



TOWN OF ORANGETOWN TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday January 20, 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	_____

🌟 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

PRESENTATIONS:

- ★ **Orangetown USA 250 Parade Check Presentation - Vice President Ken Sincerbox of the Blauvelt Volunteer Fire Company**
- ★ **Recognition Ceremony for Orangetown Patriots Cheer Junior Pee Wee Team for placing first in the 2025 Pop Warner National Cheer and Dance Championship**

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. COMBINE / APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS #4 TO 11

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby combines and approves agenda items #4 to 11.

4. REAPPOINT LIAISONS / 2026 / LAND USE BOARDS / COMMITTEES

RESOLVED, that the following Town Officials are hereby reappointed LIAISONS to the following Land Use Boards and Committees for 2026:

- Architecture & Community Appearance Board of Review - Councilperson Gerald Bottari
- Orangetown Blue Hill Golf Advisory Committee – Councilperson Paul Valentine
- Board of Assessment Review – Councilperson Daniel Sullivan
- Board of Ethics - Councilperson Daniel Sullivan
- Orangetown Environmental Committee – Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny
- Historical Areas Board of Review – Councilperson Brian Donohue
- Orangetown Housing Authority Board – Deputy Supervisor Denis Troy
- Office of Emergency Management Committee – Councilperson Gerald Bottari
- Orangetown Parks and Recreation Development Advisory Committee – Councilperson Brian Donohue
- Orangetown Planning Board – Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny
- Orangetown Project Review Board – Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny
- Orangetown Sanitation Commission – Councilperson Paul Valentine
- Orangetown Shade Tree Commission – Councilperson Gerald Bottari
- Orangetown Senior Citizen Advisory Committee – Deputy Supervisor Denis Troy
- Orangetown Substance Abuse Committee – Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny
- Orangetown Traffic Advisory Board – Councilperson Paul Valentine
- Zoning Board of Appeals – Councilperson Daniel Sullivan

5. RECOGNIZE KRISTY BAUMANN / CHAIRPERSON / ORANGETOWN BOARD OF ETHICS / ONE-YEAR TERM

RESOLVED, that Kristy Baumann is hereby recognized as CHAIRPERSON to the Orangetown Board of Ethics for a period of 1-year, commencing on January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026

6. **REAPPOINT THOMAS HYLAND / MEMBER / ORANGETOWN BOARD OF ETHICS / 5-YEAR TERM**

RESOLVED, that THOMAS HYLAND is hereby reappointed as MEMBER to the Orangetown Board of Ethics for a five-year term, effective January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2030.

7. **APPOINT / REAPPOINT / ORANGETOWN OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE / 2026 / 1-YEAR TERM**

RESOLVED, that the following are hereby appointed / reappointed as MEMBERS of the Orangetown Office of Emergency Management Committee for a 1-year term, commencing on January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026:

- P. O. Chris Connolly (Chairperson)
- Captain Michael Shannon, OPD
- David Majewski, Bureau of Fire Prevention
- Rick Oliver, Acting Director of OBZPAE
- James J. Dean, Superintendent of Highways
- Eamon Reilly, Commissioner of DEME
- Aric Gorton, Superintendent of Parks, Recreation and Building Maintenance
- Steve Harris, Ex-Chief of South Orangetown Ambulance Corps
- Maryanne Portoro, Operations Administrator of Pearl River Ambulance
- Christopher Jackson, Asst Chief, Orangeburg Fire and Orangetown Fire Chiefs Council
- Stephen Munno, Highway Department
- Christopher Sheehan, DEME
- Matt Lenihan, IT Department
- Liaison: Councilperson Gerald Bottari

8. **REAPPOINT CHARLES VEZZETTI / CHAIRPERSON / SANITATION COMMISSION / 2026 / 1-YEAR TERM**

RESOLVED, that CHARLES VEZZETTI is hereby reappointed as CHAIRPERSON to the Sanitation Commission for a 1-year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026.

9. **REAPPOINT DENIS O'DONNELL / MEMBER / SANITATION COMMISSION / 2026 / 5 - YEAR TERM**

RESOLVED, that DENIS O'DONNELL is hereby reappointed as MEMBER to the Sanitation Commission for a 5-year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2030.

10. **APPOINT / REAPPOINT / ORANGETOWN SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE / 2026 / 1-YEAR TERM**

RESOLVED, that the following are hereby appointed / reappointed as MEMBERS of the Orangetown Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, for a 1-year term, commencing on January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026:

- Phyllis Moehrle (Blauvelt/Orangeburg Club)
- Janet Mullen (Nyack Club)
- Caroline Butler (Pearl River A Club)
- Susan Dunleavy (Pearl River B Club)
- Lucille Zuccaro (Piermont Club)
- Carmen Abreu (Sparkill Club)
- Thomas Darcy (Tappan Club)
- Liaison: Councilperson Denis Troy

11. **APPOINT/ REAPPOINT ORANGETOWN TRAFFIC ADVISORY BOARD / 2026 / 1-YEAR TERM**

RESOLVED, that the following are hereby appointed / reappointed as MEMBERS of the Orangetown Traffic Advisory Board, for a 1-year term, commencing on January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026:

- Michael Yannazzone (Co-Chairperson)
- Margaret Warren (Co-Chairperson)
- Paul Raso
- Robert Simon
- Robert Morrison
- James Castagna
- James Sullivan
- P. O. Chris Connolly, OPD, Advisor
- Thomas Edattel, DEME, Advisor
- George Garrecht, Highway, Advisor
- Stefanie Schera, Deputy Town Attorney, Legal Advisor
- Allison Kardon, Clerk
- Liaison: Councilperson Paul Valentine

TOWN ATTORNEY

12. **RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE PROPOSED NORTHEAST WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT / BOROUGH OF ROCKLEIGH / REFERENCE TB RESOLUTION 2007-789**

WHEREAS, there is an Agreement between the Town of Orangetown, the Orangetown Sewer District, the Borough of Rockleigh, New Jersey, and the Rockleigh Sewage Authority, dated January 1, 2008, which was authorized by Orangetown Town Board Resolution No. 2007-789; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement provides that the Orangetown Sewer District shall provide sanitary sewer service to the Borough of Rockleigh in exchange for compensation for same; and

WHEREAS, the applicant Maxim Realty Trust, which is the developer for the Upper Grande Rockleigh project, desires to provide for the orderly development of wastewater facilities within the premises of Block 102, Lots 14 and 15 a/k/a 16-18 Paris Avenue in the Borough of Rockleigh, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requires that proposed wastewater treatment and conveyance facilities and wastewater treatment service areas, as well as related subjects, conform with an approved Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP); and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP has established the WQMP amendment procedure through the WQMP rules at N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5 as the method of incorporating unplanned facilities into a WQMP; and

WHEREAS, a proposed WQMP plan amendment to be publicly noticed in the New Jersey Register on January 20, 2026 for Upper Grande Rockleigh, Block 102, Lots 14 (portion) and 15 (portion), Rockleigh Borough, Bergen County, PI 43544, Activity AMD240006, has been prepared by Stonefield Engineering & Design; and

WHEREAS, the Town Department of Environmental Management and Engineering and Town Attorney's Office have reviewed the applicant's submission and recommend that the Town Board approve this proposed resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Orangetown Town Board hereby consents to the Upper Grande Rockleigh, publicly noticed on January 20, 2026, prepared by Stonefield Engineering & Design, for the purpose of its incorporation into the applicable WQMP and that this consent shall be submitted to the NJDEP pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(g)6.

13. AUTHORIZE SETTLEMENT / GEORGE FAY v. TOWN / ROCKLAND INDEX NO. 031509/2024

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of Wilson Elser, litigation counsel, and Safety National, the Town's insurance carrier, the Town Board hereby approves a final settlement in the amount of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) to fully resolve and settle the action filed against the Town on March 20, 2024, by George Fay in NYS Supreme Court, Rockland County (Index #031509/2024), arising out of an incident that occurred on June 15, 2023; and the Town Board authorizes the attorneys and/or Supervisor or her designee to take such steps and execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

14. APPROVE / AUTHORIZE TOWN ATTORNEY TO SIGN STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT / RE. TOWN OF ORANGETOWN V. CHRISTOPHER RICCARDI

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Town Attorney and Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, approve and authorize the settlement of the matter of *Town of Orangetown v. Christopher Riccardi* (NYS Supreme Court, Rockland County, Index #036261/2024) by

accepting payment from Christopher Riccardi in the amount of \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) for damage to Town property, and accepting a temporary license over his property for access to a Town park for remediation measures, and authorize the Supervisor or her designee to execute any and all documents to effectuate the terms of the settlement agreement.

15. **RESOLUTION TO GRANT COVENANT, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT / ROCKLAND COUNTY GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC. / 160 OLD ORANGEBURG ROAD, ORANGEBURG, NEW YORK (73.12-1-1)**

WHEREAS, John W. McGowan, Esq., as attorney and on behalf of his client, Rockland County Gaelic Athletic Association, Inc., property owner of 160 Old Orangeburg Road, Orangeburg, New York (73.12-1-1), has received final approval from the Planning Board for a site plan relating to a concession stand (PB # 25-26), with a condition of approval being that the applicant execute a covenant, hold harmless and indemnification agreement relating to the construction of a fence on a Town right-of-way/easement; and

WHEREAS, the matter has been reviewed by the Superintendent of the Parks, Recreation and Buildings Department and the Town Attorney's Office, which both recommend that the Town allow the fence to remain in place, provided the owner executes and files with the County Clerk a Covenant, Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town hereby grants to 160 Old Orangeburg Road, Orangeburg, New York (73.12-1-1) a revocable license, in the form of a Covenant, Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement, which provides that the fence having been built or to be built encroaching on the Town's right- of-way or easement may remain in place, and the owner of the property, Rockland County Gaelic Athletic Association, Inc., must defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Town for any damage related thereto and caused thereby, and that said structure must be removed upon notice as set forth therein, otherwise to be removed by the Town at the expense of the property owner and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor or her designee is hereby authorized to execute the Covenant, Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement and any and all other documents necessary in order for same to be recorded in the Rockland County Clerk's Office, at the expense of the owner.

IT DEPARTMENT

16. **CONFIRM MILITARY LEAVE STATUS/ BRENDAN CARTON**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby acknowledges, with gratitude, the active military status of IT Department Employee, Brendan Carton, with enrollment in basic training and training path for the National Guard, effective on January 12, 2026, and confirms the applicability of Section 7.8 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with respect to pay status during such period of his leave.

HIGHWAY

17. APPROVE / AGREEMENT EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY MONIES / TOWN OF ORANGETOWN/ 2026 PAVEMENT PRESERVATION REPAIR / IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that monies bonded by the Town and received from the State for State aid for the repair & improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

1. GENERAL REPAIRS, the sum of **\$1,200,000** shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon 18.48 miles of town highways.
2. PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS, below contains a list of roads which will be treated in the 2026 Pavement Preservation Program:

PEARL RIVER

Borger Pl.
Behrendt Dr.
Mendolia Ct.
Burdick Rd.
Gatto Ln.
Duryea Pl.
Jensen Pl.
Margaret Keahon Dr.
May Rd.
Laurel Rd.
Center St. N.
North Magnolia St.
North Serven St.
North Pearl St.
Brook St.
Hillside Ave.
West Central Ave (Magnolia-end)
Moore Ave.
Rollins Ave.
George Ave.
Lewis Ave.
Carroll St.
E. Lewis Ave
Twin Ct.
Braunsdorf Rd.
Cherry Ln.
Meyer Oval
Lois Dr.
Graney Ct.
Hunderfund Ln.
Nicole Terrace
Oriole St.
Salina Rd.
Railroad Ave (Rollins-Crooked Hill)
William St(Washington- Central)

William St(Central- Franklin)
Franklin Ave (William-S. Main)
S. Main St (Jefferson-Central)
N. Main St (Washington-Central)

ORANGEBURG

Camelot Way
O'Grady Ct.
King Arthur's Ct.
Sherwood Ln.
WO Bauer Ln.
PFC Dorsey Ct.
Friar Tuck Ct.
Rolyn Hills
Nike Ln.
Old School Ln.
Ramland Rd Ext.

BLAUVELT

Theis Ln.
Haring Pl.
Avis Ct.
John Calvin St.
Sgt. Demeola
Pine Glen Dr.
Piper Ct.
Yale Terrace
Tygert Rd.
Sterling Pl.
Husted Pl.
Erie St. (east of Rte 303)

SPARKILL

Dennis McHugh Ct
Knight Ct
Hagan Ct

Park Pl
Haring Ave
Dederer St

TAPPAN

Flitt St
Horan Pl
Kirchner Dr
Mary St
Virginia St
Austin Ave
Hansen St
Windsor Brook Ln

Sgt. Bollinger Ct
Autumn Dr
Teena Pl
Pine Tree Ln
Pheasant Dr
Oak Tree Rd. (Old Tappan Rd- Rte 9W)

UPPER GRANDVIEW

Schuyler Rd.
Treeline Terr.

SOUTH NYACK

Salisbury Pl.

There will be money spent on other Town Highways as needed to maintain a safe driving surface. This agreement shall take effect when it is approved by the Town Board.

RESOLVED, approve Agreement for expenditure of Highway monies, between the Town Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Orangetown, Rockland County, New York and the undersigned members of the Town Board.

18. APPROVE / GRANT PERMISSION / 2026 NYSAOTSOH ADVOCACY DAY

RESOLVED, that permission is granted for the Superintendent of Highways to attend the 2026 Advocacy Day for Local Roads, Bridges and Culverts, Albany, NY, March 3-4, 2026, at a cost of \$250.00 which includes travel and conference costs to be charged to the proper departmental accounts.

19. ACCEPT WITH REGRET / RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT OF JOHN FAWCETT /MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II/ HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT / EFFECTIVE JANUARY 31, 2026

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Highways and the Town Board accept with regret, the resignation/retirement of John Fawcett, Motor Equipment Operator II, from the Orangetown Highway Department, after 30 years, effective January 31, 2026.

PARKS AND RECREATION

20. AWARD BID / BLUE HILL & BROADACRES GOLF COURSE / TREE REMOVALS / O'SULLIVAN TREE CARE / BLAUVELT, NY

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks, Recreation and Building Maintenance, the Town Board hereby awards the bid for 2026 tree removals at Blue Hill and Broadacres Golf Courses to O'Sullivan Tree Care of Blauvelt, NY, the lowest qualified bidder in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.

21. AWARD BID / IRRIGATION DESIGN / BLUE HILL AND BROADACRES GOLF COURSES / GIS LLC

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks, Recreation and Building Maintenance, the Town Board hereby awards the bid for irrigation system design for Blue Hill and Broadacres Golf Course to GIS LLC of Easton, MD in the amount of \$40,300.00, a professional services contract and the lowest qualified bidder pursuant to Chapter 1A Article IV of the Town Code, best value competitive bidding.

22. ACCEPT WITH GRATITUDE / MEMORIAL BENCH DONATION / WHEATLEY / BLUE HILL GOLF COURSE

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks, Recreation and Building Maintenance, the Town Board hereby accepts with gratitude the donation of a memorial bench to be placed at Blue Hill Golf Course. Engraving as follows:

Walter J. Wheatley
Faith, Family, Friends
Love of the Game

POLICE

23. AWARD BID / FURNISHING OF POLICE DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS 2026-2027 / D & E UNIFORMS

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, the Town Board hereby awards the bid for furnishing of Police Department uniforms for 2026-2027 to D & E UNIFORMS of Closter, New Jersey, the only qualified bidder.

24. AWARD BID / DRY CLEANING, LAUNDERING, MINOR SEWING AND REPAIRS / POLICE DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS 2026 - 2027 / THE WASHING BOARD

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, the Town Board hereby awards the bid for dry cleaning, laundering, minor sewing and repairs for the Police Department uniforms for 2026 - 2027 to THE WASHING BOARD of Pearl River, New York, the only qualified bidder.

25. ACCEPT RESIGNATION / RETIREMENT POLICE OFFICER DAVID BROCKWAY / POLICE DEPARTMENT / EFFECTIVE JANUARY 20, 2026

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, accept with regret, the resignation/retirement of Police Officer David Brockway, from the Orangetown Police Department effective January 20, 2026

26. **ACCEPT RESIGNATION / RETIREMENT OF LIEUTENANT THOMAS HOLIHAN / POLICE DEPARTMENT / EFFECTIVE JANUARY 31, 2026**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, accept with regret, the resignation/retirement of Lieutenant Thomas Holihan, from the Orangetown Police Department effective January 31, 2026

27. **GRANT PERMISSION / INSTRUCTOR SCHOOL (D.A.R.E.) / POLICE DEPARTMENT / PO ANTHONY VERDICCHIO AND PO ANDREW DUGGAN / FEBRUARY 16 - FEBRUARY 27, 2026**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby grants permission to PO Anthony Verdicchio and PO Andrew Duggan to attend the New York State Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Instructor School at the New York State of Fire Science Academy located in Montour Falls New York from February 16, 2026 to February 27, 2026 at a cost of \$2,500.00 each for lodging, meals and travel, charged to Account # B.3120.441.16.

AUDIT

28. **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 \$1,944,140.18.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

29. **ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

RESOLVED, at _____ pm, the Town Board entered Executive Session to discuss the proposed acquisition/sale/lease of real property when publicity might affect value.

ADJOURNMENTS

30. **RE-ENTER RTBM / ADJOURNED / MEMORY**

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

- ❖ **Frances C. DiMenna**, *Resident of Blauvelt*
- ❖ **Thomas McGrath**, *Resident of Pearl River*
- ❖ **Eugene Charles Olsson**, *Father-in-Law to Councilman Daniel Sullivan*