

Village of Oriskany

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Oriskany Board of Trustees Budget Hearing, Organizational Meeting and Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2023

The Village of Oriskany Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 in the Oriskany Village Office at 708 Utica Street, Oriskany, NY.

The budget hearing opened at 6:15 pm. In attendance were: Mayor Mick O'Connor; Trustees Paul Rieben, Christopher Burtch, John Kasprzyk, and Sean Fortnam; Clerk Alexis Albright; Treasurer Peggy Nugent; police chief Rich Zabek and fire chief Jeff Burkhart.

The treasurer presented the proposed village budget for 2023-2024. There were no questions or comments. No public comment. The hearing closed at 6:34 pm.

The organizational meeting opened at 6:34 pm. The proposed Annual Organizational Meeting Resolutions for 2023-2024 were read and reviewed. Please see attached document for motions and appointments. No corrections or public comment. The organizational meeting closed at 7:00.

The regular monthly meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm. For the regular meeting, the group was joined by Codes Enforcement Officer George Farley, Village Attorney Steve Deery, Oneida Co. Legislator Bob Koenig and Oriskany School board member, Therese Hanna. The following minutes and reports were submitted and reviewed:

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

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DPW	Burtch	Kasprzyk	Approved
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During the fire department report, Chief Burkhart asked Supt. Miller to look at the ceiling tiles in the stairwell that were damaged during a heavy rain that leaked through the roof hatch. Trustee Rieben will inspect the hatch to see if it was a malfunction or caused by the sheer volume of rain exceeding the height of the hatch.

The department heads and trustees were then addressed individually for updates:

There was no police department news.

The fire department invited the village board to the Fire Fighters Association Legislative Breakfast in Deerfield. Oriskany Fire Dept. will host their open house and recruitment weekend on April 23. There will also be a drive thru spaghetti dinner that day.

Trustee Rieben said that he is working on the village insurance policy which will renew June 1. He's also working with the school for the summer program and memorial day ceremony (May 29 at 10 am). Trustees Burtch, Fortnam, and Kasprzyk had new business except to thank Treasurer Nugent for her work on the budget.

Alexis Albright said that visitorship is up at the museum with the nicer weather.

Superintendent Miller said he's looking into this year's road paving. He would like to work with the village engineer to prepare paving bid specifications for June so any paving can be finished before school starts. Trustee Burtch said rates are around \$75/ton. The areas due for paving are in the vicinity of upper Utica Street near Eastern Star and Clinton Street. The county is also scheduled to paint stripes for Cider Street and Valley Road.

The LED lights at the municipal building will be installed next Tuesday. The town is also coming to street sweep while the village machine is under repair. Supt. Miller would also like to look into renting a Minix for about a week for road work in front of Eastern Star and on Maple Street. There is no word yet on the state road funding amount (CHIPs), which will impact the extent of work to be finished this year.

Codes Enforcement Officer George Farley asked whether the village had any solar regulations in addition to the code book. There is the local law for a moratorium on commercial solar installations but nothing specifically for ground mounted panels.

There were no police reform questions or comments. The meeting opened to public comment.

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Oneida Co. Legislator Bob Koenig said there were “no big bombshells” during the state of the county address. There is, however, \$5 million pending on the state budget. Alexis asked about the county tourism director stepping down. Mr. Koenig said they are reviewing internal candidates.

Continuing on to new business, the new phone system will go online April 24. Clerk Albright will contact the department heads with information about the phones and voicemail.

The board reviewed three quotes and concepts for new playground equipment. These were required for a playground grant with the Wadas Foundation. One quote was from GameTime and the other two were from Parkitects. One of the designs from Parkitects was a themed set with a jet plane to match the Skyhawk. The grant requires at least two quotes. The board decided to submit all three.

Albright thanked the board for the new LED lights at the museum which were installed on March 27. The Congressional Funding grant application for the museum ramp was submitted on March 17 (however it did not advance to the next stage. There were 15 slots for 69 applicants.)

The historical society would like to host the village wide garage sale on Friday, August 4 and Saturday, August 5. So moved by Trustee Burtch and seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. All in favor. Motion carried.

The library board put forward the name of Kelly Thaler for library trustee. So moved by Trustee Kasprzyk, seconded by Trustee Rieben. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vouchers were signed. Trustee Fortnam motioned to close the meeting, seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk at 8:43 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Oriskany Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis W. Albright
Oriskany Village Clerk

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