

Village of Oriskany  
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting  
May 12, 2020

In keeping with the special provisions for conducting meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held by teleconference under the guidance of Alexis Albright.

Village Officials Present:

Mayor Clifford O'Connor, Jr., Trustees Christopher Burtch, Sean Fortnam, John Kasprzyk, and Paul Rieben, Clerk Proteem, Dolores Pugh, Treasurer, Peggy Nugent, Police Chief, Richard Zabek, Fire Chief, Jeffrey Burkhart, Highway Superintendent, Brian Moulton and Museum Curator Alexis Albright.

Visitors in attendance:

Carrie Moulton, Hanna Wright and Shelby Farr, a representative from Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon's office.

Prior to starting the meeting, Alexis Albright read the rules pertaining to holding such meetings.

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 7:00 p.m.

On a motion by Christopher Burtch, seconded by John Kasprzyk, and carried, the minutes of the April 28, 2020, meeting were approved as presented.

On a motion by Paul Rieben, seconded by Sean Fortnam, and carried, the Treasurer's report as of March 31, 2020, was accepted as submitted.

On a motion by John Kasprzyk, seconded by Sean Fortnam, and carried, the Police Chief's report was accepted as presented.

On a motion by Christopher Burtch, seconded by Paul Rieben, and carried, the Fire Chief's report was accepted as presented.

On a motion by John Kasprzyk, seconded by Paul Rieben, and carried, the Museum Curator's report was accepted as presented.

On a motion Paul Rieben, seconded by Christopher Burtch, and carried, the report of the Zoning Enforcement Officer was accepted as presented.

Public Comment:

Shelby Farr, representing Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon, reported on concerns the office had received about the pandemic. Some of the topics covered were unemployment claims, essential businesses and release of chips money to municipalities.

No other comments were expressed.

Police Chief, Richard Zabek, reported that the production of new vehicles is scheduled to start on May 18 according to Steet-Ponte Ford. They will keep him informed when our police vehicle is scheduled for production.

He also reported that Collis Heating had repaired a valve on the boiler and said the whole boiler system should be serviced.

Fire Chief, Jeffrey Burkhart, reported that the fogger/mister for disinfecting vehicles and buildings has been delivered. Other fire department activities are status quo. They are planning to do something to recognize the Oriskany Central School seniors and sixth grade students who are moving up to the junior senior high school. Also they are considering a Father's Day drive through dinner.

Trustee Burtch had nothing to report. He will follow-up on the missing DO NOT ENTER sign at the west end of Utica Street.

Trustee Rieben asked that the adopted budget be sent to Gates-Cole Insurance. On a motion by Paul Rieben, seconded by Christopher Burtch and carried, it was approved to accept Hannah Wright as a new member of the fire department. He also reported that the Oriskany American Legion will remember fallen soldiers on May 25, 2020. There will be no other ceremony.

Trustee Fortnam had nothing to report.

Trustee Kasprzyk had nothing to report.

Highway Superintendent, Brian Moulton, reported that the flags will be placed on the street poles next week.

New Business:

On a motion by Trustee Burtch, seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk, and carried, the Board accepted the resignation of Police Officer Raymond Bolton.

On a motion by Trustee Fortnam, seconded by Trustee Rieben, and carried, the Board approved the appointment of Mark Morreale as a Part-time non-competitive Police Officer pending the completion of Phase 1 police academy and completion of civil service approval.

Vouchers were approved for payment by two trustees prior to the meeting.

Mayor O'Connor expressed that the June meeting would probably be held by teleconference but that decision would be made at a later date.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on a motion by Christopher Burtch, seconded by John Kasprzyk and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores A. Pugh  
Village Clerk Protem