

Village of Oriskany

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Oriskany Board of Trustees Hearing & Monthly Meeting Minutes for February 14, 2023

The Village of Oriskany Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 in the Oriskany Village Office at 708 Utica Street, Oriskany.

In attendance were: Mayor Mick O'Connor; Trustees Paul Rieben, Christopher Burtch, John Kasprzyk, and Sean Fortnam; Clerk Alexis Albright; Treasurer Peggy Nugent; Street Supt. Chad Miller; Police Chief Rich Zabek; Fire Chief Jeff Burkhart; Code Enforcement Officer George Farley; and Oriskany school board member Therese Hanna

The evening started with a Public Hearing on Local Law #1 of 2023, which would override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c and allow the Village to adopt a budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year commencing 2023 in excess of the real property tax levy limit. This was also done for 2022-2023 but was not needed. The mayor called the hearing to order at 6:45 pm. There was no public comment and the hearing closed at 7:00 pm.

The regular monthly meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:01 pm. The following minutes and reports were submitted and reviewed:

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

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

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Police Chief Zabek said he is working with Mr. Deery on a School Resource Officer contract with Notre Dame schools. The contract has just a few changes to be finalized. Trustee Burtch motioned to move forward with signing the contract, seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Burkhart said things are good. The new airpacks will be delivered March 1 or later.

Trustee Burtch said the county won't need help with the street sweeping after all.

Trustee Rieben is starting work on the Summer Program. He would like to ask the school to increase their contribution as costs have risen since the amount was set. The current amount is \$6,500. Trustee Burch motioned to ask for up to \$1,500 additional. Seconded by Trustee Rieben. Motion carried. All in favor. Motion carried.

Curator Albright said that work is beginning on commemorating several anniversaries at the museum. June 2025 will be 200 years since General Marquis de Lafayette visited Oriskany on his farewell tour. Followed by the 250th anniversary of the nation (America250) in 2026, as well as the 50th anniversary of the USS Oriskany decommissioning. Then 2027 will be the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Oriskany. Alexis is talking with local Daughters of the American Revolution about the Lafayette anniversary and has also met with the Battlefield director, Michael Roets regarding the Battle anniversary.

Treasurer Nugent and Trustee Fortnam had no updates.

Trustee Kasprzyk said the textile donation bin at the library has now received 41,000 lbs of clothes and linens, totaling \$1,650. The library gala will be this weekend.

The Masonic Lodge is installing a suicide prevention reflection bench near the library in the Spring.

Department heads should note that Amazon drivers have been delivering to all doors at the municipal building. Alexis found one at the Lansing Street side door.

Supt. Miller submitted quotes for LED lighting in the municipal building, museum, and DPW. Quotes had been received previously. The cost would be offset by National Grid/NYSERDA in the interest of energy conservation. Curator Albright said the LED lights would significantly reduce the UV exposure for the artifacts. Supt. Miller asked the board to review the costs and savings numbers ahead of the next meeting. The subsidized cost would be about \$9,000 for \$19,000 worth of work. It was suggested the DPW pole barn lights be added to the quote, if not already included.

A second playground equipment quote was requested from Parkitects of Buffalo to use in the Wadas Foundation grant application. This company said they could also draft a themed set. A nautical theme was suggested to match the anchor.

Supt. Miller said that road salt has been ordered. He may order more because we are only slightly short of the contract, having used 279/280 tons. The highway department is also working on potholes and sod repairs.

The new John Deere loader was delivered Friday. Trustee Rieben has updated the insurance. The old CAT loader will be auctioned online by Auctions International starting around Wednesday for a four day auction. Most of the proceeds will be applied to the cost of the new loader. The remainder will be financed. The dealer offers financing through Sun Financial at 5.2% for seven years. Adirondack Bank is offering 5% for a 3, 5, or 7 year loan. Making payments once annually would save about \$1,700 per year. Trustee Rieben motioned to authorize Treasurer Nugent to finance the loader through Adirondack Bank for up to \$108,000 for 7 years or better. Seconded by Trustee Burtch. All in favor. Motion carried.

Codes Officer Farley had no new business.

The mayor opened the meeting for public comments. Therese Hanna said that the Library would have its basket raffle open ahead of the Gala event this coming Saturday.

There were no police reform questions or comments.

Continuing on to new business, the phone system updates are on hold. Alexis is negotiating the install costs for the analog phone lines needed for alarms and fax.

The Restore NY grant was submitted on January 27, 2023. Feedback is expected around April.

Trustee Rieben motioned to pass Local Law #1 of 2023 which was the subject of tonight's hearing. Seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Burtch motioned to renew the appointment of Library board member Amanda Steele due to a delay in signing the oath book. Seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. All in favor. Motion carried.

Moving on to new business, Trustee Kasprzyk motioned to approve the library caterer to serve alcohol at the Gala event on Saturday, February 18, 2023. Seconded by Trustee Burtch. All in favor. Motion carried.

The farmers market committee met earlier tonight. They requested to open the market on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 and would be held every Wednesday from June through September, 2-7 pm, with the market closing one hour earlier in September. Trustee Kasprzyk made a motion to host the market again this year on these dates and times, seconded by Trustee Fortnam. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vouchers were signed. Trustee Kasprzyk motioned to close the meeting, seconded by Trustee Burtch at 7:59 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Oriskany Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis W. Albright
Oriskany Village Clerk

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