



TOWN OF ORANGETOWN TOWN BOARD REORGANIZATION MEETING

Tuesday January 06, 2026

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 _____

PRESENTATIONS:

- ◆ **Entry of Colors:**
 - ★ **Boy Scout Troop #55 and Cub Scout Pack #55 Color Guard**

- ◆ **Pledge of Allegiance led by:**
 - ★ **U.S. Navy Veteran John Gray**

- ◆ **"The Star-Spangled Banner" performed by:**
 - ★ **Devon Fennell**

- ◆ **Invocation:**
 - ★ **Rev. Ravikiran Dasari**

- ◆ **"America the Beautiful" performed by:**
 - ★ **Kiera Hayes and Hannah Hayes**

- ◆ **Honorable Judge Patrick J. Loftus administers the Oath of Office to:**
 - ★ **Rosanna Sfraga, Town Clerk**
 - ★ **Richard C. Finning, Town Justice**

- ◆ **Rosanna Sfraga, Town Clerk administers the Oath of Office to:**
 - ★ **Teresa M. Kenny, Town Supervisor**
 - ★ **Brian Donohue, Town Councilman**
 - ★ **Daniel Sullivan, Town Councilman**

- ◆ **Cheryl Dean Ward administers the Oath of Office to:**
 - ★ **James J. Dean, Superintendent of Highways**

- ◆ **Retirement of Colors:**
 - ★ **Boy Scout Troop #55 and Cub Scout Pack #55 Color Guard**

- ◆ **2026 STATE OF THE TOWN SPEECH:**
 - ★ **Town of Orangetown Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny**

- ◆ **SUPERVISOR'S APPOINTMENTS:**
 - ★ **Jeffrey Bencik, Finance Director**
 - ★ **Mary Cardenas, Town Historian**
 - ★ **Allison Kardon, Confidential Assistant to Town Supervisor**
 - ★ **Carmel Reilly, Director of Economic Development and Tourism**
 - ★ **Denis Troy, Deputy Town Supervisor**

- ◆ **COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN BOARD**

- ◆ **Benediction:**
 - ★ **Rabbi Chaim Z. Ehrenreich, Chabad of the Nyacks**

AGENDA ITEMS:

TOWN BOARD

1. OFFICIAL UNDERTAKING FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Director of Finance, Jeffrey Bencik, to approve Official Undertaking to be filed in the Rockland County Clerk's Office for elected and appointed officials, officers and employees as the Town Board may require for the faithful performance of their duties and the prompt and proper account for paying over all money received by said employees in their official capacity.

2. **2026 / MARRIAGE OFFICERS**

RESOLVED, that the following are designated as Marriage Officers effective January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026, at no salary:

- Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny
- Councilman Paul Valentine
- Councilman Gerald Bottari
- Councilman Brian Donohue
- Councilman Daniel Sullivan
- Town Clerk Rosanna Sfraga

3. **2026 / OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby designates the Journal News as the official newspaper of the Town pursuant to NYS Town Law Section 64 (11), and the Journal News and the Rockland County Times, for additional notices as the Board may determine necessary or advisable, on a case by case basis.

4. **2026 BANKING DEPOSITORIES**

RESOLVED, that the following banks are designated as the banking depository for the Town of Orangetown:

- J. P. Morgan Chase
- Key Bank
- Webster Bank
- Connect One Bank
- NYClass

5. **2026 TOWN CLERK FOR COLLECTION OF TAXES / BANKING DEPOSITORIES**

RESOLVED, that the following banks are designated as the banking depository for the Town Clerk for Collection of Taxes:

- J. P. Morgan Chase
- Webster Bank

6. **REAPPOINT / REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS / ROSANNA SFRAGA / EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 - DECEMBER 31, 2026**

RESOLVED, that Rosanna Sfraga, Town Clerk, is hereby reappointed Registrar of Vital Statistics, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

7. **REAPPOINT / RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER (RMO) / ROSANNA SFRAGA / EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 - DECEMBER 31, 2026**

RESOLVED, that Rosanna Sfraga, Town Clerk, is hereby reappointed Records Management Officer (RMO), effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

8. **REAPPOINT / RECORDS ACCESS OFFICER (RAO) / DEPARTMENT HEADS / EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 - DECEMBER 31, 2026**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board reappoints each Department Head as Records Access Officer (RAO) for their Department records, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

9. **REAPPOINT / DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF VITAL STATISTICS / TERESA ACCETTA-PUGH AND RIMA DEL VECCHIO / EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 - DECEMBER 31, 2026**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Town Clerk, Teresa Accetta-Pugh and Rima Del Vecchio are hereby appointed Deputy Registrars of Vital Statistics with a stipend of \$4,000 each, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

10. **REAPPOINT / 1ST DEPUTY TOWN CLERK / COLLECTOR / JOSEPH THOMASSEN / EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 - DECEMBER 31, 2026**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby recognizes and reaffirms the reappointment of Joseph Thomassen by the Town Clerk to the position of First Deputy Town Clerk / Collector, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

11. **INDEMNIFICATION OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

RESOLVED, that the provisions of Section 18 of the Public Officers' Law concerning defense and indemnification shall apply to the officers and employees of the Town of Orangetown who are named defendants in any action arising out of the proper performance of duties to the fullest extent permissible by law, including, but not limited to, punitive damages, and the benefits of Section 18 shall extend to all such employees, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all necessary and reasonable costs for providing this benefit shall be a proper Town charge.

12. **AUTHORIZE TOWN ATTORNEY TO INSTITUTE AND DEFEND ACTIONS**

RESOLVED, that for the year 2026, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Attorney to take all necessary steps to institute actions on behalf of or defend any proceedings brought against the Town of Orangetown, its agencies and employees, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is hereby made retroactive to January 1, 2026.

13. **APPOINT ROBERT V. MAGRINO / TOWN ATTORNEY / EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027**

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of Town Law §20 and Town Law §24 the Town Board hereby reappoints Robert V. Magrino as Town Attorney, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.

14. **ADOPT TOWN OF ORANGETOWN PROCUREMENT POLICY 2026**

WHEREAS, Section 104-b of the General Municipal Law requires the governing body of every municipality to adopt internal policies and procedures governing all procurements of goods and services not subject to the bidding requirements of GML Section 103 or any other law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board having previously adopted a procurement policy pursuant to Town Board Resolution #13 of 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby adopt the procurement policy annexed to this Resolution and identified as the 2026 Orangetown Procurement Policy which is intended to apply to all goods and services which are not required by law to be publicly bid.

15. **TOWN OF ORANGETOWN / TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE POLICY 2026**

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the Town to adopt a "Travel and Conference Policy" which will establish guidelines for the reimbursement of town business related travel and out-of-town travel expenses by officers and employees; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board having previously adopted a Travel and Conference Policy pursuant to Town Board Resolution #14 of 2025 on January 7, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby adopt the Travel and Conference Policy as annexed hereto.

16. **AUTHORIZE TOWN ATTORNEY TO SETTLE CERTAIN CLAIMS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Attorney is hereby authorized to settle liability claims against the Town for amounts up to SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7,500.00) without the necessity for further Town Board resolution.

17. **COMBINE / APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS #18 TO 29**

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby combines and approves agenda items #18 to 29.

18. **REAPPOINT THOMAS WARREN / CHAIRPERSON / ORANGETOWN PLANNING BOARD / 2026 / 1-YEAR TERM**

RESOLVED, that THOMAS WARREN is hereby reappointed CHAIRPERSON to the Orangetown Planning Board for a 1-year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026.

19. **APPOINT MATTHEW CAREY / MEMBER / ORANGETOWN PLANNING BOARD / 7-YEAR TERM**

RESOLVED, that MATTHEW CAREY is hereby appointed as MEMBER to the Orangetown Planning Board for a 7-year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2032.

20. **REAPPOINT BRUCE BOND / ALTERNATE MEMBER / ORANGETOWN PLANNING BOARD / 2026 / 1-YEAR TERM**

RESOLVED, that BRUCE BOND is hereby reappointed as an ALTERNATE MEMBER to the Orangetown Planning Board for a 1-year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026.

21. **REAPPOINT SHIRLEY GOEBEL-CHRISTIE / CHAIRPERSON / ORANGETOWN ARCHITECTURE AND COMMUNITY APPEARANCE BOARD OF REVIEW / 2026 / 1-YEAR TERM**

RESOLVED, that SHIRLEY GOEBEL-CHRISTIE is hereby reappointed as CHAIRPERSON to the Orangetown Architecture and Community Appearance Board of Review for a 1-year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026.

22. **REAPPOINT BARBARA CARROLL / MEMBER / ORANGETOWN ARCHITECTURE AND COMMUNITY APPEARANCE BOARD OF REVIEW / 3-YEAR TERM**

RESOLVED, that BARBARA CARROLL is hereby reappointed as MEMBER to the Orangetown Architecture and Community Appearance Board of Review for a 3-year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2028.

23. **APPOINT RICHARD WINDRAM / MEMBER / ORANGETOWN ARCHITECTURE AND COMMUNITY APPEARANCE BOARD OF REVIEW / 3-YEAR TERM**

RESOLVED, that RICHARD WINDRAM is hereby appointed as MEMBER to the Orangetown Architecture and Community Appearance Board of Review for a 3-year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2028.

24. REAPPOINT WALTER SCOTT WHEATLEY / CHAIRPERSON / HISTORICAL AREAS BOARD OF REVIEW / 2026 / 1-YEAR TEAM

RESOLVED, that WALTER SCOTT WHEATLEY is hereby reappointed CHAIRPERSON to the Historical Areas Board of Review for a 1-year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026.

25. REAPPOINT MARJORIE GALEN / MEMBER / HISTORICAL AREAS BOARD OF REVIEW / 5-YEAR TERM

RESOLVED, that MARJORIE GALEN is hereby reappointed MEMBER to the Historical Areas Board of Review for a five-year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2030.

26. REAPPOINT MICHAEL BOSCO / CHAIRPERSON / ORANGETOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS / 2026 / 1-YEAR TERM

RESOLVED, that MICHAEL BOSCO is hereby reappointed CHAIRPERSON to the Orangetown Zoning Board of Appeals for a 1-year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026.

27. REAPPOINT BILLY VALENTINE / MEMBER / ORANGETOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS / 5-YEAR TERM

RESOLVED, that BILLY VALENTINE. is hereby reappointed as MEMBER to the Orangetown Zoning Board of Appeals for a 5-year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2030.

28. APPOINT ANTHONY DEROBERTIS / MEMBER / ORANGETOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS / JANUARY 1, 2026 - DECEMBER 31, 2028

RESOLVED, that ANTHONY DEROBERTIS. is hereby appointed as MEMBER to the Orangetown Zoning Board of Appeals commencing on January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2028, to fill the unexpired term of Thomas Quinn who resigned on December 31, 2025.

29. APPOINT JUSTIN KRAMER / ALTERNATE MEMBER / ORANGETOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS / 2026 / 1-YEAR TERM

RESOLVED, that JUSTIN KRAMER is hereby appointed as an ALTERNATE MEMBER to the Orangetown Zoning Board of Appeals for a 1-year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026.

CONCLUDES REORGANIZATION MEETING

OTHER BUSINESS

- ◆ **Presentation:** Amber Court/Esplanade at Palisades Independent Living Project

30. **APPROVE / RENAME ORANGETOWN SOCCER COMPLEX / 175 OLD ORANGEBURG ROAD ORANGEBURG NY / "DENIS TROY ATHLETIC COMPLEX"**

WHEREAS, Denis Troy has served the residents of the Town of Orangetown with distinction for over 30 years as a Town Councilman, County Legislator, and current Deputy Town Supervisor; and,

WHEREAS, Denis Troy has been a steadfast advocate for the children of the Town and has long recognized the importance of providing spaces where children can come together, be active and build lasting memories; and,

WHEREAS, Denis Troy has been directly involved in recreational youth sports throughout the Town and worked tirelessly to provide facilities for recreational youth soccer in the Town of Orangetown at the facility currently known as the Orangetown Soccer Complex, thereby enriching the lives of countless young residents; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of Denis Troy's dedication to public service and his unwavering commitment to the community and its children, the Town Board hereby officially dedicates and renames the Orangetown Soccer Complex located at 175 Old Orangeburg Road, Orangeburg, New York as the "Denis Troy Athletic Complex", so that current and future generations will know and learn of his efforts in providing these facilities for youth recreation in the Town.

31. **APPROVE RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH HODGES, WALSH AND BURKE, IN CONNECTION WITH FEDERAL LITIGATION**

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Town Attorney, approve the retainer of Hodges, Walsh & Burke, LLP to represent the Town Police Officers, as defendants, in connection with a federal lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, under docket 7:25 civ.05029, brought by Eddie Sanchez as Plaintiff, 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.

32. **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: November 18 and December 2, 2025 Police Commission Meetings and November 18, December 2 & 16, 2025 Regular Town Board Meetings.
2. Agreements:
 - Rockland County – Grant for Sidewalk Construction

- Greenplan Inc. – for Orangetown Community Preservation Plan
- Parkmobile Service Agreement – Pearl River Parking Meters

AUDIT

33. 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 four (4) warrants (attached) for a total of **\$2,991,862.08**.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

34. ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENTS

35. RE-ENTER RTBM / ADJOURNED / MEMORY

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

- ❖ **Louis E. Kayser**, *Resident of Tappan, former Deputy Town Attorney and former Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals*
- ❖ **Gerald "Jerry" Koblin**, *Resident of Nyack and owner of Koblin's Pharmacy*
- ❖ **Joseph Paul Sanguinetti**, *Resident of Pearl River*