

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Members Present: Brian Jopek, Mark Espeseth, Tammy Javenkoski (CVSO)

Others Present: Dawn Spurgeon

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 September 15, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Brian Jopek, seconded by Mark Espeseth, 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 Committee requested to know on future reports why the veteran needed financial assistance. Motion by Brian Jopek, seconded by Mark Espeseth, to approve the grants paid. Motion carried.

The donation account was reviewed. Since the last meeting, six donations were received in the amount of \$7,136.94. Motion made by Brian Jopek, seconded by Mark Espeseth, 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. Brian is going to talk to Tracy Hartmann, Oneida County Administrative Coordinator, to see what she recommends as far as proceeding.

The 2024 Annual CVS Report was reviewed.

Pearl Fessenden's 3-year term on the Veterans Commission expires January 2026. Dawn Spurgeon is interested in the position.

Motion by Brian Jopek, seconded by Mark Espeseth, to recommend Dawn Spurgeon for the Veterans Commission position that expires in January 2026. Motion carried.

Tammy informed the Veterans Commission she will be retiring on February 27, 2026. Brian and Mark both expressed they're hoping one of them will be asked to be on the hiring committee for the next CVSO.

There was no public comment.

Items for the next agenda:

- Discuss Veterans Commission being the oversight committee for the Veterans Service Office

The next meeting will be held on March 16, 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 9:40 a.m. Motion carried.

Chairman: _____

Secretary: _____