



TOWN OF ORANGETOWN TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday October 28, 2025

This Town Board Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM.

Councilperson Paul Valentine _____
Councilperson Jerry Bottari _____
Councilperson Brian Donohue _____
Councilperson Dan Sullivan _____
Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny _____

🌟 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ **National First Responders Day** - honoring and recognizing Law Enforcement, Fire & Rescue Services, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management and Public Works who protect and serve our community, often putting their own lives at risk to ensure the safety and well-being of others.
- ◆ **Veterans Drive-By Lunch orders are due by November 3, 2025. Visit orangetown.com for details.**
- ◆ **The first annual Pearl River Food Truck Festival is on November 8, 2025 from 11 am - 4 pm at the Central Avenue Field in Pearl River.**

DISCUSSION:

◆ WORKSHOP OF AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

RESOLVED, that the public portion is hereby opened.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

2. CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

RESOLVED, that the public portion is hereby closed.

AGENDA ITEMS:

TOWN BOARD

- 3. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING / RTBM OCTOBER 28, 2025 AT 7:05 PM / AMENDING CHAPTER 41A AND OTHER SECTIONS OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING PENALTIES**

RESOLVED, that the public hearing on the proposed Local Law, to Town Code, Chapter 41A entitled "Violations and Penalties", to increase the maximum fines, remove an authorized sentence of jail for first time violators, and centralizing fine amounts throughout the Town Code is hereby opened.

PRESENTATION of Affidavit of Public Hearing posting and publication.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS:

- 4. CLOSE OR CONTINUE PUBLIC HEARING / AMENDING CHAPTER 41A AND OTHER SECTIONS OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING PENALTIES**

RESOLVED, that the public hearing on the proposed Local Law, to Town Code, Chapter 41A entitled "Violations and Penalties", to increase the maximum fines, remove an authorized sentence of jail for first time violators, and centralizing fine amounts throughout the Town Code is hereby closed or continued to _____.

- 5. DESIGNATION OF LEAD AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. ___ OF 2025 AMENDING CHAPTER 41A AND RELATED CHAPTERS OF THE TOWN CODE "VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES" AND DETERMINATION UNDER SEQRA**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby declares itself to be Lead Agency for environmental review with respect to a proposed Local Law No. ___ of 2025, amending Chapter 41A of the Town Code, entitled "Violations and Penalties", and related penalty provisions of the Town Code; and further determines that such action is a Type II action pursuant to SEQRA (6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(33) and (35)), that the action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact, and, therefore, no further action is necessary with respect thereto under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

- 6. ADOPT LOCAL LAW NO. ___ OF 2025, AMENDING CHAPTER 41A AND RELATED CHAPTERS OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts proposed Local Law No. ___ of 2025, amending Chapter 41A entitled "Violations and Penalties" and other Chapters of the of the Town Code, to provide for violations and penalties for various offenses of the Town Code as set forth more fully therein.

7. **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING / OCTOBER 28, 2025 AT 7:10 P.M. / ONE-YEAR CONTRACT / BLAUVELT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT / CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

RESOLVED, that the public hearing on the proposed contract between the Town of Orangetown and the Blauvelt Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., for fire protection services in and throughout the Blauvelt Fire Protection District within the Town of Orangetown, for the calendar year 2026, is hereby opened.

PRESENTATION of Affidavit of Public Hearing posting and publication.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS:

8. **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING / ONE-YEAR CONTRACT / BLAUVELT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT / CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

RESOLVED, that the public hearing is hereby closed.

9. **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING / OCTOBER 28, 2025 AT 7:15 P.M. / ONE-YEAR CONTRACT / ORANGETOWN LIBRARY DISTRICT (BLAUVELT FREE LIBRARY, ORANGEBURG LIBRARY, PALISADES FREE LIBRARY, AND TAPPAN FREE LIBRARY) / CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

RESOLVED, that the public hearing on the proposed 2026 Contracts between the Town of Orangetown and the Orangetown Library District is hereby opened.

PRESENTATION of Affidavit of Public Hearing posting and publication.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS:

10. **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING / ONE-YEAR CONTRACT / ORANGETOWN LIBRARY DISTRICT (BLAUVELT FREE LIBRARY, ORANGEBURG LIBRARY, PALISADES FREE LIBRARY, AND TAPPAN FREE LIBRARY) / CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

RESOLVED, that the public hearing is hereby closed.

11. **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING / RTBM OCTOBER 28, 2025 AT 7:20 P.M. / 2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

RESOLVED, that the public hearing regarding the 2026 Preliminary Budget is hereby opened.

PRESENTATION of Affidavit of Public Hearing posting and publication.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS:

12. **CONTINUE PUBLIC HEARING / 2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

RESOLVED, that the public hearing regarding the 2026 Preliminary Budget is hereby continued to _____.

13. **SET PUBLIC HEARING / DECEMBER 16, 2025 AT 7:05 PM / PROPOSED ADDITION TO TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 16 TO BE ENTITLED “FOOD TRUCKS”**

RESOLVED that the Town Board will hold a public hearing on December 16, 2025, at 7:05 p.m., on a proposed Local Law, to add Chapter 16 entitled “Food Trucks” to the Town Code, which provides for the regulation of food trucks in the Town of Orangetown.

14. **DECLARATION OF INTENTION OF TOWN BOARD TO SERVE AS LEAD AGENCY PURSUANT TO SEQRA**

WHEREAS, issues related to the operation and proper regulation and licensing of food trucks have been raised by both residents and operators of food trucks, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that it would be appropriate to provide for the regulation licensing of food trucks throughout the Town and

WHEREAS, upon review of the proposed Local Law, Short Environmental Assessment Form, and related documents and filings, the Board makes the following preliminary determinations:

1. The proposed action is one subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”);
2. The proposed action is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(21) and (30); and
3. The following are involved or interested or involved agencies in the review process:
 - Orangetown Planning Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby declares its intention to serve as Lead Agency for the purpose of environmental review under SEQRA, and directs that a Lead Agency Coordination Letter with relevant documents be circulated to the Orangetown Planning Board.

15. **APPROVE GRANT & FUND OVERAGE / STATE AND MUNICIPAL (SAM) GRANT / TRAFFIC SIGNAL / INTERSECTION OF ORANGEBURG RD, HUNT RD, OLD ORANGEBURG RD IN ORANGEBURG**

WHEREAS, the Town of Orangetown has been approved by the State of New York to receive a State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) grant to be administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) for the installation of a traffic signal (devices) at the intersection of Orangeburg Road and Hunt Road/Old Orangeburg Road in Orangeburg in the amount of \$100,000, subject to review and approval of DASNY and the submission of further documentation by the Town to DASNY; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board hereby finds the installation of a traffic signal and acceptance of the grant a Type II action under SEQRA which requires no further review with respect to SEQRA; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board agrees to accept the SAM grant from the State of New York, which is to be administered by DASNY, in the amount of \$100,000 towards the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Orangeburg Road and Hunt Road/Old Orangeburg Road in Orangeburg; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board agrees to fund the remainder of the cost and any overages, from fund balance, for the traffic signal, not to exceed \$200,000; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor or her designee is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to accept and administer the grant for the installation of a traffic signal in accordance with DASNY requirements, subject to review and approval of the Town Attorney's Office.

TOWN ATTORNEY

16. **APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ORANGETOWN AND THE CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, INC. AFSCME, AFL-CIO FOR THE TOWN OF ORANGETOWN CSEA UNIT 8353, DATED JULY 31, 2025**

WHEREAS, the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Town of Orangetown ("Town") and the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. ("CSEA Unit 8353") was in effect from January 1, 2021 through and including December 31, 2024;

WHEREAS, the Town and CSEA Unit 8353 Negotiating Committees entered into negotiations concerning a new four (4) year agreement for the period beginning January 1, 2025 through and including December 31, 2028;

WHEREAS, the respective Town and CSEA Unit 8353 Negotiating Committees entered into a Memorandum of Agreement, dated July 31, 2025, for the purpose of recommending terms to the Town Board and CSEA constituencies for approval and ratification;

WHEREAS, the CSEA Unit 8353 ratified the July 31, 2025 Memorandum of Agreement on August 26, 2025, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town shall approve of the Memorandum of Agreement, dated July 31, 2025, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor or her designee is authorized to execute any and all legal documents in order to effectuate the enforcement of this resolution.

17. **APPROVE RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH WILSON ELSER / CHRISTENSEN v. ORANGETOWN**

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Town Attorney, approve the retainer of Wilson Elser to represent the Town in connection with the matter of Christensen and Mason v. Orangetown, Rockland Index No. 031674/2025, on the terms and conditions set forth in a proposed Engagement Letter, incorporated by reference herein, and authorize the Supervisor, or her designated representative, to execute a copy thereof.

HIGHWAY

18. **RECOGNIZE APPOINTMENT/ DAVID GOYETTE / MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR III/ PROBATIONARY/ GRADE 14 STEP 14/18 / EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 20, 2025**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby recognizes the appointment of David Goyette by the Superintendent of Highways, to the position of Motor Equipment Operator III, Grade 14, Step 14/18 at a salary of \$104,346 effective October 20, 2025.

PARKS AND RECREATION

19. **ACCEPT DONATION / MEMORIAL BENCH / RAIL TRAIL**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks, Recreation & Building Maintenance, the Town Board hereby accepts with gratitude the donation of a memorial bench to be placed along the rail trail. Engraving to read:

In Loving Memory of Matt Piccione
"Your Love and Laughter is Always With Us"

POLICE

20. **APPOINT / STEPHEN MORONEY/ POLICE OFFICER / RESIDENT TOWN OF ORANGETOWN**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, Stephen Moroney is hereby appointed to the position of Police Officer/Permanent, from the Rockland County Department of Personnel Civil Service List # 67-540 / 21033 (OC), effective October 24, 2025, at a salary that is consistent with the terms of the labor agreement between the Town of Orangetown and Orangetown PBA.

21. **AUTHORIZE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH ROCKLAND COUNTY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF THE COSTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OVERTIME FOR COUNTERTERRORISM TRAINING**

WHEREAS, Rockland County, in an effort to provide financial assistance to local law enforcement and make a disbursement of grant funds from the New York State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETTP) and State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grants to the Town for law enforcement purposes only has proposed an intermunicipal agreement (IMA) between the County and the Town, and

WHEREAS, the County of Rockland has agreed to reimburse the Town of Orangetown for the cost of law enforcement overtime for counterterrorism training, and

WHEREAS, the County of Rockland, pursuant to its Resolutions No. 409 of 2025 provided funds for such reimbursement pursuant to the IMA and to reimburse the Town of Orangetown in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the above referenced overtime related to

counterterrorism training for the period covering September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law authorizes municipal governments to perform together that which each government is authorized to perform individually and requires that any intermunicipal agreement be approved by each participating municipal corporation by a majority vote of its governing body, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds and determines that such agreement and reimbursement for training is in the best interests of the good and welfare of the Town in the operations of its governmental functions,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves entering into the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town of Orangetown and County of Rockland as set forth in the County's Resolution No 409 of 2025 with respect to the reimbursement of the sum of \$25,000.00 for overtime costs incurred for counterterrorism training, and authorizes the Supervisor to execute the aforesaid Intermunicipal Agreement and any and all documents necessary to effectuate same.

22. AUTHORIZE/ORANGETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT/GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE GRANT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the Orangetown Police Department to participate in and accept the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) grant in the 2025-2026 grant cycle up to \$16,068 to participate in the statewide Police Traffic Services Program and authorizes the Supervisor or her designee to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

TOWN CLERK

23. ACCEPT / RECEIVE / FILE DOCUMENTS/TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

RESOLVED that the following documents are accepted, received and filed in the Town Clerk's Office:

1. Town Board Meeting minutes: September 3rd Special Town Board Meeting; September 9th Police Commission; and September 9th and September 30, 2025 Regular Town Board Meeting.
2. Agreements:
 - Pearl River School District – First Amendment to SRO Agreement.
 - Living Christ Church of the Christian & Missionary Alliance, Recorded Deed.
 - Pearl River Chamber – 2025 Alcoholic Beverage Permit Agreement.
 - Christmas Lighting Company – 2025 Pearl River Christmas Décor.
 - Granicus, Inc – Smartgov Program / Software for the Building Department.

AUDIT

24. PAY VOUCHERS

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Director of Finance, Jeffrey Bencik, the Finance Office is hereby authorized to pay vouchers for a total amount of three (3) warrants (attached) for a total of \$517,421.73.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

25. ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLVED, at _____ pm, the Town Board entered Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

ADJOURNMENTS

26. RE-ENTER RTBM / ADJOURNED / MEMORY

RESOLVED, at _____ pm, the Town Board re-entered the Regular Town Board Meeting and adjourned in memory of:

- ❖ **Donna Breen Clarke**, *Resident of Orangeburg*
- ❖ **James Coen**, *Resident of Pearl River*
- ❖ **Margaret Mary Coen**, *Resident of Pearl River*
- ❖ **Terry Martin Hekker**, *Former Mayor of Nyack*
- ❖ **John "Jack" Killian**, *Resident of Blauvelt*