

**TOWN OF ORANGETOWN
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 30, 2024**

This meeting was opened at 3:00 pm. Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny presided and Joseph Thomassen, Deputy Clerk, called the roll.

Present were:

Councilperson Paul Valentine
Councilperson Jerry Bottari
Councilperson Brian Donohue
Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Absent: Councilperson Dan Sullivan

Also Present:

Carmel Reilly, Director of Economic Development & Tourism
Joseph Thomassen, Deputy Clerk
Robert Magrino, Town Attorney

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

RESOLUTION NO. 280

HOME RULE ORANGETOWN COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of establishing a Community Preservation Fund for purposes of implementing a plan for the preservations of the character of the community and which will establish a one-time real estate transfer tax on any home purchase in the Town of Orangetown, and

WHEREAS, this preservation fund will enable the Town to collect up to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a percent tax on any home purchase in the Town of Orangetown with an exemption of any purchase under \$400,000, and

WHEREAS, the Town will use the preservation fund as a necessary tool to preserve Orangetown's character and environment by acquiring properties with exceptional scenic value, threatened ecological areas, historical significance, and waterways, including those properties for open space and recreational use, and

WHEREAS, the Town will also accept gifts of land and funds not to be transferred into any other account and that fund will be monitored by an advisory board chosen by the Town Board to review and make recommendations on proposed acquisitions, and

WHEREAS, special legislation has been drafted for submission to the NYS Senate by Senator Weber identified as Senate Bill S 9766, a copy of which is annexed hereto and incorporated by reference herein, and

WHEREAS, special legislation has been drafted for submission to the NYS Assembly by Assemblyman McGowan identified as Assembly Bill A 10553, a copy of which is annexed hereto and incorporated by reference herein, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Orangetown hereby requests and approves the submission of a Home Rule Request for the enactment of special state legislation, in the form of Senate Bill S 9766 as set forth above and entitled "AN ACT to amend the town law, in relation to authorizing the town of Orangetown, County of Rockland to establish community preservation funds; to amend the tax law, in

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relation to authorizing the town of Orangetown to impose a real estate transfer tax with revenues therefrom to be deposited in said community preservation fund; and providing for the repeal of certain provisions upon expiration thereof” and its matching Assembly bill of the same title and identified as Assembly Bill A 10553 authorizing the Town to establish a community preservation fund as more fully described therein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor and Town Clerk are authorized to execute and transmit all documents that may be necessary to effectuate this home rule request.

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

Motion: 4 - 0

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilperson Dan Sullivan

**RESOLUTION NO. 281
ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

In attendance, at this Executive Session were Supervisor Kenny, Councilpersons Jerry Bottari, Paul Valentine, and Brian Donohue, and Robert Magrino.

RESOLVED, at 3:03 pm, the Town Board entered Executive Session to meet with counsel.

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

Motion: 4 - 0

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilperson Dan Sullivan

**RESOLUTION NO. 282
RE-ENTER STBM / ADJOURNED**

RESOLVED, at 3:41 pm, the Town Board re-entered the Special Town Board Meeting and adjourned.

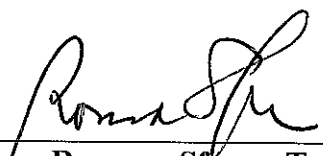
Councilperson Brian Donohue offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Jerry Bottari and was Adopted:

Motion: 4 - 0

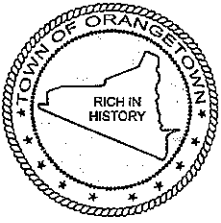
Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

Absent: Councilperson Dan Sullivan



Rosanna Sfraga, Town Clerk



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Please take Notice that a Special Town Board Meeting (STBM) of the Town of Orangetown will be held on Thursday, May 30, 2024, from 3:00 pm. This meeting is for a Resolution to authorize a Home Rule Request to the NY State Senate and Assembly for the Town to establish a Community Preservation Fund.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph Thomassen
Deputy Town Clerk

Cc Supervisor
Town Board
Town Attorney
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