

Village of Otisville

Regular Meeting

January 21, 2025

Meeting was called to order by President Jeff Lutze at 7:00 p. m. in the Tom Bess, Jr., Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Jeff Lutze, President. Council Members present: Vadice Burgett, Rick Ferguson, Jim Price, John Ray, and Sherry Hemingway (by telephone), Bob Jennings, DPW, Kathy Martini, Clerk, and Matt Grovesteen, Police Chief.

ABSENT : Joel Glanton

AUDIENCE : N/A

MOTION was made by John Ray and was supported by Rick Ferguson to accept the agenda as presented.

CARRIED—MOTION

MOTION was made by John Ray and was supported by Jim Price to accept the minutes as presented for January 6, 2025 with the correction of Joh to John.

CARRIED—MOTION

MOTION was made by Sherry Hemingway and was supported by Jim Price to pay all bills and draw warrants for same.

ROLL CALL – CARRIED – MOTION

MOTION was made by John Ray and was supported by Sherry Hemingway to accept William Skellenger as Police Chief effective October 6, 2025.

Communication from Village Officials:

Robert Jennings:

Mike Alexander passed away on January 15, 2025. His funeral services were on Saturday, January 18, 2025. With the request from Mike Alexander, Matthew Grovesteen drove the police cruiser and I drove the fire truck. We escorted the funeral procession from Allen's Funeral Home to Smith Hill Cemetery to honor Mike. His son David will be transitioning back to Otisville within the next 3-6 months from Wisconsin. His daughter Nikki Alexander spoke at her dad's funeral and did a great job. WWTP Met with Rowe and they did a flow study on Main Street and Hammil. Will get an electrician in to get it pumped out. During the flow study, Rowe pointed out the discharge pipe is decaying. The whole system needs to be jetted out.

The truck is running well.

The Front door would not open due to the cement heaving during the cold spell. In the spring we will be digging the cement out and going below the frost line of 42 inches to alleviate this issue in the future.

There was a natural gas smell at 114 Mill Street. We aired the house out and took care of the situation.

MaryAnn Price is looking at paving the road from the village limits to Oak this year and next year paving from Oak to Henderson. We will look into what road we can pave this year and next.

Matthew Grovesteen:

N/A

Kathy Martini:

We received the check for the unclaimed property from the State of Michigan. It was for \$283.47.

Committee Reports:

The police committee met regarding the new Chief of Police agreement. They gave the recommendation to approve the contract with William Skellenger to be hired as Chief of Police upon Chief Matthew Grovesteen retirement, which will be October 5, 2025. Therefore, William Skellenger will begin his new role at Chief of Police on October 6, 2025.

Unfinished Business:

Earned Sick Time Act – Changes are still being made, so we don't have to do anything until it passes.

Community Standards – Ongoing

Wall of Fame – Ongoing

WWTP – Ongoing

New Business:

N/A

Communications from Council Members:

N/A

MOTION was made by Vadice Burgett and was supported by Rick Ferguson to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.

Kathy Martini

Kathy Martini, Clerk

Next Meeting Date: February 3, 2025