

# Village of Oriskany

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## **Oriskany Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2021**

The Village of Oriskany Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 in the Oriskany Village Office at 708 Utica Street, Oriskany, N.Y.

In attendance were Mayor Clifford O'Connor, Jr.; Trustees John Kasprzyk, Sean Fortnam, Paul Rieben, and Christopher Burtch; Village Treasurer Peggy Nugent; Village Clerk Alexis Albright; Police Chief Richard Zabek; Street Superintendent Brian Moulton, Fire Chief Jeff Burkart, and Village Attorney Steve Deery, Jr. Also in attendance was Oneida County Legislator Robert Koenig, Oriskany Library Board President Michelle Reid, as well as Kristin Campbell and Claire Wiley from the Oneida County Planning Department.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 7:00 p.m. The meeting opened with a presentation by Kristin Campbell of the Oneida County Planning Department, assisted by Claire Wiley. They came to discuss an upcoming cooperative project for flood resiliency along the Oriskany Creek. There is funding available to help communities address flooding problems and mitigate future risks. Oriskany is the first of the towns and villages along the waterway to provide their insight. A survey was passed around to attendees to help identify problem spots and issues to be addressed. The Water Resource Survey should be returned to their office.

The minutes for the regular and special June meetings were submitted by Clerk Alexis Albright. Trustee Kasprzyk motioned to approve the minutes; Trustee Burtch seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was submitted. Trustee Rieben made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Burtch. All in favor. Motion carried. The following reports were submitted and approved as follows:

<b>Report</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Result</b>
Police	Trustee Rieben	Trustee Kasprzyk	Accepted
Fire	Trustee Rieben	Trustee Burtch	Accepted

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Museum	Trustee Burtch	Trustee Kasprzyk	Accepted
Codes	Trustee Rieben	Trustee Burtch	Accepted

The mayor next addressed each trustee and department head. Police Chief Zabek has had a new personnel complaint form made, in line with the police reform initiatives. The form will be available in the village office and on the village website.

Fire Chief Burkart has DOT inspections ongoing for the fire equipment. The county chiefs meeting was productive regarding radio replacement and compromises between old and new equipment.

Trustee Burtch had no new business. Trustee Rieben updated the board on the summer recreation program. There have been 110 children registered, with more than half attending daily. The kids are visiting The Wild animal park and will also go to the movies. The kids are required to wear masks on the buses.

Trustees Kasprzyk and Fortnam reported that the court audit has been completed.

As curator, Alexis Albright reported that the museum is now open Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

Brian Moulton reported that the village paving with Alliance has been completed and crack sealing is done. The village office air conditioner will be replaced soon. The previous unit stopped working. Two trees in the village green near the library that were marked to come down have been removed sooner than expected.

Library Board President Michelle Reid presented a building improvement opportunity to the village. Through grants and fundraising, the library board has obtained most of the money needed to update the flooring and windows at the library. The remaining total needed is \$5514. President Reid asked if the village would contribute half of the remainder. Trustee Burtch made a motion to contribute the requested funds toward the project, seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk Albright asked for the board to consider registering a .gov web address. The federal department that oversees such registrations recently decided to waive the registration fee of \$400 through next year. Albright would like to register a village .gov address so our name is reserved in the event the service remains free. The .org address would be maintained in the meantime and all addresses would point to the same website. The .gov address offers the

benefit of being prioritized for web traffic in the event of a disaster so governments can reach their constituents.

The county has asked for an updated emergency plan. Inventories of available resources help organize cooperative efforts in the event of disasters. Trustee Burtch will look into it.

The meeting was opened to public comment and police reform discussion, but no comments were put forward. There were no comments on police reform.

Treasurer Nugent filed for an extension with FEMA to complete the work from the Halloween 2019 flood. Funding came in earlier this year, but was set to expire soon. The first disbursement of the American Rescue Plan funding finally came through. The next half will be delivered in 2022. The installments will total \$135,753.04.

Trustee Rieben made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Trustee Fortnam, for a fire department personnel matter. The board entered executive session with Fire Department Chief Burkhardt and Attorney Deery at 7:48 pm and exited at 8:08 pm.

Bills were approved and signed. Trustee Burtch motioned to close the meeting at 8:34 p.m., seconded by Trustee Kasprzyk. All in favor. Motion carried. The next regular meeting of the Oriskany Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis W. Albright  
Oriskany Village Clerk  
August 9, 2021

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