

Village of Oriskany

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Oriskany Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2021

The Village of Oriskany Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 virtually on Google Meet due to pandemic precautions and in accordance with the extension of Executive Order 202.1.

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; Police Chief Richard Zabek; Street Superintendent Brian Moulton; Darrell Burnett representing the Fire Department; Michelle Reid, Oriskany Library Board President.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 7:05 p.m. The meeting started with the reading of minutes and reports.

The minutes for the meeting of February 9, 2021 were submitted by Clerk Alexis Albright. There were three typographic errors, which will be corrected. The minutes were accepted as amended. Trustee Rieben motioned to accept as amended, seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. Motion carried. The Special Minutes from February 17 need to be submitted.

The treasurer's report was submitted by Treasurer Peggy Nugent. The report was accepted as submitted in a motion by Trustee Rieben, seconded by Trustee Burtch. All in favor. Motion carried

Report	Motion	Second	Result
Police	Trustee Fortnam	Trustee Kasprzyk	Accepted
Fire	Trustee Rieben	Trustee Kasprzyk	Accepted
Museum	Trustee Kasprzyk	Trustee Fortnam	Accepted
Codes	Trustee Kasprzyk	Trustee Fortnam	Accepted

The Fire Department fundraiser this month will be a take-out corned beef and cabbage dinner with spaghetti dinner option on the last Sunday of the month at 2 p.m.

During the Museum report, Alexis Albright asked for permission to apply for a facilities grant that could cover repairs to the accessibility ramp or the building furnace. Trustee Rieben made a motion to approve seeking quotes for those repairs, seconded by Trustee Burtch. Motion carried.

Highway Supt. Moulton said catch basin repairs will begin soon. There were concerns about the Little League fields. The FEMA money for the fields has not arrived, but the season is fast approaching. Asst. Supt. Chad Miller will reach out to Al Zeina, Little League President. There were questions about summer help, but that will have to wait for the budget. Equipment replacements are also a budget concern. The loader, pickup truck, and street sweeper are the most worn out. The Town of Whitestown has been assisting with street sweeping. One lawn mower also needs to be replaced due to condition and limited parts availability.

The mayor went around the table to the board members. Everyone is waiting to hear about federal funding under the new relief legislation. DPW workers may now be eligible for vaccination. Trustee Rieben asked about the possibility of Memorial Day observances and the Summer Recreation program. If they're possible, they may look different with pandemic procedures.

The meeting was opened to public comment and police reform comments. There were no comments.

Trustee Burtch asked about accepting the police reform report. The last public hearing is set for Tuesday, March 16 at 5:00 p.m. Trustee Burtch motioned to convene a special board of trustees meeting at 5:15 p.m. the same night to review and/or approve the document. Motion seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. All in favor. Motion carried.

The board then moved on to additional old business. The mayor asked for a motion to pass the proposed pandemic plan. Trustee Burtch made the motion. Seconded by Trustee Fortnam. Motion carried.

Trustee Nugent spoke about the bond anticipation note for the balance of the FEMA work not covered by state and federal funds. She spoke to Adirondack Bank and the rate for \$50,000 is 1.9% for three years. The bank would like FEMA documentation. She also looked into refinancing our vehicle loans held by Zions Bank (one DPW truck and one fire truck). There are eight more years on the DPW truck. The fire truck loan would be shortened from 13 year to ten years, offset by the reduced interest. Trustee Burtch motioned to allow Treasurer Nugent to refinance the vehicles at a lower rate with Adirondack Bank. Seconded by Trustee Fortnam. All in favor. Motion carried. Trustee Rieben motioned to have Treasurer Nugent continue

discussions for the bond anticipation note and follow through at 1.9% if the bank is agreeable. Seconded by Trustee Fortnam. Motion carried.

The board moved on to new business. To address recent questions, the village will not receive any tax revenues if a new business is established on Reid Lane; it is outside village limits.

The village is eligible to join an additional retirement plan for employees through NYS Deferred Compensation Plan. Employees can invest at 1% or \$10. There is no cost to the village, only the need to submit the withholdings. Trustee Fortnam motioned to join the plan, seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. All in favor. Motion carried.

A library cleaner position was created with Civil Service to remain in accordance with part-time staffing rules. The mayor asked for a motion to appoint Theda Bowers, current library aid, to the additional role. Said motion was made by Trustee Burtch, seconded by Trustee Rieben. All in favor. Motion carried.

The library is also looking into updating their lighting and installing an electric car charging station through Potentia Energy of New Hartford. Michelle Reid, library president, spoke to the project. The incentives from NYSERDA and National Grid for the electric car charging station would offset the bulk of the lighting upgrade costs. The LED lighting would also reduce utility costs. The board wanted to know the liability to the library and the village if anything happened to the charging station. Michelle Reid will speak with Potentia about ownership and liability after installation.

The mayor proposed having the 2021 budget hearing (6:15 p.m.), organizational meeting (6:30 p.m.) and regular meeting (7:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. Trustee Burtch agreed. The group discussed location. All in favor of date and time. (In person or online to be determined by April 1.)

A motion was made by Trustee Rieben to renew the court security contracts with the Towns of Remsen and Floyd. Seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. Motion carried. Vouchers were signed. Trustee Rieben made a motion to close the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Trustee Burtch seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis W. Albright, Oriskany Village Clerk
April 13, 2021

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