled soon.

Current Business:

The sealed bids for the snowblower/ mower were opened with the highest bidder awarded the equipment. Edward Arcuri was

the highest bidder at \$3,001.00. Trustee Rieben motioned to award Edward Arcuri the bid and it was seconded by Trustee Burtch and carried.

The Mayor asked the Board to move Chad Miller to Asst. Supervisor for the Highway Department. Trustee Burtch motioned to promote Chad and Trustee Kasprzyk seconded the motion and was carried. Trustee Burtch motioned to advertise for a laborer for the Highway Department, full time and it was seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk and carried.

The Mayor asked to Board to approve the current SRO contract with the school which is consistent with last year's contract. Trustee Burtch motioned to signed agreement with the Oriskany School District and it was seconded by Trustee Rieben and carried. There was also a discussion about a letter received from Business Manager at Oriskany School asking the Village to assume responsibility and expenses regarding the flashing lights, cameras, etc. After much discussion, the Board members and the Village Attorney agreed that they are not willing to take responsibility or cost for these items because of the liability and maintenance attached to them.

The Mayor requested the Board to go into Executive Session.

Bills were paid in the amount of \$27,205.92

Trustee Rieben motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

