

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

Held: Monday, September 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Brian Jopek, Mark Espeseth, Pearl Fessenden,
and Jason Dailey (ACVSO)

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 March 31, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Mark Espeseth, seconded by Pearl Fessenden, 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. Motion by Brian Jopek, seconded by Mark Espeseth, to approve the grants paid. Motion carried.

The donation account was reviewed. Since the last meeting, two donations were received in the amount of \$286. Motion made by Mark Espeseth, seconded by Brian Jopek, to approve the donation account report. Motion carried.

There was no update regarding why the Commission wasn't the oversight committee for the Veterans Service Office. Chairman Jopek will send another letter to County Board Chairman Scott Holewinski to inquire.

Pearl Fessenden's 3-year term on the Veterans Commission expires January 2026. Discussion was held about not recommending her to County Board Chairman Scott Holewinski for an additional 3-year term. Discussion was had with Dawn Spergeon about her background and interest in being a member of the Veteran's Commission. A decision was made to make the vote on the recommendation of Dawn to the commission will be had at the December meeting. Pearl Fessenden agreed that she has not been able to make meetings and

understands the decision. She is "good with whatever is best for the commission".

There was no public comment.

Items for the next agenda:

- Discuss Veterans Commission being the oversight committee for the Veterans Service Office
- Vote on the addition of Dawn Spurgeon onto the Veterans Commission

The next meeting will be held on December 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in conference room #1 in the courthouse. Motion made by Mark Espeseth, seconded by Pearl Fessenden, to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. Motion carried.

Chairman: _____

Secretary: _____