

Village of Oriskany

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Oriskany Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting Minutes for October 11, 2022

The Village of Oriskany Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 in the village office at 708 Utica Street, Oriskany, NY.

In attendance were Mayor Clifford O'Connor, Jr.; Trustees John Kasprzyk, Paul Rieben, Christopher Burtch, and Sean Fortnam; Village Treasurer Peggy Nugent, Village Clerk Alexis Albright; Highway Supt. Chad Miller, Police Chief Rich Zabek, Asst. Fire Chief Glenn Block, Codes Officer George Farley, and Village Attorney Steve Deery. Also in attendance were Laurene and William Zarnoch of Park Ave.

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:

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

The village minutes were corrected to clarify that Paul Rieben was in attendance at the hearings and meeting of September 13, 2022 but that Christopher Burtch was absent. The minutes were accepted as amended.

Museum Curator Alexis Albright added that the museum may be eligible to apply for a sponsored intern through SUNY Geneseo. The college is partnered with a fund that would pay an intern for 150 hours this summer or next to work on a Revolutionary War history project. This application, along with the report, was accepted on a motion from Trustee Kasprzyk and a second from Trustee Burtch. All in favor. Motion carried.

The mayor then addressed the trustees and department heads. Chief Zabek inquired about the civil service paperwork necessary to hire Connor Blovat. He also commended Officer Toussaint for his work on a recent investigation. Attorney Deery followed up by mentioning the “excellent job” Officers Lawson and Visalli are doing in their work at Notre Dame school, where they are also employed.

The NARCAN cabinet was discussed. This was delivered as part of a county-wide initiative. It was decided that the one delivered will be installed in the fire department stairwell as the most centrally accessible location. Additional cabinets are on backorder.

Asst. Fire Chief Block said that the new air packs have been ordered and will arrive in 8-12 weeks. They were able to use a supplier that they have been doing business with since 1964 who was willing to loan air packs to use in the interim. The department will be hosting their traditional Halloween festivities on October 31. Fire prevention week at the school went well, as did a field trip program for homeschool students.

Trustee Burtch attended the county sewer district meeting with Mayor O'Connor and Supt. Miller today. The Creek Commission will meet next Thursday to decide on their budget. Dues are expected to be less than anticipated. The guide fence on Valley Road will be installed next week. It's one of the longest in Oneida County.

Trustees Rieben and Fortnam had no recent business to report. Trustee Kasprzyk recently attended the library meeting. There is discussion of dedicating the 2023 library gala to Theda Bowers, longtime librarian, who passed away in late September. The library is still pursuing their electric vehicle charging stations.

Street Superintendent Chad Miller said that the police cars will be inspected and have their oil changed this month. The new light over the police door has also been installed. The DPW trucks are also being inspected soon. Equipment is prepared for leaf season; they anticipate starting pick up late this week. The new laborer, Josh, is doing well. The Santa House for Christmas in the Nettles has been recently painted but will be inspected for pests. The bees that had infiltrated the police office have been resolved and the AC units will be covered soon.

The meeting opened to public comment. Laureen and Bill Zarnoch of Park Avenue asked about reducing the noise and dust from the Clemente-Fane concrete works. The couple has five tenets in their Park Ave property affected. It was suggested that the company run their sprinklers more. The mayor suggested the couple speak with Larry at Clemente-Fane about their concerns.

There was no additional public comment. There were no police reform questions or comments.

Moving on to old business, the court audit is outstanding. Trustee Rieben will coordinate with Justice Gu.

The village application for the NY Downtown Revitalization Initiative and New York Forward Program were submitted on September 23. Clerk Albright is awaiting word on the presentation phase of the application.

The Farmers Market ended successfully on September 28. Plans are being made for next year.

The brick block on Dexter Ave now has fencing around the unit under construction. The village installed the fencing and billed the property owner.

New business was addressed. The village court would like to submit an application for JCAP funding, which covers office updates, furniture, etc. for use by municipal courts. A resolution was submitted to this effect for up to \$6,500 in funding for chairs, tables, etc. So moved by Trustee Rieben, seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. All in favor. Motion carried.

The fire department sent a thank you note to the board for repairs done on the truck bays.

At 7:55 p.m., Trustee Rieben moved to enter executive session for a personnel matter; seconded by Trustee Fortnam. The regular meeting resumed at 8:05 pm.

The upcoming holidays were discussed. Halloween Trick or Treat will be Monday, October 31, 2022 from 5-8 pm. Christmas in the Nettles will be Sunday, December 4, 2022 from 4:30-7:00 pm. The planning committee will meet on November 8 at 6:00 pm in the village office.

Vouchers were signed. Trustee Burtch made a motion to close the meeting at 8:28 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, November 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the village office.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis W. Albright
Oriskany Village Clerk
November 6, 2022

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