

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

Held: Monday, March 30, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Brian Jopek, Mark Espeseth, Dawn Spurgeon,
Matthew Young (CVSO), Samantha Negron (ACVSO)

Others Present: Linnaea Newman

The following new matters were taken up, to wit:

Brian Jopek called the meeting to order in conference room #1 of the Oneida County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was properly posted, the news media was notified and pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, is handicapped accessible.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was reviewed. Motion made by Mark Espeseth, seconded by Brian Jopek, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The minutes from the December 15, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Mark Espeseth, seconded by Brian Jopek, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

The Veterans Commission per diem vouchers were reviewed and signed.

The list of grants paid over the last quarter to veterans in need was reviewed. The Commission discussed a review and update to the Grant Requirements. We will speak with Corporate Counsel to ensure that we are legally within our limits to amend this document. Motion by Brian Jopek, seconded by Mark Espeseth, to approve the grants paid. Motion carried.

The donation account was reviewed. Since the last meeting, one donation was received in the amount of \$36.94. Motion made by Mark Espeseth, seconded by Brian Jopek, to approve the donation account report. Motion carried.

There was an update regarding why the Commission wasn't the oversight committee for the Veterans Service Office. The Chair of the Commission will need to draft a resolution to present to the current Committee of jurisdiction (Human Services), in order to relay the Commission's intention. Brian Jopek will be checking with Corporate Counsel to assist with the drafting of a resolution. There is also an option to bring in outside legal counsel that specialize in this type of law.

Items for the next agenda:

- Update on resolution for the Commission being the oversight for the Veteran's Services Office, update on Donations account build-up.

The next meeting will be held on June 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in conference room #1 in the courthouse. Motion made by Mark Espeseth, seconded by Brian Jopek, to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m. Motion carried.

Chairman: _____

Secretary: _____