TOWN OF ORANGETOWN TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday March 10, 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 - Commander Larry Kelly and Past Commander Dave Mart of American Legion Post 1044**

♦ **Presentations for 2026 Irish Cultural Heritage Month Honoring:**

- ☘ **Mary O'Mahony Mulcahy, Hibernian of the Year**
- ☘ **Chris Vergine, Wyman-Fisher Funeral Home, Businessperson of the Year**
- ☘ **Daniel J. Mulligan, Aide to the Grand Marshal, NYC**
- ☘ **Sgt. Colleen Fitzpatrick, New York City Police Department, Parade Commander**
- ☘ **Patrick "Paddy" Withers, Grand Marshal**

♦ **Presentations for 2026 National Catholic Sisters Week (Week of March 8-14, 2026) Honoring:**

- ★ **Sister Irene Ellis, OP, Prioress - The Sparkill Dominican Convent of our Lady of the Rosary**
- ★ **Sister Mary T. Flood, OP, Prioress - The Sisters of Saint Dominic of Blauvelt, NY**

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 MARCH 10, 2026 AT 7:05 PM / AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE V OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING FEES FOR ELECTRONIC CONVERSION AND STORAGE OF RECORDS**

   RESOLVED, that the public hearing on the proposed local law amending Chapter 14, Article V of the Town Code regarding fees for electronic conversion and storage of records is hereby opened.

   PRESENTATION of Affidavit of Public Hearing posting and publication.

   SUMMARY OF COMMENTS:

4. **CLOSE/CONTINUE PUBLIC HEARING / AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE V OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING FEES FOR ELECTRONIC CONVERSION AND STORAGE OF RECORDS**

   RESOLVED, that the public hearing on the proposed local law amending Chapter 14, Article V of the Town Code regarding fees for electronic conversion and storage of records is hereby closed or continued to _____.

5. **DESIGNATION OF LEAD AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. __ OF 2026, AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE V OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING "FEES" 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 2026, amending Chapter 14 entitled "Fees", Article V related to Fees in Support of Electronic Record Conversion and GIS, and further determines that such action is a Type II action pursuant to SEQRA (6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(24)(25)(26) and (33), 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. **ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. ___ OF 2026 / AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE V OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING FEES RELATED TO ELECTRONIC STORAGE AND CONVERSION OF RECORDS AND GIS SYSTEM**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts proposed Local Law No. __ of 2026, by amending Chapter 14, entitled "Fees", Chapter V to be entitled, as amended, "Fees in Support of Electronic Record Conversion and Storage, and Geographic Information System (GIS) Displaying Certain Land Use and Other Municipal Information".

LOCAL LAW NO. ___- 2026 OF THE TOWN OF ORANGETOWN
AMENDING TOWN CODE CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE V OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ORANGETOWN REGARDING FEES RELATED TO GIS AND ELECTRONIC STORAGE OF INFORMATION

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ORANGETOWN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. – Chapter 14, Article V of the Code of the Town of Orangetown entitled "Fees in Support of Geographic Information System (GIS) Displaying Certain Land Use And Other Municipal Information" is hereby amended to read as follows (deletions are ~~strikethrough,~~ additions are <u>underlined</u>):

Article V Fees in Support of <u>Electronic Record Conversion and Storage,</u> and Geographic Information System (GIS) Displaying Certain Land Use and Other Municipal Information

§ 14-13. Establishment of fees.
Whenever an individual, group of individuals, partnership, firm, association, corporation or entity is required by any other article, chapter, section or subsection of this Code or any other applicable law to pay a fee associated with any of the permits, applications, or departments listed in § 14-14 below, such individual, group of individuals, partnership, firm, association, corporation or entity shall pay an additional fee as set forth by a resolution or resolutions of the Town Board ~~.~~ <u>for purposes of addressing conversion, storage, processing and maintenance of land use records and other municipal information in electronic format and for fees related to the Geographic Information (GIS) System.</u>

Section 2. Authority

This proposed Local Law is enacted and adopted pursuant to NYS Municipal Home Rule Law §10, and in accordance with the procedures prescribed in NYS Municipal Home Rule §20.

Section 3. Severability

If any section, subdivision, paragraph, clause or phrase of this Local Law shall be adjudged invalid, or held to be unconstitutional, by any court of competent jurisdiction, any judgment or order made thereby shall not affect the validity of this Local Law as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part or provision so adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect upon publishing and posting a copy in the manner prescribed by applicable laws, and upon filing a copy with the NYS Secretary of State.

7. **APPLY FOR FUNDING / FY2027 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING / FY2027 CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING / RENOVATIONS TO GREENBUSH ROAD BUILDING TO DEVELOP A SENIOR AND YOUTH CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Town of Orangetown, after due consideration, has determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to undertake the necessary activities for the submittal of a grant application under the FY2027 Community Project Funding (CPF) and the FY2027 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) programs to develop a senior and youth center at the Greenbush Road building; and,

WHEREAS, senior residents currently comprise approximately 27% of the Town's total population, alongside a growing population of young people and families; however, the Town does not have a dedicated, town-owned facility to support comprehensive senior or youth programming and regularly meet in borrowed spaces such as firehouses, churches and synagogues; and,

WHEREAS, the Town is seeking up to $2,409,000 in funding to renovate the 1926 building on Greenbush Road into a multi-room, fully accessible senior and youth center supporting clubs, nutrition services, health and wellness initiatives, and educational programming; and,

WHEREAS, FY2027 CPF and CDS assistance will enable the Town to improve community infrastructure that will strengthen public health, reduce isolation, expand youth engagement, and foster connections;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor or her designee to submit an application to the FY2027 Community Project Funding and the FY2027 Congressionally Directed Spending programs to renovate the Greenbush Road building to develop a senior and youth center and to execute all documents necessary for the implementation of this work relating to the financial and/or administrative processes of the grant program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to the extent all or any actions hereby authorized have been executed and/or performed by the Supervisor or her designee all are hereby ratified and confirmed and this Resolution takes effect immediately.

8. **APPLY FOR FUNDING / NEW YORK STATE ARCHIVES (STATE ARCHIVES) 2026-2027 LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT FUND (LGRMIF) (RFP #264) / BUILDING DEPARTMENT DOCUMENT CONVERSION & ACCESS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Orangetown ("Town"), after due consideration, has determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to undertake the necessary activities for the submittal of a grant application under the 2026-2027 New York State Archives Local Government Records Managements Improvement Fund ("LGRMIF") (RFP #264) for the Building Department Document Conversion & Access Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town has completed Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Building Department Conversion & Access Project through a 2022 -2023 and 2024-2025 LGRMIF grant and is ready to complete Phase 3 of the conversion & access project; and

WHEREAS, the Town is seeking up to $75,000 in funding for Phase 3 as the Building Department has a high-priority backlog of aging historical building records stored in hard-to-reach and unsafe conditions in addition to the added responsibility of managing South Nyack's newly acquired records; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is hereby committed to using municipal funds to provide a local cash match and in-kind support of the grant request, including the allocation of 2026 budget items to support the hiring of two part-time assistant clerks to assist with document preparation for consultant, not to exceed $25,000; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor or her designee to submit an application to the NYS ARCHIVES LGRMIF program for the "Building Department Document Conversion & Access Project" and to execute all documents necessary for the implementation of this work relating to the financial and/or administrative processes of the grant program, subject to review and approval of the Town Attorney's Office.

9. **ADOPT / LGS-1 RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULE FOR NEW YORK LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS**

RESOLVED, By the Town Board of the Town of Orangetown that Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 57-A:

(a) only those records will be disposed of that are described in Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein;

(b) only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.

10. **RESOLUTION REQUESTING A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR WEST SHORE PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the west side of the Hudson River in Orange, Ulster, and Rockland Counties lacks sufficient public transportation infrastructure, limiting mobility and economic opportunity for residents; and

WHEREAS, the CSX River Subdivision (West Shore Line) presents a unique opportunity for a new passenger rail corridor connecting Newburgh, Cornwall, and other west-of-Hudson communities to New York City and the greater metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, All Aboard Hudson Valley envisions implementing passenger rail service along the West Shore Line to support regional goals related to smart growth, access to transportation, economic development, and reduction of carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, recent developments such as the proposed implementation of New York City's congestion pricing plan and the cancellation of the Newburgh-Beacon Ferry have underscored the urgent need for viable commuter alternatives on the west side of the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, a restored and upgraded West Shore rail corridor would not only increase access to jobs and housing but would also support critical hubs such as Stewart International Airport and the potential Newburgh Intermodal Transportation Center, including multimodal connections with ferry, bus, rideshare, and future housing development; and

WHEREAS, such service could also provide future connections for tourism to the Catskills, improved access to West Point for events and ceremonies, and long-term opportunities for transit-oriented development in Towns like Orangetown; and

WHEREAS, a feasibility study is the critical first step to assess operational, engineering, ridership, and economic viability of such service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orangetown Town Board hereby formally requests that New York State, in coordination with relevant regional planning agencies and transportation authorities, and at no cost to the Town, fund and initiate a feasibility study to evaluate the restoration of passenger rail service on the CSX River Subdivision (West Shore Line) with a stop in Orangetown; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Congressman Michael Lawler, State Senator William Weber, Assemblyman Aron Wieder, Assemblyman Patrick Carroll, the New York State Department of Transportation, and other relevant agencies and officials to express our full support and urge immediate action.

PARKS AND RECREATION

11. **ACCEPT DONATION / MEMORIAL BENCH / BLUE HILL GOLF COURSE**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks, Recreation and Building Maintenance, the Town Board hereby accepts the donation of a Memorial Bench at Blue Hill Golf Course, with engraving as follows:

Dedicated to the Members of The FDNY Third Battalion
Past * Present * Future

TOWN CLERK

12. **ACCEPT WITH REGRET / RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT OF TERESA ACCETTA-PUGH / PRINCIPAL REGISTRY CLERK AND DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL RECORDS / TOWN CLERK / EFFECTIVE APRIL 11, 2026**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board and the Town Clerk accept with regret, the resignation/retirement of Teresa Accetta-Pugh, Principal Registry Clerk and Deputy Registrar of Vital Records, from the Town Clerk's Office, after 30 years, effective April 11, 2026.

13. **APPOINT ERIC PETERSEN / PRINCIPAL REGISTRY CLERK / PROBATIONARY / GRADE 10, STEP 1 / EFFECTIVE MARCH 23, 2026**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Town Clerk, appoint Eric Petersen to the position of Principal Registry Clerk from Eligible List #88-137, Probationary, Grade 10, Step 1 at a salary of $59,435 effective March 23, 2026.

14. **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: February 9, 2026 Special Town Board Meeting; February 10, 2026 Police Commission and February 10 & 24, 2026 Regular Town Board Meeting.

2. Agreements:

   - Troon Golf, First Amendment to Agreement (BHGC & Broadacres course)
   - Miracle Recreation Equipment Company, Inc. for shade structures with COI. This will be mostly funded with a DASNY grant.
   - Orangeburg Library - 2026
   - Palisades Library - 2026
   - Town of Ramapo – 2026 Police Firing Range

3. Policies:

   - 2026 Street Light Policy (February 10, 2026)
   - Computer Security Policy (adopted 2/24/26 – Resolution No. 115)

AUDIT

15. **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 $776,615.94.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

16. **ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

ADJOURNMENTS

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

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

- **Mary "Eileen" Moran,** *Resident of Haverstraw, Mother of Retired Orangetown DEME Commissioner Joseph Moran*

- **Pauline Townsend,** *Resident of New Windsor, NY, Served 8 terms as New Windsor Town Clerk and 2 terms as a Councilperson, and Grandmother of Aric Gorton, Superintendent of Parks, Recreation & Building Maintenance*

- **Anne Tso,** *Resident of Pearl River*