

# Village of Oriskany

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## **Oriskany Board of Trustees Organizational Meeting, Budget Hearing & Monthly Meeting Minutes for April 12, 2022**

The Village of Oriskany Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, April 12, 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; Asst. Fire Chief Glenn Block; Asst. Street Superintendent Chad Miller; Planning Board Chairman Mike O'Donnell; and Oneida County Legislator Bob Koenig.

The annual organizational meeting opened at 6:15 p.m. The Organizational Meeting Resolutions for 2022-2023 were read aloud by the Mayor. There were no changes to the document as written. At 6:25 p.m., Trustee Rieben made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Trustee Fortnam. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the Annual Village Budget Hearing at 6:30 p.m. The proposed increase was \$0.03 per \$1,000 assessed value. There were no public comments. At 6:45 p.m., Trustee Burtch motioned to close the hearing, seconded by Trustee Rieben. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next, 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 Rieben	Trustee Kasprzyk	Approved
Treasurer's Report	Trustee Fortnam	Trustee Burtch	Approved
Police	Trustee Kasprzyk	Trustee Fortnam	Approved
Fire	Trustee Fortnam	Trustee Burtch	Approved
Museum	Trustee Kasprzyk	Trustee Rieben	Approved
Codes	Trustee Rieben	Trustee Fortnam	Approved

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The mayor then addressed the trustees and department heads. Police Chief Zabek said that Forestport is interested in hiring Oriskany Police Department for court security. The Floyd and Remsen court security contracts are due. Trustee Rieben motioned to renew the contracts with Floyd and Remsen, seconded by Trustee Burtch. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next, Chief Zabek asked to hire Stephanie Lawson for the open police position. She lives in Iliion and had previously worked full time but is looking for a part time position. She also has SRO training. Trustee Kasprzyk motioned to hire Officer Lawson, seconded by Trustee Fortnam. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next, Trustee Burtch discussed the Oriskany Creek Commission. Yearly dues will be decided at the next meeting. There is a creek study in progress and \$100k+ available in funding.

Alexis Albright next addressed the group regarding the Museum. The new air conditioner has been installed. The shipmates association will be visiting for their five-day annual reunion in September or October 2023. The trip is in the early planning stages. She would like to expand the gift shop inventory leading up to their visit. Regular visitation is also starting to increase. She reminded the group that the local Daughters of the American Revolution will be dedicating a new marker at the Oriskany Battlefield on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

Asst. Street Supt. Chad Miller addressed the group regarding the sewer collapse today on Clinton Street. There was a 6" clay pipe still in use. The break has been replaced and a temporary patch is being laid to repair the road. Whitestown and Marcy provided shared services.

Murphy's Excavating has provided a quote to finish the work they started for the storm drains in that area, which started with the Halloween Storm of 2019. Trustee Burtch voted to approve the quote and work, seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. All in favor. Motion carried.

The DPW loader is being sent to Milton CAT in Syracuse tomorrow for repairs.

County legislator Bob Koenig informed the group that the county is offering money for municipalities who establish shared services, up to double money back.

Asst. Fire Chief Glenn Block said the firehouse is having issues with the floor drains again. They smell like manure. They're 4" pipe with minimal slope. They were previously cleaned.

The meeting then opened for public comment. There was no public comment or police reform questions.

Turning to old business, the group suggested having a 6:45 pm hearing before the next meeting if the solar moratorium paperwork is prepped in time.

Moving on to new business, the Mayor and DPW met with a representative from GameTime playground equipment about the condition of the playground in Trinkaus Park. The big slide, large platform, and chain ladder were the pieces the representative suggested replacing. A quote will be furnished for repairs.

Memorial Day services will be in Trinkaus Park at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 30, 2022. The Oriskany Museum will be open afterwards.

Applications are open for summer recreation assistants. Forms are available at the school.

The village wide garage sale is usually hosted in early August. The Ladies Fire Dept. Auxiliary and the Historical Society take turns, but could co-host this year. Trustee Burtch motioned for the event to go forward with either group hosting on a date in late July or early August of their choice. Seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Mayor thanked Treasurer Nugent for her work on the annual budget. Trustee Burtch motioned to approve the budget, seconded by Trustee Fortnam. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Mayor told the group he would like to update some of the gray areas in the zoning book this coming winter. He asked that anyone with suggestions take notes and look at the fee schedule.

Vouchers were signed. Trustee Fortnam made a motion to close the meeting at 8:10 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, May 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the village office. *This date was later amended to Monday, May 9, 2022 at the same time and location due to a scheduling conflict.*

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis W. Albright  
Oriskany Village Clerk  
May 9, 2022

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