



**TOWN OF ORANGETOWN
RE-ORGANIZATIONAL TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 06, 2026**

This meeting was opened at 7:00 PM. Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny presided and Rosanna Sfraga, Town Clerk, called the roll.

Present were:
Councilperson Paul Valentine
Councilperson Jerry Bottari
Councilperson Brian Donohue
Councilperson Dan Sullivan
Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Also Present:

Denis Troy, Deputy Supervisor
Allison Kardon, Supervisor's Confidential Assistant
Carmel Reilly, Director of Economic Development & Tourism
Rosanna Sfraga, Town Clerk
Joseph Thomassen, Deputy Clerk
Robert Magrino, Town Attorney
Jeff Bencik, Finance Director
James Dean, Superintendent of Highways
Rick Oliver, Acting Director of OBZPAE
Eamon Reilly, Commissioner of DEME
Bob Urban, Human Resource Coordinator
Matthew Lenihan, Computer Network Specialist
Conor Treacy, IT Department

PRESENTATIONS:

Entry of Colors: Boy Scout Troop #55 and Cub Scout Pack #55 Color Guard

"Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" led by US 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, Supervisor
Brian Donohue, Town Councilman
Dan 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: Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny (Exhibit 01-06-A)

SUPERVISOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

**Jeffrey Bencik, Finance Director
Mary Cardenas, Town Historian
Allison Kardon , Confidential Assistant to Supervisor
Carmel Reilly, Director of Economic Development and Tourism
Denis Troy, Deputy Town Supervisor**

COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN BOARD:

Councilman Dan Sullivan wishes everyone the best of luck in 2026. He thanked everyone for their support in 2025. He looks forward to serving the Town as he has done for the past several years.

Councilman Brian Donohue thanked all who voted for him. Its an honor for him to serve the Town and looks forward to 2026.

Councilman Paul Valentine believes the Town Board works very hard, in a conservative way, to move Orangetown in the right direction and looks forward to a great 2026.

Councilman Jerry Bottari added the people of the Town have been supported and understanding with everything the Town Board tries to do. He's looking forward to a great 2026.

Benediction: Rabbi Chaim Z. Ehrenreich, Chabad of the Nyacks

RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Brian Donohue and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 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	Town Clerk Rosanna Sfraga
Councilman Paul Valentine	Councilman Gerald Bottari
Councilman Brian Donohue	Councilman Dan Sullivan

Councilperson Brian Donohue offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Jerry Bottari and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Dan Sullivan and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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

Councilperson Dan Sullivan offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Brian Donohue and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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

Councilperson Dan Sullivan offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Brian Donohue and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Dan Sullivan offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Brian Donohue and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Dan Sullivan and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Brian Donohue offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Dan Sullivan and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Jerry Bottari offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Brian Donohue and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Jerry Bottari offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Brian Donohue and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Brian Donohue and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Dan Sullivan offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Brian Donohue and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Brian Donohue offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Dan Sullivan and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Dan Sullivan offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Brian Donohue and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 15 - Continued

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Jerry Bottari and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Dan Sullivan and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 17

COMBINE / APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS #18 TO 29

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

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Dan Sullivan and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Dan Sullivan and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Dan Sullivan and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Dan Sullivan and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Dan Sullivan and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Dan Sullivan and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Dan Sullivan and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Dan Sullivan and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Dan Sullivan and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Dan Sullivan and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Dan Sullivan and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Dan Sullivan and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Dan Sullivan and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

CONCLUDES REORGANIZATION MEETING

OTHER BUSINESS

Presentation: Amber Court/Esplanade at Palisades Independent Living Project

**RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution; which was seconded by Councilperson Jerry Bottari and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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.

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Dan Sullivan and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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

Councilperson Dan Sullivan offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Jerry Bottari and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 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 (Exhibit 01-06-B) for a total of \$2,991,862.08.

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Dan Sullivan and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 34
ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

In attendance, at this Executive Session, were Supervisor Kenny, Deputy Supervisor Troy, Councilpersons Bottari, Donohue, Sullivan and Valentine, Robert Magrino, and Jeff Bencik.

RESOLVED, at 8:05 pm, the Town Board entered Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Dan Sullivan and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 35
RE-ENTER RTBM / ADJOURNED / MEMORY

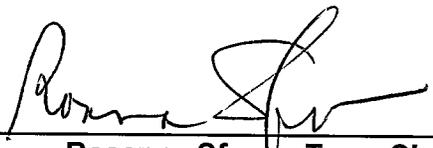
RESOLVED, at 8:47 pm, the Town Board re-entered the Regular Town Board Meeting and adjourned in memory of: **Louis E. Kayser**, *Resident of Tappan, former Deputy Town Attorney and former Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals*; **Gerald "Jerry" Koblin**, *Resident of Nyack and owner of Koblin's Pharmacy*; **Joseph Paul Sanguinetti**, *Resident of Pearl River* and **Lawrence McKearney**, *Resident of Pearl River*.

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Dan Sullivan and was Adopted:

Motion: 5 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None



Rosanna Sfraga, Town Clerk

Summary of the 2026 State of the Town Speech:

I am happy to report that Orangetown continues to maintain a strong financial position and has the highest bond rating in the County at Aa2. In addition, the NYS Comptroller's office has awarded Orangetown the best score possible on its fiscal stress— a score of 0.0 out of 100 – with no designation for stress. This is the second year in a row the Town has received a perfect score.

Equally important is transparency of the Town's Finances. The Government Finance Officers Association has again awarded Orangetown a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023. This is the 18th year in a row that the Town achieved this national award and Orangetown is the only municipality in the County to receive it.

Looking to 2026, the Town was able to pass a budget that stayed under the 2% tax cap, despite salary increases from the new CSEA contract and increases to health insurance costs. This was accomplished through conservative budgeting practices, strong performance at the golf courses, increased interest income and mortgage revenues, and the appropriation of \$4.5 million from fund balance – while still maintaining a healthy fund balance of \$29.8 million at the end of 2024.

While I am pleased that the budget was under the tax cap, I recognize that the total tax burden – including town, school and county taxes, as well as all of the taxing districts – is becoming unsustainable for many. So tonight, I pledge to continue looking for innovative ways to streamline government and think outside the box in order to reduce town taxes, and to be creative in our efforts to entice new businesses to come to Orangetown, creating new tax ratables. To this point, suggestions and ideas are always welcome.

Moving on from our finances, we did have some exciting news in 2025:

Orangetown became the proud owner of the property at 149-157 Piermont Avenue in South Nyack, the former Olson Center Property. It's approximately 6.2 acres of land, on and under the Hudson River, and it's the first time unincorporated Orangetown has owned Hudson River waterfront property. My office is currently working to salvage as much of the historic house as we can. Once that is done and the house is removed, the property will be operated as a passive park until long-term plans are developed with the help of professionals.

After several years, we finally saw the passage of the New York State Special Legislation needed to authorize Orangetown to take the steps necessary to establish a Community Preservation Fund. Thanks to Assemblyman Aron Wieder and Senator Bill Weber for sponsoring this legislation.

But there's still work to be done. The Town is required to develop a plan and to submit the legislation to the voters, which will hopefully happen this November. If approved, it will allow Orangetown to institute a buyer-paid transfer fee on the purchase of certain real estate, with the funds being deposited into a dedicated account to be used by the Town to purchase property for preservation. More information will be available in the coming months.

One of my favorite events of last year was the dedication and renaming of the OMM Soccer Complex after Denis Troy, a former County Legislator and Town Board member, and current Deputy Town Supervisor. But this was not a renaming just for the sake of renaming; it was a recognition of Mr. Troy's tireless commitment to our community, his dedication to public service, and his belief in the importance of spaces where our kids can come together, be active, and build memories. Denis has always been a champion of all youth sports programs and for that we honor him with this renaming.

Some of the more fun events we had last year were the first, hugely successful food truck festival at the Central Avenue Field; Produce Pete at the Pearl River Farmers Market; and an adult night at the Splash Pad to raise funds for the Penguin Plunge, a not-for-profit that works to help the families of severely ill children.

As we look ahead to 2026, here are a few things we are working on:

The installation of two water filling stations along the rail trail – one by the Blauvelt Library and the other at Depot Square in Sparkill – for walkers and runners and their four-legged friends; and shade structures installed at Veterans and Sparkill Parks, both paid for by NYS grants procured by former Assemblyman John McGowan.

Preliminary design work has started on the long-overdue traffic signal at the intersection of Hunt Road and Orangeburg Road, with a portion of the cost covered by a NYS grant procured by Assemblyman Wieder.

The installation of upgraded traffic control devices – with enhanced pedestrian safety features – at the intersections of Orangeburg Road & Dutch Hill Road, and Western Highway & Erie Street.

This summer, we will again be hosting a fundraiser at the Splash Pad – entitled the Dog Days of Summer. This event will raise funds for the Hudson Valley Humane Society, an organization that is near and dear to my heart.

This year is the 250th anniversary of our great Country and, thanks to Carmel Reilly and the dedicated members of the Orangetown USA250 Committee, there will be a parade, followed by a festival at the German Masonic Park on July 4, 2026. I want to thank the Blauvelt Fire Department and the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 329, both of whom have already contributed \$5,000 toward the event.

However, none of what is accomplished would be possible without the dedication of our department heads and town employees, who work every day to keep our local government running smoothly and serving the community. To all of them, I say thank you.

And, last but not least, I want to thank all of you, because it is all of you who make Orangetown a truly wonderful place to live.

Town of Orangetown

DATE: January, 6, 2026

WARRANT

Warrant Reference	Warrant #	Amount
Approved for payment in the amount of	121025	\$ 193,314.11 Utilities
	121525	\$ 355,581.40 Retiree Medicare Reimbursement
	121725	\$ 1,209,569.26 Utilities & Employee Benefits
	122525	\$ 1,233,397.31 2025 Expenses
		\$ 2,991,862.08

The above listed claims are approved and ordered paid from the appropriations indicated.

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT

AUDITING BOARD

Councilman Gerald Bottari

Councilman Paul Valentine

Councilman Daniel Sullivan

Councilman Brian Donohue

Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

EXHIBIT
01-06-B

**TOWN OF ORANGETOWN
FINANCE OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

TO: THE TOWN BOARD
FROM: JEFF BENCIK, *DIRECTOR OF FINANCE*
SUBJECT: AUDIT MEMO
DATE: 12/30/25
CC: DEPARTMENT HEADS



The audit for the Town Board Meeting of 1/6/2026 consists of 4 warrants for a total of \$2,991,862.08.

The first warrant had 16 vouchers for \$193,314 and was for utilities.

The second warrant had 274 vouchers for \$355,581 and was for medicare reimbursements.

The third warrant had 14 vouchers for \$1,209,569 and was had the following items of interest.

1. CSEA Employee Benefit Fund - \$34,820 for dental benefits.
2. NYS Employees Health Insurance - \$1,162,249 for H/C benefits.

The fourth warrant had 131 vouchers for \$1,233,397 and had the following items of interest.

3. Advanlink Inc. - \$10,446 for sewer equipment.
 4. Cotter, Michael - \$10,175 for title inspections.
 5. D&E Uniforms - \$17,385 for Police uniforms.
 6. Global Montello - \$14,024 for fuel.
 7. Guardian - \$15,337 for Police dental benefits.
 8. Helmke Industries - \$9,415 for snow removal at OHA.
 9. Johnson Controls - \$8,760 for annual HVAC servicing.
 10. MediaStar - \$9,950 for annual A/V service accounts.
 11. Outpost24 - \$6,994 spec Ops bundle (IT).
 12. RCSWMA - \$7,159 for solid waste removal.
 13. Sentry Equipment Corp. - \$303,647 rebuilding the sewer clarifier.
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14. Shi International - \$12,943 for Police firewall.

15. State Comptroller - \$29,416 for Justice fines.

16. Verde Electric - \$5,600 for traffic signal maintenance.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

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