

# **Village of Oriskany**

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## **Oriskany Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting Minutes for August 9, 2022**

The Village of Oriskany Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 in the village office at 708 Utica St., Oriskany, NY.

In attendance were Mayor Clifford O'Connor, Jr.; Trustees John Kasprzyk, Chris Burtch and Sean Fortnam; Village Treasurer Peggy Nugent, Village Clerk Alexis Albright; Village Attorney Steve Deery; Police Chief Rich Zabek; Asst. Fire Chief Glenn Block; DPW Asst. Supt. Chad Miller; and Oneida County Legislator Bob Koenig.

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:

<b>Report</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Result</b>
Minutes	Trustee Kasprzyk	Trustee Burtch	Approved
Treasurer's Report	Trustee Fortnam	Trustee Burtch	Approved
Police	Trustee Kasprzyk	Trustee Fortnam	Approved
Fire	Trustee Fortnam	Trustee Kasprzyk	Approved
Museum	Trustee Kasprzyk	Trustee Burtch	Approved
Codes	Trustee Burtch	Trustee Kasprzyk	Approved
DPW	Trustee Burtch	Trustee Kasprzyk	Approved

The mayor then addressed the trustees and department heads. Chief Zabek said that the School Resource Officer contract with Oriskany Central Schools has been agreed upon for another year. Next year will go back to a two year contract to match the PBA contract renewals. Trustee Burtch motioned to approve, seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. All in favor.

The police department also applied to the FCC for a non-police frequency so the older radios can be used within the village for non-emergency matters, like events. The old radios are being

phased out for emergency response. Two new radios have been purchased and an antenna is coming soon.

The light over the police door has been burning out often. Chad Miller will look into replacing the fixture.

Asst. Fire Chief Glenn Block spoke for the fire department. The 400 W LED light on the front of the building has been replaced. (The old one had rotted through.) Work is being done on the soffits to redirect extra water run-off. The DPW is also working with them for some masonry repair near the truck bays. The Ford is out for a broken nox sensor.

Trustee Burtch said he's been receiving positive feedback on the farmers market. Curator Albright also said attendance at the museum has been up due to the market.

Trustee Kasprzyk informed the board that long-time library aid Theda Bower is looking to retire this fall. The library board is also looking into additional grant funding for the electric charging station after the NYSERDA funding didn't come through due to funding restrictions.

Asst. Highway Supt. Chad Miller said that they are cleaned up from yesterday's heavy rain and Murphy Excavating started work on sidewalk repairs yesterday at the top of Utica St. He will look into the exterior light at the police department.

County Legislator Bob Koenig spoke with Oriskany resident Walter Mitchell about safety concerns due to a decline in hearing. The fire department is aware and it has been noted in his 911 notes. Mr. Koenig also said that redistricting is coming up to account for the 2020 Federal Census. His district will still represent Oriskany.

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

Moving on to old business, Christmas in the Nettles is set for Sunday, December 4, 2022 from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. There will be no fire department dinner that day.

There has been no update on the playground grant through the Wadas Foundation. Last day to order for spring install would be November 30.

Summer program is almost complete.

The state is again offering their Downtown Revitalization Initiative, along with a new companion program called NY Forward aimed at villages and hamlets. Clerk Albright recommends applying again this year. There is no cost to apply and no matching component.

Motion by Trustee Burtch, seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. A public meeting will be held on September 13, 2022 at 6:15 pm to meet the public outreach component of the grant.

The Board of Elections requires that the village submit a letter of intent to hold elections in 2023 for vacant positions. The terms of Rieben, Fortnam, Gu, and O'Connor are expiring. Trustee Burtch motioned to send the letter, seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. All in favor.

Clerk/Curator Albright submitted a letter to take maternity leave from approximately September 19 to early November. Trustee Burtch motioned to accept, seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. All in favor.

The Large-Scale Solar Moratorium extension was then addressed. The board moved to extend the previous moratorium for an additional twelve months. A hearing for this legislation was set for Sept. 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m at the Masonic Lodge meeting room. Motion by Trustee Burtch, seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. All in favor.

Vouchers were signed. Trustee Kasprzyk made a motion to close the meeting at 8:06 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, September, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis W. Albright  
Oriskany Village Clerk  
September 13, 2022