

TOWN OF ORANGETOWN
REORGANIZATIONAL/RTBM/AUDIT MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 3, 2017

This Reorganizational Meeting was opened at p.m.

Councilman Denis Troy
Councilman Tom Diviny
Councilman Paul Valentine
Councilman Jerry Bottari
Supervisor Andrew Stewart

Orangetown Police Honor Guard to present colors

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States led by the Community

"The Star Spangled Banner" performed by the Nyack High School Advanced Chorus and directed by Mr. Brandon Coon

INVOCATION: Pastor Donald Hoover, Tappan Reform Church

(BENEDICTION by Rabbi Daniel Pernick to follow after the Swearing-In ceremony for Police)

Orangetown Police Honor Guard will retire colors

"Cheek to Cheek" performed by the Nyack High School Advanced Chorus and directed by Mr. Brandon Coon

2017 STATE OF THE TOWN SPEECH: Town Supervisor Andy Stewart

SUPERVISOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

Jeffrey Bencik, Finance Director

Presentation to Jeffrey Bencik, Director of Finance, of the "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" by the Government Finance Officers Association for fiscal year ended 12/31/2015

Victoria Caramante, Executive Assistant to Supervisor

Allan Ryff, Deputy Supervisor

COMMENTS FROM TOWN BOARD

PRESENTATION: RECOGNITION OF LOCAL CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONS

Orangetown Patriots Junior PeeWee Pop Warner Cheerleading Team on their National Championship

TOWN BOARD

**ACCEPT WITH REGRET/RESIGNATION AND
RETIREMENT/LT. THOMAS F.
SCHUTZ/ORANGETOWN POLICE
DEPARTMENT/EFFECTIVE JANUARY 15,
2017**

1. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, accept with regret, a letter of from Lt. Thomas F. Schutz in which he indicates that he will be resigning/retiring form the Orangetown Police Department effective January 15, 2017.

**PROMOTE DANIEL J. COSTELLO/POLICE
SERGEANT/TOWN OF
ORANGETOWN/EFFECTIVE JANUARY 15,
2017**

2. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, promote Daniel J. Costello, from Rockland County civil service list # 13041/72-028, to the position of Police Sergeant/Town of Orangetown, effective January 15, 2017 at a salary consistent with the labor agreement between the Town of Orangetown and Orangetown PBA.

**PROMOTE DAVID J. MELLIN/POLICE
LIEUTENANT/TOWN OF
ORANGETOWN/EFFECTIVE JANUARY 15,
2017**

3. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, promote David J. Mellin, from Rockland County civil service list # 15077/70-258, to the position of Police Lieutenant/Town of Orangetown, effective January 15, 2017 at a salary consistent with the labor agreement between the Town of Orangetown and Orangetown PBA.

**OFFICIAL SWEARING IN: Orangetown Police Sergeant David J. Costello
and
Orangetown Police Lieutenant David J. Mellin**

BENEDICTION: Rabbi Daniel Pernick, Beth Am Temple

“RECESS AND REFRESHMENTS”

TOWN BOARD

**OFFICIAL UNDERTAKING
FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED
OFFICIALS**

4. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Director of Finance, Jeff 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 capacities.

2017/MARRIAGE OFFICERS

5. **RESOLVED**, that the following are designated as Marriage Officers effective January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017, at no salary.

Supervisor Andrew Stewart
Councilman Thomas F. Diviny
Councilman Paul Valentine
Councilman Jerry Bottari
Councilman Denis Troy
Town Clerk, Charlotte Madigan

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

6. **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 Our Town and Rockland County Times, for additional notices as the Board may determine necessary or advisable, on a case by case basis.

2017 BANKING DEPOSITORIES

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

J.P. Morgan Chase

Key Bank

TD Bank

TOWN BOARD

**2017 RECEIVER OF TAXES BANKING
DEPOSITORIES**

8. **RESOLVED**, that the following banks are designated as the banking depository for the Receiver of Taxes:

Sterling National Bank

J.P. Morgan Chase

**REAPPOINT/REGISTRAR OF VITAL
STATISTICS/CHARLOTTE MADIGAN**

9. **RESOLVED**, that Charlotte Madigan, Town Clerk, is hereby reappointed Registrar of Vital Statistics, effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

**REAPPOINT/RECORDS MANAGEMENT
OFFICER (RMO)**

10. **RESOLVED**, that Charlotte Madigan, Town Clerk, is hereby reappointed Records Management Officer (RMO).

**REAPPOINT/RECORDS ACCESS OFFICER
(RAO)**

11. **RESOLVED**, that Charlotte Madigan, Town Clerk, is hereby reappointed Records Access Officer (RAO).

TOWN CLERK

**RE-APPOINT/ GERRI ORLIK/TERESA
ACCETTA-PUGH/RITA MCCABE/DEPUTY
TOWN CLERKS/DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF
VITAL STATISTICS**

- 12. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Town Clerk, that Gerri Orlik, Teresa Accetta-Pugh and Rita McCabe are hereby re-appointed Deputy Town Clerk(s) and Deputy Registrar(s) of Vital Statistics.

NEW BUSINESS

**SET PH/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT/JANUARY 24, 2017**

- 13. RESOLVED**, the Town or Orangetown hereby sets January 24, 2017 at 8:05 PM for a Public Hearing on 2017 Community Development Block Grant proposals.

**GRANT PERMISSION/P.O. MICHAEL
TAYLOR/ATTEND DRUG ABUSE
RESISTANCE EDUCATION (DARE)
CLASS/NYS FIRE TRAINING
ACADEMY/MONTOUR FALLS, NY/JANUARY
16-27, 2017**

- 14. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, approve P.O. Michael Taylor to attend a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) basic training class to be held at the NYS Fire Training Academy, Montour Falls, NY, January 16-27, 2017, with the \$995.00 tuition, meals, lodging and training cost to be funded by Wellcore Inc. (Stop Act Grant) and travel expenses through the Police Department.

TOWN BOARD

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING RELEASE OF
JUDITH CLARK AT ANY OR ALL PAROLE
HEARINGS/HER PARTICIPATION IN THE
BRINKS ROBBERY KILLING IN 1981**

15. **WHEREAS**, Judith Clark was a member of the radical terrorist organization known as the Weather Underground; and

WHEREAS, the Weather Underground was responsible for the bombings of the Pentagon and the US Capitol; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Judith Clark, together with other members of the Weather Underground robbed a Brinks armored car at the Nanuet Mall; and

WHEREAS, Nyack Police Department Sgt. Edward O’Grady, Police Officer Waverly Brown and Brinks Security Guard Peter Paige were killed during this robbery; and

WHEREAS, Judith Clark helped plan the robbery, participated in the robbery, and reached for her weapon when she was eventually arrested; and

WHEREAS, Judith Clark was sentenced to 75 years to life for her part in this crime after being convicted of second-degree murder; and

WHEREAS, Judith Clark petitioned Governor Andrew M. Cuomo clemency with regard to her sentence; and

WHEREAS, in an inexcusable travesty of the system, Governor Cuomo commuted said prison sentence to 35 years to life, making her eligible for parole in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Judith Clark remains the domestic terrorist who actively participated in the killing of three heroic individuals, namely Nyack Police Department Sgt. Edward O’Grady, Police Officer Waverly Brown and Brinks Security Guard Peter Paige, while calling herself a freedom fighter; and

WHEREAS, as the elected leader of the State of New York, Governor Cuomo needs to be respectful to community sensitivities, such as the impact the Brinks robbery and Judith Clark had on the victim’s families and the Orangetown community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Town Board believe that they have a responsibility to honor the memories and heroic actions of Nyack Police Department Sgt. Edward O’Grady, Police Officer Waverly Brown and Brinks Security Guard Peter Paige, as well as a responsibility to their families to insure that Judith Clark remains behind bars for the remainder of her life; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Orangetown has met, considered, and by a unanimous vote approved this resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orangetown Town Board hereby condemns Governor Cuomo for his irresponsible and insensitive decision to commute Judith Clark’s sentence and the Town Board requests that Governor Cuomo offer a written apology to the victim’s families and the Orangetown community;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Orangetown Town Board opposes the release of Judith Clark at any and all future parole hearings; and

RESOLVED, the Town is hereby authorized and directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the families of Nyack Police Department Sgt. Edward O’Grady, Police Officer Waverly Brown and Brinks Security Guard Peter Paige; the New York State Parole Board and to such other persons proper in order to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

AUDIT

PAY VOUCHERS

1. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Finance Director, Jeff Bencik, the Finance Office is hereby authorized to pay vouchers for the General Fund, Town Outside Village, Blue Hill, Broadacres, Highway, Sewer, Capital Projects, Risk Retention, and Special Parking Funds for a total amount of **\$1,562,633.27**.

ADJOURNMENT at _____ p.m. in memory of:

