

**TOWN OF ORANGETOWN  
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 6, 2023**

This meeting was opened at 5:00 PM. Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny presided and Rosanna Sfraga, Town Clerk, called the roll.

Present were:  
Councilperson Thomas Diviny  
Councilperson Jerry Bottari  
Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny  
Councilperson Brian Donohue

Absent:  
Councilperson Paul Valentine

Also Present:  
Robert Magrino, Town Attorney

**RESOLUTION NO. 251  
ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RESOLVED**, at 5:02 pm, the Town Board entered Executive Session to consult with legal counsel.

Councilperson Brian Donohue offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Tom Diviny and was Adopted:

Motion: 4 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Thomas Diviny, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny,  
Councilperson Brian Donohue

Noes: None

Absent: Councilperson Paul Valentine

**RESOLUTION NO. 252  
RE-ENTER STBM**

**RESOLVED**, at 5:49 pm, the Town Board re-entered the Special Town Board Meeting.

Councilperson Brian Donohue offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Tom Diviny and was Adopted:

Motion: 4 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Thomas Diviny, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny,  
Councilperson Brian Donohue

Noes: None

Absent: Councilperson Paul Valentine

**RESOLUTION NO. 253  
ENGAGE KEANE & BEANE / PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES / ZONING  
MATTER**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Orangetown Supervisor was notified by New York City Mayor Eric Adams on May 5, 2023, of NYC's intention to house certain individuals identified by Mayor Adams as asylum seekers at a location in Orangetown, later learned to be the Armoni

**RESOLUTION NO. 253 - Continued**

Hotel, located on NY State Route 303, Orangeburg, New York, for an indefinite period of time, but for as much as up to four consecutive months, if not longer, commencing as soon as the day after the call or immediately thereafter, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Supervisor subsequently learned from the County of Rockland, that NYC intended to house as many as 340 single adult males in the Armoni Hotel for an extended length of time, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Orangetown is responsible for enforcement of local zoning, building and fire codes, as well as state building and fire codes, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Orangetown has reason to believe that the Armoni Hotel is currently under agreement with NYC for housing individuals in its hotel on a long term basis, in violation of local zoning codes, and the certificate of occupancy currently issued to the Armoni Hotel, to operate as a hotel, and not as a shelter for the City of New York,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Attorney to retain the services of Keane & Beane, White Plains, New York, to serve as litigation counsel with respect to this matter. and the illegal and improper use of the subject premises, and authorizes them to commence any action that may be necessary, in a court of competent jurisdiction, and to seek all appropriate legal remedies, to ensure the Town's zoning and building codes are being complied with at the subject property, including but not limited to, injunctive relief.

Councilperson Tom Diviny offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Brian Donohue and was Adopted:

Motion: 4 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Thomas Diviny, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny, Councilperson Brian Donohue

Noes: None

Absent: Councilperson Paul Valentine

**RESOLUTION NO. 254**

**ADJOURN**

**RESOLVED**, at 5:54 pm, this meeting was adjourned.

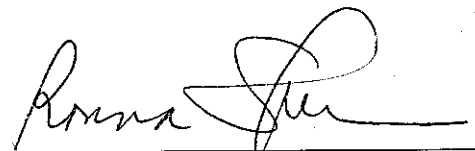
Councilperson Brian Donohue offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Thomas Diviny, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny, Councilperson Brian Donohue

Noes: None

Absent: Councilperson Paul Valentine



**Rosanna Sfraga, Town Clerk**



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A Special Meeting (STBM) of the Town Board of the Town of Orangetown will be held Saturday May 6, 2023 at 5:00pm, at Town Hall, 26 W. Orangeburg Rd., Orangeburg, NY. The meeting will be for the Board to enter into executive session for consultation with legal counsel.

Respectfully yours,

Rosanna Sfraga  
Town Clerk

Cc Supervisor  
Town Board  
Town Attorney  
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