

**Ontario Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2025
NOTE: Meeting Held @ Casey Park, Admin Bldg. – 3:30 P.M.**

Call to order
Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Donna Burolla, President; Sherry Verstraete, Vice President; Frank Robusto, Treasurer; Board of Directors: Sylvia Ryndock, Christine LoDestro, Brian Natale

Board Members Absent: Susan Tripp, Secretary; Bill Riddell, Community Liaison

Approve Agenda – Additions/Discussion Items. One item added: Discuss Revisions to Ontario Chamber Brochure

Approval of minutes dated May 19, 2025. Christine LoDestro moved to approve the minutes, Sherry Verstraete seconded. Motion carried, all in favor.

Correspondence – None

Treasurer's Report – Frank Robusto

Balance Operating Account: \$23,499.40

Craft Show Account Balance: \$662.87

Quickbooks update – Membership information has been imported into QB; beginning in July, invoices will be sent out via QB. Members can pay either through Venmo/Paypal. Future potential using Visa for payment if there is no monthly charge.

Committee Reports

- Public Relations – Christine. Jordyn Sullivan, Alliance Bookkeeping, will be joining our chamber. She attended our last networking event on May 7, 2025.
- Marketing & Communications – Sylvia. No report. Sylvia and Dan will begin taking photos of the Businesses of the Month starting in July, 2025.
- Online Technology – Susan & Donna – update on new website (Next mtg. June 18, 2025 @ 3:30 pm.) Hoping to have a draft of the front page at the June meeting. Important to have good quality photos of our events to display on our website.
- Fundraising – Sherry & Brian & Christine
Banquet – Constellation grant in progress, asking for \$1,250. (up from \$1,000); Sherry is waiting for a return date to discuss dinner menu and pricing. No nominations have been received to date. Consider adding another award entitled Special Recognition.
Craft Show – Sherry will be meeting with Kim Millard next week at the Parks & Rec Dept.
Christine LoDestro moved to raise the fee for vendor space to \$35.00. Sylvia Ryndock seconded. Motion carried, all were in favor.
- Membership Outreach/Updates– Christine. Same as above
- Community – Christine. No report

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Sherry Verstraete moved to approve the Business of the Month list as follows: July -T Mobile; August – Mantis Fitness; Sept – Bear Creek Bloom & Garden; October – Roc Drift; November – Aggressive Autobody; December -Sanctuary on the Ridge. Christine LoDestro seconded. Motion carried, all were in favor.**

NEW BUSINESS

- Aggressive Autobody – 1744 NYS Rt. 104 - Open House – August Event. Christine will contact him regarding a date. Doze Guyz offered to donate DJ services. Chamber may donate pizza for the event. Discuss possibility of co-sponsoring or list it as a Chamber Business Tour + Open House
- Revisions – Ontario Chamber Brochure. Add QR code to replace membership application. Donna will email list of revisions and asked board members to review and add recommendations.
- July 8, 2025 (Tuesday) – Rotary change-over dinner @ Young Sommer Winery (Business of the Year Presentation- Christine will attend representing both Rotary & Ontario Chamber).

Informational Sharing

Frank Robusto shared information about an upcoming event at Heritage Square on July 12, 2025 celebrating Independence Day. There will be games, pony rides, bands, a beer wagon, and a Taste of Ontario including Pub on the Green, Lakeside Diner, MaMia's Island, Cam's Pizzeria. Frank asked if the chamber would be willing to volunteer to facilitate any of the above.

Motion to Adjourn

Sherry Verstraete moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 pm.; Christine LoDestro seconded, motion carried, all were in favor.

Next meeting agenda items:

Review nominations for annual banquet – Volunteer of the Year; Business Improvement; Civic Organization

Next Meeting July 21, 2025 (Monday) @ 3:30 p.m. – Casey Park Office Bldg.

Donna Burolla

Donna Burolla, President

For Susan Tripp, Secretary