

Village of Oriskany

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Oriskany Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2022

The Village of Oriskany Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, June 14, 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; Police Chief Rich Zabek; Fire Chief Jeff Burkhardt; Asst. Fire Chief Glenn Block; DPW Asst. Supt. Chad Miller; Oneida County Legislator Bob Koenig; and prospective Fire Dept. member David Kingwater.

Mayor O'Connor opened the regular monthly meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. A congratulations was extended to the OCS girls softball team on their participation in the NYS finals. The following reports were submitted:

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

The mayor then addressed the trustees and department heads. Chief Zabek said things have been quiet besides the welcome home escort for the girls softball team. He extended his congratulations to the team.

Chief Burkhardt said work is being done on the ladder truck's air tank due to a leak.

Trustee Burtch will be attending the Creek Commission meeting next week. The Commission will be electing their chairman, approving budget, dues cost, etc. Burtch will be the main delegate with Chad Miller being the second.

A new sign for the softball team's achievements was discussed. The sports boosters usually coordinate this.

The county is installing emergency NARCAN stations. The municipal office may be one possible location for an emergency cabinet. They're being installed at highway garages, too.

Trustee Rieben said that Memorial Day went pretty well. The sound system was a little quiet. He extended his thanks to the Legion, school, DPW, and attendees. The bunting are still up and the wreaths were stored at the highway garage.

Assemblywoman Marianne Buttonschon's team hosted the last town hall meeting in her place due to the assemblywoman being detained in Albany. Her Chief of Staff conducted the meeting. There were some constituent questions regarding gun laws and bail reform. The next meeting will be hosted at the library in late June.

Trustee Fortnam had no updates. Trustee Kasprzyk attended the first farmers market. Attendance was strong. There were several requests for picnic tables. Asst. Highway Supt. Chad Miller would like to purchase picnic tables for the park to address this. There is money available for the purchase.

The DPW would also like to rebuild the planter box around the municipal building sign so that it's a stone block that won't need ongoing maintenance. Cost would be \$1436. The lights in the sign have been repaired and a new light was added to spotlight the American flag. The John Deere tractor was fixed under warranty.

Asst. Highway Supt. Chad Miller proposed replacing the village's loader. The current vehicle is overdue for replacement by two years and has needed repairs. The nearest repair shop is in Syracuse, which means coordinated towing and long wait times. Two machines were compared for its replacement: a CAT 920 or a Deere 444. Both were quoted on state contract pricing. The CAT would cost \$151,365 or the Deere would cost \$162,653. However, the Deere has a higher reach and would cause less wear and tear to the streets due to its weight. There are also more mechanics locally who will work on John Deere machines. Order lead times are 6+ months. Trustee Burtch motioned to purchase the John Deere 444 loader, seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. It was agreed that the current loader should go for auction, not trade in. There should be a clause in the bid specs to be able to reject all bids in case the machine is undervalued. The mayor added that the auction should coincide with the delivery date of the

new machine and the dealer should provide a loaned machine if delivery is delayed. The treasurer will look into financing for the balance. All in favor. Motion carried.

OFD President Charles Demming noticed a leak near the boiler. Collis Heating and Cooling will be contacted to service it.

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

The Oneida County Soil & Water tree survey requires a vision statement to be completed. One was put forward by the highway department:

“The Village of Oriskany will strive to create a diverse population of healthy trees throughout our community and parks. We will remove any problem trees in a timely manner and prune others to help maintain their health. After a tree is removed another will be planted. New trees will be selected based on advice from local arborist.”

Trustee Burch motioned to accept the vision statement, seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. All in favor. Motion carried.

There was no update on the solar moratorium.

The village received a quote for repairs to the playground in Trinkaus Park. Repairs would be approximately \$32,000. The current set is about twenty years old. Due to the high cost to repair, a quote for a new set was requested.

The summer recreation program will start July 6 and run through August 19. Trustee Rieben motioned to hire Christine Gauthier again as program director. Seconded by Trustee Burch. All in favor. Motion carried. Based on available applicants, Trustee Rieben also motioned to rehire two of last year's summer recreation program assistants, Janae Reid and Kate Rieben. Seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. All in favor. Motion carried. Trustee Rieben also submitted the name of Joy Armstrong to be a substitute recreation assistant to fill in any scheduling gaps. Seconded by Trustee Burch. All in favor. Motion carried.

The summer program will not be visiting the pool regularly due to the bus driver shortage. Hopefully a driver will be available for one field trip per week.

The School Resource Officer (SRO) Contract will be up for renewal this summer. It was recommended that this year's contract be a one-year contract to re-sync the contract schedule with the PBA contract. The new contract should include current pay rates. Then the contract can go back to its two year schedule.

A reminder was given to the trustees that the treasurer and court audits are open to be completed.

The following Fire Dept. membership updates were submitted:

- Natalie Rieben from Oriskany Fire Department Auxiliary Member to Oriskany Fire Department Active Member
- David Kingwater, Bartlett Road, Rome, NY 13440 as an Auxiliary Fire Department member of the Oriskany Volunteer Fire Department.

Fire Department membership updates were accepted on a motion from Trustee Rieben and seconded by Trustee Burtch. All in favor. Motion carried.

County legislator Bob Koenig said that sales tax numbers have been good, but are reflecting inflation. The repairs to the Judd Road bridge over the Thruway will likely last until November.

There has been no news on the air pack grant being submitted through Assemblywoman Buttonschon's office.

Village Engineer Jamie Kernan recommended referring the design work on the museum ramp to Zangrilli Engineering, who can better accommodate the ADA compliances. Motion made by Trustee Rieben, seconded by Trustee Burtch. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vouchers were signed. Trustee Kasprzyk made a motion to close the meeting at 8:30 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, July 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the village office.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis W. Albright
Oriskany Village Clerk
July 12, 2022