



**TOWN OF ORANGETOWN TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday February 24, 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**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ◆ **Public Hearing on March 10, 2026 on a proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Article V of the Town Code to authorize use of fees for electronic conversion and storage of land use records.**
- ◆ **Public Hearing on March 24, 2026 to consider a Watercourse Diversion for 622 Route 303, Blauvelt.**
- ◆ **2026 Summer Camp Counselor Job Applications are being accepted until Friday, March 13th. Visit [orangetown.gov](http://orangetown.gov) for more information.**
- ◆ **Town of Orangetown DRAFT Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Report is available for review on the Town's website. The Town's Storm Water Management Plan is available at the Town's Department of Environmental Management office.**

**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. AUTHORIZE DISCUSSION WITH NYS REGARDING PURCHASE OF OLD CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC CENTER PARCEL FOR ORANGETOWN COMMUNITY CENTER / 599 CONVENT RD, ORANGETOWN

**WHEREAS**, on or about January 22, 2003 the Town of Orangetown duly authorized and purchased from the New York State Urban Development Corporation approximately 349 acres of land that was part of the NYS Rockland Psychiatric Center (RPC) in Orangeburg, New York, (see Instrument Number 2003-3521 in the Rockland County Clerk's Office) and

**WHEREAS**, on October 18, 2017, the Town of Orangetown duly authorized and sold approximately 61 acres of the former RPC property to JP Morgan Chase, which has since constructed a data center on the property, and

**WHEREAS**, on January 22, 2020 the Town of Orangetown officially designated 216 acres of the former RPC property for recreation and municipal purposes as required by the deed in 2003, as modified by an Agreement dated May 15, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board wishes to express an interest in purchasing additional property located at the former RPC site, specifically identified and commonly referred to as the "Children's Psychiatric Center" parcel located at 599 Convent Road, Orangeburg, (S/B/L 73.08-1-2) for the express purpose of building a Town owned and operated community and recreational center to address a need for, among others, a Town senior citizen center; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor and Town Attorney to undertake appropriate steps in due diligence towards efforts at purchasing said property for Town use as set forth above, including but not limited to engaging in discussions with appropriate authorities with the State of New York regarding interest in conveying the property to the Town, as well as authorizing the hiring of appropriate professionals for performing inspections and/or appraisals of said property at the appropriate time.

4. **APPOINT/REAPPOINT / ORANGETOWN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE / 2026 / 1-YEAR TERM**

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

- Michael Andrea, Chairperson
- Thomas Becker
- Liz Dudley
- Andrew Goodwillie
- Sheean Haley
- Maurice Harary
- Heather Hurley
- Eve Millard
- Fran Oldenburger
- Thomas O'Reilly
- Mary Rasenberger
- Yvonne Rode
- Alexis Starke
- June Starke
- Karen Steinmetz
- Don Steinmetz
- Lawrence Vail
- Stephen Walsh
- Liaison: Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

5. **RECOGNIZE / SUSAN DUNLEAVY / CHAIRPERSON / ORANGETOWN SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE / 2026 / 1-YEAR TERM**

**RESOLVED**, that Susan Dunleavy is hereby recognized as CHAIRPERSON to the Orangetown Senior Citizen Advisory Committee for a period of 1 year, commencing on January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2026.

6. **RECOGNIZE / ANDREW GOODWILLIE / CHAIRPERSON / ORANGETOWN PARK DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE / 2026 / 1-YEAR TERM**

**RESOLVED**, that Andrew Goodwillie is hereby recognized as CHAIRPERSON to the Orangetown Park Development Advisory Committee for a period of 1 year, commencing on January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2026.

**TOWN BOARD / IT**

7. **ADOPT THE COMPUTER SECURITY POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, New York State Technology Law Section 208 establishes procedures to be followed to notify affected individuals in the event of a breach of a computer security system and which requires municipalities to adopt a notification policy or local law consistent with these procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State Technology Law Section 208 was amended by the Stop Hacks and Improve Electronic Data Security Act (SHIELD Act) which expanded the information covered by New York’s breach notification and the standard for determining whether a breach occurred from evidence that data was acquired to evidence that it was accessed; and

**WHEREAS**, General Municipal Law §995-a was recently signed establishing a comprehensive framework to improve cybersecurity readiness, reporting and training for municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, State Technology Law §103-f requires local government employees who use technology as part of their official job duties must take annual cybersecurity awareness training;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the attached “Town of Orangetown Computer Security Policy” replaces the current “Town of Orangetown Computer System Security Breach Notification Policy”; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the attached “Town of Orangetown Computer Security Policy” is hereby approved and adopted as the Town’s official policy; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary to implement the Policy; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**HIGHWAY**

- 8. **APPROVE / 2026 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE / SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026**

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation from the Superintendent of Highways, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town of Orangetown Highway Department to host their 29th Annual Open House on Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 10 am to 12 pm, to be held at the Highway Department Facility, located at 119 Route 303, Orangeburg, NY.

**POLICE**

- 9. **ACCEPT RESIGNATION / RETIREMENT POLICE OFFICER ROBERT MCGRATH / POLICE DEPARTMENT / EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

**RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, accept with regret, the resignation/retirement of Police Officer Robert McGrath, from the Orangetown Police Department effective February 28, 2026

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **10. ACCEPT DONATION / MEMORIAL BENCH / MICHAELIAN / TAPPAN MEMORIAL PARK**

**RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks, Recreation and Building Maintenance, the Town Board hereby accepts the donation of a memorial bench to be placed at Tappan Memorial Park, engraving will read:

The Michaelian Family Bench  
Try Me

## **FINANCE**

### **11. GRANT PERMISSION/ATTEND NY GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION (NYGFOA) ANNUAL CONFERENCE/BENCIK, GANLEY, TASSELLO, SCHWANTNER**

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Director of Finance, Jeffrey Bencik, that permission is granted to Jeffrey Bencik, Director of Finance, Janice Ganley, Supervisor of Fiscal Services, Stephanie Tassello, Principal Account Clerk and Robert Schwantner, Account Clerk Typist to attend the NYGFOA annual conference in Albany, NY, April 15-17, 2026 at a cost of \$4,835. Conference fees of \$ 2,345 charged to A.1310.441 and lodging and travel cost of \$2,490 charged to A.1310.480.

## **LEND ASSISTANCE**

### **12. APPROVE / LEND ASSISTANCE / 2026 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE / SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026**

**RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation from the Superintendent of Highways, Parks & Chief of Police, and upon the completion of all necessary paperwork that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town of Orangetown Highway, Parks & Police Departments to lend assistance which includes the use of barricades, trash barrels, recycling kiosks, message board & painting of the green stripe from the Highway Dept., the showmobile, sound system and port-o-sans for which the cost is to be shared with organization (Ancient Order of Hibernians) from the Parks Dept., & police detail from OPD, and a Highway Department event perimeter for the St. Patrick's Day parade to be held on Sunday, March 22, 2026, from 11 am - 5 pm.

### **13. APPROVE / LEND ASSISTANCE / ROCKLAND GAA/ MEMORIAL 5K RUN / SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026**

**RESOLVED**, the Superintendent of Highways and Chief of Police have forwarded for approval by the Town Board, use of cones and recycling bins from the Highway Department and Auxiliary Police Detail from OPD by the Rockland Gaelic Athletic Association for the Rockland GAA Memorial 5K Run on Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 9am-12pm.

## AUDIT

### 14. 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 \$3,051,038.75.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### 15. ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

**RESOLVED**, at \_\_\_\_\_ pm, the Town Board entered Executive Session to discuss\_\_\_\_\_.

## ADJOURNMENTS

### 16. RE-ENTER RTBM / ADJOURNED / MEMORY

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

- ❖ **Patricia Anne Gangemi**, *Mother of Andrew Gangemi from the Parks and Recreation Department*
- ❖ **John Keahon**, *Resident of Pearl River*
- ❖ **John "Jack" Mauro**, *Former Resident of Pearl River, Korean War Veteran and Retired Orangetown Highway Department Employee*