

Village of Oriskany

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

The Village of Oriskany Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 in the Oriskany Village Office at 708 Utica Street, Oriskany at 7:00 pm.

In attendance were: Mayor Mick O'Connor; Trustees Paul Rieben, Christopher Burtch, John Kasprzyk, and Sean Fortnam; Clerk Alexis Albright; Treasurer Peggy Nugent; Village Attorney Steve Deery; Street Supt. Chad Miller; Police Chief Rich Zabek; Asst. Fire Chief Glenn Block; Zoning Chairman Ken Brown, Code Enforcement Officer George Farley; Oneida Co. Legislator Bob Koenig, Planning Board Member Amy Kasprzyk; Village Justice Long Gu; and Michelle Gu.

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	Kasprzyk	Rieben	Approved
Treasurer's Report	Rieben	Fortnam	Approved
Police	Kasprzyk	Fortnam	Approved
Fire	Rieben	Kasprzyk	Approved
Museum	Rieben	Fornam	Approved
Codes	Fortnam	Kasprzyk	Approved
DPW	Rieben	Fortnam	Approved

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

Police Chief Zabek had no new business. Asst. Fire Chief Glenn Block said that Engine #2 has been out for service on its electronics. He also said the Butterfly Kisses Ball was a "tremendous success." They expanded the event from two to three days due to the waitlist for tickets. The new airpacks are still on backorder.

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Trustee Rieben said he has been working on the summer program planning with the mayor and the clerk. He also received the insurance policy estimates for the June 1 renewal. There have been supply chain problems with parts for the firehouse garage doors. He is looking into other vendors.

Alexis Albright gave updates on the museum. The Oneida County Historians Association is planning to have their spring meeting here at the museum. She has also been talking to the county historian and the battlefield director about the first planning stages for the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Oriskany in 2027.

Trustee Fortnam had no new business. Trustee Kasprzyk said the library gala went well.

Street Supt. Miller said that the DPW is starting on projects for this summer. The new loader is on the road and the old one (sold at auction) was picked up last week. Trustee Rieben will update the insurance paperwork with the loan number.

The mayor opened the meeting to public comment. County Legislator Bob Koenig said the State of the County address will be April 5. Clinton and Kirkland received the State's \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Grant for 2022. (The smaller NY Forward awards went to Dolgeville, Sharon Springs, and Cooperstown.)

There were no police reform questions or comments.

Continuing on to new business, the phone system updates are being rescheduled. A second quote is coming in for playground equipment to file for the Wadas Foundation grant. The Notre Dame contract is still pending final edits.

Supt. Miller asked the board to review the LED lighting estimates at the last meeting. The quotes do include the DPW pole barn and the final costs would be a little lower due to some of the lights that have already been updated. Trustee Kasprzyk motioned to approve the LED lighting for the museum, DPW, and municipal building. Seconded by Trustee Fortnam. All in favor. Motion carried.

The village received a letter of resignation from court clerk Christina Gillette, effective February 28, 2023. Trustee Fortnam motioned to approve the resignation, seconded by Trustee Rieben. All in favor. Motion carried.

The name of Theresa L. Scioritino was recommended for the position of court clerk, effective March 1, 2023. So moved by Trustee Kasprzyk, seconded by Trustee Rieben. All in favor. Motion carried.

The appointment of the associate village justice, Joan M. Kulaga, expired on February 28. Trustee Fortnam motioned to reappoint the associate justice effective March 1. Seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. All in favor. Motion carried.

The annual organizational meeting and budget hearing are due to be held next month. These will be held before next month's meeting on April 11. The budget hearing will be held at 6:15 pm and the organizational meeting will be held at 6:30 pm. The regular meeting will follow at 7:00 pm.

Village elections will be held Tuesday, March 21, 2023 from noon to 9:00 pm at the Oriskany Public Library (621 Utica Street).

Vouchers were signed. Trustee Kasprzyk motioned to close the meeting, seconded by Trustee Fortnam at 7:55 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Oriskany Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office. The budget hearing will begin at 6:15 pm and the organizational meeting will start at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis W. Albright
Oriskany Village Clerk

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