



MEETING MINUTES
August 26, 2025, 4:30 PM

Waterville Village Offices
122 Barton Ave., Waterville, NY 13480

Present

Chairperson Chris Burtch (V. of Oriskany)
Roger Potenski (T. of Westmoreland)
Chuck Hebbard (T. of Westmoreland)
Elizabeth Tantillo (V. of Clinton)
Larry Stern (V. of Waterville)
Jamie Bechy (V. of Waterville)

Colin Idzi (V. of Oriskany Falls)
Gene Whipple (T. Sangerfield)
Jake Voelker (NYS DOT)
Shaun Gannon (Ramboll)
Kristin Campbell (HOCCPP staff)
Hanna Sauberan (HOCCPP staff)

Chairperson Burtch opened the meeting at 4:31 pm.

Meeting Minutes

The July 22, 2025, meeting minutes were approved unanimously following a motion by Elizabeth T. and seconded by Roger P.

Project List Update and Review

Kristin C. presented an updated project list for the members to review to see what projects are missing, what is already completed, and what they may want to focus on ahead of the next grant season. Chris B. mentioned that the Utica St. bridge upgrades were completed around 4 years ago. In addition, Kristin C. talked about working on a cost-benefit table that shows how much money has been invested in the watershed compared to what each municipality is contributing. Since 2017, it is estimated that over \$5 million has been invested into the watershed, including projects funded by the Oneida County Flood Mitigation grant program.

Elizabeth T. brought up concerns over the Kiwanis Field Bank Stabilization project. There is a sense of sentimental attachment to the baseball fields and was wondering how to address those concerns that have been voiced by the community. Shaun G. explained how community engagement sessions give the public a forum to ask questions about the project and find ways to make people more comfortable with it by being included in the process. This was successful in the redevelopment of Dunham Manor Park in Whitestown when the first flood plain restoration project was being constructed. Open discussion about moving the field and including new recreational amenities and enhancement could increase support of the relocation. Colin I. said T-Mobile has grants, including a Little League grant, that could be applicable for the project. Kristin C. also mentioned looking around for partners at local colleges as part of a studio project to help the community create a park plan.

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the Commission's bank account was \$29,431.95. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously, following a motion by Jamie B. and seconded by Roger P.

Member Reports

Waterville:

The Village met with NYS DEC to discuss the two old reservoirs. FEMA did not award the village funding for the repair to the reservoir sustained during the October 2109 storm event. Without the repairs or decommissioning plan, NYS DEC will write up violations. Jamie B. stated that a survey and SEQR have already been completed for the reservoirs.

The Big Creek restoration project is ongoing. A community tree planting event is scheduled for September 13th with Trout Unlimited and SUNY Morrisville students. The Village expects to plant approximately 250 trees. In addition, the vacant house has been removed that was acquired earlier this year by the Village, wetlands delineated with help of NYS DEC and an old dam was removed.

Westmoreland:

The project to reestablish the Westmoreland School District's retention pond is ongoing. Because these ponds have not been maintained, new permits had to be obtained from NYS DEC along with easements/permission from private landowners on East Main St.

Town is working to do cleanup under Dean's Creek Bridge under NYS Rte. 233. They have a permit from NYS DEC for the maintenance work under this location.

The Town would like to thank Oneida County DPW for their assistance after the summer tornado. Over 1,000 trucks of brush and trees were removed after the storm.

Clinton:

The project to repair the collapsed culverts on Chenango Ave South, in front of the Milkhouse Apartments, was completed last month. HOCCPP received the payment requests and is currently processing them.

Oriskany Falls:

The Village discussed and passed a resolution voting to be an active participant in the OCWC. The clerk will be sending the signed Intermunicipal Agreement. Colin I. also mentioned that the Oriskany Falls Schools Flood Management project from the large project list discussed earlier is an area of concern in the Village.

Sangerfield:

The Planning Board is working with HOCCPP to update their zoning map and ordinance.

Other Business

An updated meeting schedule was posted on the OCWC website with meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month until the end of the year. There was a brief discussion about holding the meeting in December on the 23rd as it might be difficult to get a voting quorum. This will be added to the next meeting agenda to discuss further.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held September 23, 2025, at the Waterville Village Offices at 4:30 pm. The meeting adjourned at 5:11 pm, following a motion by Roger P. and seconded by Jamie B.