

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

Held: Monday, June 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

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

Others Present: Linnaea Newman, Wesley Spurgeon, Tiffany Kallio

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 30, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Dawn Spurgeon, seconded by Mark Espeseth, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Public comment: Tiffany Kallio introduced herself and stated that she was there to see how the meeting process worked.

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 if there would be a more efficient way to execute the decision making process for the grant applications. Three current applications were discussed and voted on by the attending members of the Commission. Motion by Brian Jopek, seconded by Mark Espeseth, to approve the grants paid. Motion carried.

The donation account was reviewed. A discussion was held on how the account was started, funded, and how it operated.

There was no update regarding why the Commission wasn't the oversight committee for the Veterans Service Office. The resolution is still in a draft phase and will need to be finalized before the chair can take it before the Committee for consideration.

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.
- Discuss adding changes to the current rule concerning gas card distribution for Veterans in need
- Discuss adding a no cost financial budgeting class to the Commission Grant application
- Add an "Open for discussion" for the next agenda

The next meeting will be held on September 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in conference room #1 in the courthouse.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Chairman: _____

Secretary: _____