

**Notice of Special Meeting for an Evidentiary Hearing
Oneida County Board of Supervisors
January 7, 2015 - 9:30 a.m.
Oneida County Courthouse
County Board Meeting Room 2nd Floor**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
There will be a brief moment of silence for our troops followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR, CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**
 - Sign Attendance Form at the Podium
 - Please Use Microphones When Speaking
4. **EVIDENTIARY HEARING ON VERIFIED CHARGES AGAINST THE ONEIDA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER.**

At this time the Oneida County Board of Supervisors shall conduct the evidentiary hearing regarding the verified charges against the Veteran Services Officer.

It is anticipated that a motion will be made and seconded and a roll call vote will be taken to enter into a Closed Session under Sec. 19.85(1)(a)(b) & (g):

(a) Deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body

(b) Considering dismissal, demotion, licensing or discipline of any public employee or person licensed by a board or commission or the investigation of charges against such person, or considering the grant or denial of tenure for a university faculty member, and the taking of formal action on any such matter; ***[Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute s. 19.85(1)(b) the Veterans Services Officer has been given notice of her right to demand that the evidentiary hearing in this matter be conducted in open session and, as of the time of posting, has made the election to proceed with the evidentiary hearing portion of the meeting in open session.]***

(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

If the evidentiary hearing proceeds in open session, at the close of the evidence, the County Board may make a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes s. 19.85(1)(a) & (g) as listed above.

(Topic: Verified Charges against Veteran Service Officer).

Upon completion of this portion of the meeting, it is anticipated the County Board will make a motion to return to open session and may hold further discussion/ take action regarding the verified charges against the Veteran Services Officer, announce any action taken in closed session and/or consider the remainder of the meeting agenda.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS:** None
6. **NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:** County Board Regular Meeting, January 20, 2015 @ 9:30 a.m.
7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Notice of posting

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Date: 01-5-15

Place: Courthouse Bulletin Board

David Hintz, County Board Chair, Oneida County Board of Supervisors – Mary Bartelt, County Clerk, posted notice.

Additional information on a specific agenda item may be obtained by contacting the person who posted this notice at 715-369-6144.

News Media Notified by group e-mail: Time: 1:00 p.m.

Date: January 5, 2015

Northwood's River News
Lakeland Times
North Star Journal
Tomahawk Leader

Vilas News Review
WHDG Radio
WJFW TV
WXPR Radio

WRJO Radio
WLSL-FM 93.7
WPEG Radio

Others Notified:

Town Chairs

Department Heads

Notice is hereby further given that pursuant to The Americans with Disabilities Act reasonable accommodations will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call **Mary Bartelt at 715-369-6144** with specific information on your request, allowing adequate time to respond to your request. See reverse side of this notice for compliance checklist with the WI Open Meeting Law.

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Must be held in a location which is reasonably accessible to the public.
- 2. Must be open to all members of the public unless the law specifically provides otherwise.

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. In addition to any requirements set forth below, notice must also be in compliance with any other specific statute.
- 2. Chief presiding officer or his/her designee must give notice to the official newspaper and to any members of the news media likely to give notice to the public.

MANNER OF NOTICE:

Date, time, place and subject matter, including subject matter to be considered in a closed session, must be provided in a manner and form reasonably likely to apprise members of the public and news media.

TIME FOR NOTICE:

- 1. Normally, a minimum of 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting.
- 2. No less than 2 hours prior to the meeting if the presiding officer establishes there is good-cause that such notice is impossible or impractical.
- 3. Separate notice for each meeting of the governmental body must be given.

EXEMPTIONS FOR COMMITTEES & SUBUNITS

Legally constituted sub-units of a parent governmental body may conduct a meeting during the recess or immediately after the lawful setting to act or deliberate upon the subject which was the subject of the meeting, provided the presiding officer publicly announces the time, place and subject matter of the sub-unit meeting in advance of the meeting of the parent governmental body.

PROCEDURE FOR GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION:

- 1. Motion must be made, seconded and carried by roll call majority vote and recorded in the minutes.
- 2. If motion is carried, chief presiding officer must advise those attending the meeting of the nature of the business to be conducted in the closed session, and the specific statutory exemption under which the closed session is authorized.

SYNOPSIS OF STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS UNDER WHICH CLOSED SESSIONS ARE PERMITTED:

- 1. Concerning a case which was the subject of a Judicial or quasi-judicial trial before this governmental body. Sec. 19.85(1)(a)
- 2. Considering dismissal, demotion or discipline of any public employee or the investigation of charges against such person and the taking of formal action on any such matter; provided that the person is given actual notice of any evidentiary hearing which may be held prior to final action being taken and of any meeting at which final action is taken. The person under consideration must be advised of his/her right that the evidentiary hearing be held in open session and the notice of the meeting must state the same. Sec. 19.85(1)(b)
- 3. Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility. Sec. 19.85(1)(c)
- 4. Considering strategy for crime detection or prevention. Sec. 19.85(1)(d)
- 5. Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Sec. 19.85(1)(e)
- 6. Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific person, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of specific charges, which, if discussed in public, would likely have a substantial adverse effect on the reputation of the person referred to in such data. Sec. 19.85(1)(f), except where paragraph 2 applies.
- 7. Conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Sec. 19.85(1)(g)
- 8. Considering a request for advice from any applicable ethics board. Sec. 19.85(1)(h)

PLEASE REFER TO CURRENT STATUTE SECTION 19.85 FOR FULL TEXT

CLOSED SESSION RESTRICTIONS:

- 1. Must convene in open session before going into closed session.
- 2. May not convene in open session, then convene in closed session and thereafter reconvene in open session within twelve hours unless proper notice of this sequence was given at the same time and in the same manner as the original open meeting.
- 3. Final approval or ratification of a collective bargaining agreement may not be given in closed session.
- 4. No business may be taken up at any closed session except that which relates to matters contained in the chief presiding officer's announcement of the closed session.
- 5. In order for a meeting to be closed under Section 19.85(1)(f) at least one committee member would have to have actual knowledge of information which he or she reasonably believes would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation involved and there must be a probability that such information would be divulged. Thereafter, only that portion of the meeting where such information would be discussed can be closed. The balance of that agenda item must be held in open session.

BALLOTS, VOTES AND RECORDS:

- 1. Secret ballot is not permitted except for the election of officers of the body or unless otherwise permitted by specific statutes.
- 2. Except as permitted above, any member may require that the vote of each member be ascertained and recorded.
- 3. Motions and roll call votes must be preserved in the record and be available for public inspection.

USE OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT:

The meeting may be recorded, filmed, or photographed, provided that it does not interfere with the conduct of the meeting or the rights of the participants.

LEGAL INTERPRETATION:

- 1. The Wisconsin Attorney General will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.
- 2. The municipal attorney will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.

PENALTY:

Upon conviction, any member of a governmental body who knowingly attends a meeting held in violation of Subchapter IV, Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, or who otherwise violates the said law shall be subject to forfeiture of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$300.00 for each violation.

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