

Village of Otisville

Regular Meeting

January 17, 2026

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, Joel Glanton, Trevor Komar, Jim Price, John Ray, and Sherry Hemingway. Bob Jennings, DPW, Kathy Martini, Clerk, and William Skellenger, Police Chief.

ABSENT: N/A

AUDIENCE: Daryl Banyas, Brandon Snider/Patrol Sergeant and Keegan Harburn/ Richfield Police Officer.

MOTION was made by John Ray and was supported by Vadice Burgett to accept the agenda as presented.

CARRIED--MOTION

MOTION was made by Jim Price and was supported by Trevor Komar to accept the minutes as presented for February 2, 2026.

CARRIED--MOTION

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

ROLL CALL – CARRIED – MOTION

MOTION was made by Trevor Komar and was supported by Vadice Burgett to accept the nominations of Burt Banks, Peggy Banks 2008 nomination Daryl Banyas.

CARRIED – MOTION

Communication from Audience:

Daryl Banyas stated that for the 100th Otisville Anniversary Celebration it was 6-8 days long, the Village hired 4-5 bands and had a lot of activities during the celebration. The Village was founded in 1863 and Incorporated in 1877 as a Village. In 1877 there were 373 people who lived in town. Daryl is willing to gather any relevant documents, articles or contextual information that can enrich the historical narrative for the Village of Otisville 150th celebration for July 2027. The museum members have local historians or community elders who have first hand knowledge on the Village of Otisville.

Communication from Village Officials:

Robert Jennings:

I have served 22 years on the Forest Township Fire Department and have recently retired. Purchased building material from Menards to build shelves in the back room to get things organized.

William Skellenger:

Sworn in Brandon Snider, the new part-time Police Officer for the Village of Otisville. Spoke on Brandon's background. He is currently working full time for the Richfield Township Police

Department. He is currently a Patrol Sergeant and have 16 years of law enforcement experience. Brandon will work some road patrol hours and also provide Salvage Vehicle Inspections.

Kathy Martini:

Steve Bouchier said that Memorial Day for Otisville will be on May 25, 2026 at noon. He will have a speaker, there will be hot dogs, etc. The Police and Fire Department are always in attendance for this event.

Committee Reports: N/A

Unfinished Business:

Community Standards – Ongoing

Wall of Fame – Nominations are Burt Banks, Peggy Banks and 2008 nominee Daryl Banyas.

Nominations were accepted for their contributions and the well-being and improvements to the Village of Otisville.

New Business:

- a. Oath of Office – Officer Brand Snider accepted the Oath of Office presented by William Skellenger, Chief of Police.
- b. 150 (Ses-Quincentennial) July 2027 – Discussion of forming a committee for Otisville’s 150th Anniversary Celebration. Robert Jennings nominated Sherry Hemingway to Chair this event. Sherry Hemingway accepted the Chair position.
- c. DPW Staff Raises – The Personnel Committee will discuss and evaluate DPW staff raises.
- d. Weston Solutions Contract – Tabled

Communications from Council Members:

Jeff Lutze asked about the electrical on the dump truck. Robert Jennings stated that the electrical was fixed, however still looking into getting a box for the dump truck.

MOTION was made by Vadice Burgett and was supported by John Ray to adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

Kathy Martini

Kathy Martini, Clerk

Next Meeting Date: March 2, 2026