

Village of Oriskany

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Oriskany Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for October 12, 2021

The Village of Oriskany Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 in the back room of Oriskany Masonic Lodge #799 at 701 Utica St., Oriskany, NY to provide enough space for social distancing.

In attendance were Mayor Clifford O'Connor, Jr.; Trustees John Kasprzyk, Sean Fortnam, Christopher Burtch, and Paul Rieben; Village Treasurer Peggy Nugent; Village Clerk Alexis Albright; Village Attorney Steve Deery; Police Chief Richard Zabek; Street Superintendent Brian Moulton, and Fire Chief Jeff Burkhart. Also in attendance were Codes Enforcement Officer George Farley and Planning Board Chairman Michael O'Donnell.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the passing of Jerry Enos, who had most recently served on the Oriskany Zoning Board, among decades of service in other community roles. The meeting was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 7:06 p.m.

The amended minutes for the August meeting, along with meetings for the September village meeting and the September zoning meeting were submitted by Clerk Albright. Trustee Rieben motioned to accept with one correction, adding Attorney Steve Deery to the attendance list of the September meeting. Seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. Motion carried. All in favor.

The following reports were approved:

Report	Motion	Second	Result
Treasurer's Report	Trustee Rieben	Trustee Fortnam	Approved
Police	Trustee Kasprzyk	Trustee Burtch	Accepted
Fire	Trustee Rieben	Trustee Burtch	Accepted, with purchases
Museum	Trustee Kasprzyk	Trustee Burtch	Accepted
Codes	Trustee Rieben	Trustee Kasprzyk	Accepted

The mayor addressed each trustee and department head. Police Chief Zabek asked permission to hire Dan Buley of Whitesboro as a patrol officer. He is looking to switch departments and could help resolve some scheduling issues. In order to hire another officer, the department would need to purchase another service weapon and possibly create another police officer part time role with civil service. Trustee Kasprzyk motioned to approve the hire, creating a position if needed. Seconded by Trustee Burtch. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Burtch motioned to approve the purchase of a new firearm and holster. Seconded by Trustee Rieben. All in favor. Motion carried.

Codes Enforcement Officer Farley said that things are running very smoothly.

Planning Board Chairman Michael O'Donnell asked about in person training opportunities for the planning board to meet their continuing education requirements. Trustee Burtch made a motion to extend last year's provision to accept pre-recorded online training to meet training requirements. Seconded by Trustee Fortnam. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fire chief Burkhart provided more details about the fire hoses and nozzles approved with his report. The hoses will replace the 25-30 year old sections that didn't pass hose testing. The lights and batteries requested are reusable batteries to use with LED lights and other tools.

Discussions are still ongoing regarding town fire districts. Chief Burkhart would like to pursue creating a fire district for the area the village fire department currently covers in Western Whitestown. The large buildings on Judd Road increase the cost to operate. A whole-town district "won't work" but a district could be created for part of the town. Marcy is currently divided between fire districts for Maynard and Stittville with differing tax rates. Trustee Burtch suggested drafting a letter to the Town board. Chief Burkhart suggested going to a town meeting.

Street Supt. Moulton stated that everything is running smoothly. There was one concern over landscaping in the right of way at the corner of Charlotte and Utica Streets. Supt. Moulton will talk to the homeowner or their groundskeeper.

Trustee Burtch said John Randazzo of Capri Pizzeria thanked him for the village's support with trash collection this year.

Trustee Rieben said the Christmas in the Nettles Committee meeting will be rescheduled for Tuesday, October 16, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Trustee Fortnam has no new business.

Trustee Kasprzyk said the library's new carpet is on backorder and won't be installed until after Election Day. The windows and door are also backordered. The library roof was discussed and the consensus was that the current roof is probably 10-12 years old. It was replaced when the front overhang was added.

The mayor moved to public comment. There was no public comment or police reform matters.

Next the board moved on to old business. Trustee Burtch motioned to set village Trick or Treat for 5-8 pm on Sunday, October 31, 2021. Residents who do not wish to participate should leave their porch lights off. Seconded by Trustee Rieben. All in favor. Motion carried. Clerk Albright will send the hours to the newspaper and post on the village sign and website.

The village will continue to use the flag with the black background. Three to four more will be made so they can fly at other village locations. The flag is currently flying on the pole by Shacksbury Road. Motion made by Trustee Burtch. Seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. All in favor. Motion carried.

Proceeding to new business, on October 8, Clerk Albright completed an online presentation to the regional economic committee via Zoom for the NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative application. The committee will submit their suggestions to the state in late October and the state usually decides in November. She is also preparing an application for the Oneida County Main Streets grant.

The Sauquoit Creek Basin committee will meet on October 19. They anticipate an organizational meeting for an Oriskany Creek Commission. This would help plan flood and storm water management along the entire length of the creek through multiple towns and villages. It would cost about \$1,000-1,800 to join. Trustee Burtch will attend the meeting. No objections.

Associate Justice David Kozyra submitted a letter of resignation, effective October 31, 2021. Trustee Kasprzyk motioned to approve the resignation, seconded by Trustee Burtch. All in favor. Motion carried. The board also received a letter of interest for the position. Trustee Burtch motioned to advertise the position in the newspaper and on the village website. Seconded by Trustee Fortnam. All in favor. Motion carried.

At 7:50 p.m, Trustee Rieben motioned that the village board enter executive session regarding possible litigation. Seconded by Trustee Burtch. Executive session ended at 8:02 p.m.

Vouchers were signed. Trustee Burtch made a motion to close the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Trustee Kasprzyk seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Oriskany Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis W. Albright
Oriskany Village Clerk
November 9, 2021