

Village of Oriskany

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Oriskany Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2021

The Village of Oriskany Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, February 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, and Fire Department Chief Jeff Burkhart. Also in attendance were residents Steven Czeck and Lorraine Czeck, Steve Mancuso of Controlled Waste Systems Inc., and Nicole Hawley of the *Rome Sentinel*.

A public hearing was opened at 6:50 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Paul Rieben for Local Law #2 of 2021. It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Oriskany to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing 2021 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law 3-c. The trustees discussed whether assessments have been keeping up. A formula is used currently. The board hopes to not need to exceed the limit, but it has been an unprecedented year and a tax increase may be necessary to maintain services. There was no public comment. The hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

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 opening of bids for Solid Waste and Recyclables Hauling in the Village of Oriskany. The contract is for three years, with two optional one-year renewals.

The three-year totals for the bids were as follows:

Hauler	3 year price	4th Year	5th Year
Bliss Environmental Service, Inc.	\$157,875.00	\$57,900.00	\$60,000.00
Controlled Waste Systems, Inc.	\$114,555.00	\$40,440.00	\$42,900.00
Waste Management of NY, LLC	\$483,919.00	\$172,706.00	\$178,751.00

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The mayor entertained a motion to canvass the bids for one week and suggested a meeting time of next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Trustee Kasprzyk suggested scheduling the meeting before the police reform meeting on that Wednesday. Seconded by Trustee Burtch. The meeting was set for Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 5:45 p.m to accept or reject the bids.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes for the meeting of January 12, 2021 were submitted by Clerk Alexis Albright. Trustee Rieben motioned to approve the minutes; Trustee Burtch seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

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

The Fire Department fundraiser this month will be a take-out Cajun Boil dinner with spaghetti dinner option.

During the Museum report, Trustee Rieben asked about the condition of the Museum accessibility ramp, which was noted in the report. The concrete ramp is in poor condition. It has been reinforced, but will need to be replaced in the next year or two. The ramp was ADA compliant when it was built, but would need to be updated and extended if rebuilt. The curator is looking into grant funding for the project.

The meeting was opened to public comment. There was no comment.

Police Chief Zabek said that the police reform meetings are going well. The process is about halfway done, then it will move on to draft proposals and opening the comment period.

The mayor requested a vote on Local Law #2 of 2021. Trustee Burtch made a motion to adopt Local Law #2 of 2021. Seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4-0.

The board then moved on to old business. Treasurer Nugent is looking into a bond anticipation note for the other 25% of the FEMA repairs. She is also investigating refinancing vehicle loans to a lower rate.

Clerk Albright presented regarding internet speeds at the municipal office. The current speed is barely supporting teleconferencing. The mayor told the clerk to consult with the department heads. Trustee Rieben would like to see a 2-3 year contract to maintain pricing if possible. The Fire Chief offered to run a line to the office to test internet speeds.

There were no additions to the draft of the village Pandemic Plan. The police department is getting their second vaccine doses. The DPW employees are continuing their two week testing intervals and are not yet eligible for vaccination.

The fire department received their new jaws of life today. Training will begin in the upcoming weeks. The highway department is doing good. Trustee Burtch asked whether there had been any problems with parking on the street. Warning notices have been working.

Trustee Rieben submitted the name of Lorraine Czeck for membership in the Oriskany Fire Department Auxiliary. Second by Trustee Kasprzyk. Trustee Rieben also submitted a membership change for Keri Burkhart from active member to auxiliary member.

Supt. Moulton had one holiday decoration break but the company, Riley's, replaced the unit. The light timer at the museum isn't working correctly. Sensor may be frozen.

Vouchers were signed. Trustee Rieben made a motion to close the meeting at 7:46 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, March 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis W. Albright
Oriskany Village Clerk
March 8, 2021
Amended March 10, 2021

March 9, 2021