



TOWN OF ORANGETOWN TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday February 11, 2025

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:

- ◆ **2025 Summer Camp Counselor Job Applications** are being accepted until Friday, March 14th. Visit orangetown.com for more information.

PRESENTATIONS:

- ★ **Black History Month Ceremony / February 2025**
- ★ **Hudson Valley iCampus - Repurpose Building B140 as Residential Use Presentation**

DISCUSSION:

- ◆ **PARKS & RECREATION 2025 FEE SCHEDULE**
- ◆ **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. **CONSIDER / ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION WITH RESPECT TO LOCAL LAW NO. ___ OF 2025 / AMENDING THE TOWN ZONING LAW / CHANGE THE ZONING DISTRICT / WESTERN HIGHWAY AND ELLSWORTH DRIVE / TAX LOTS SECTION 70.05 BLOCK 1 LOTS 14.1, 14.2 and 17.1 FROM “R-80” TO “R-15”**

Placeholder

4. **CONSIDER / ADOPT LOCAL LAW NO. ____ OF 2025 / AMEND ZONING CLASSIFICATION / WESTERN HIGHWAY AND ELLSWORTH DRIVE / TAX LOTS SECTION 70.05 BLOCK 1 LOTS 14.1, 14.2 and 17.1 / “R80” to “R15”**

Placeholder

5. **COMBINE / APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS #6 TO 16**

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby combines and approves agenda items #6 to 16.

6. **REAPPOINT LIAISONS / 2025 / LAND USE BOARDS / COMMITTEES**

RESOLVED, that the following Town Officials are hereby reappointed liaisons to the following Land Use Boards and Committees for 2025:

- ACABOR – Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Liaison
- Orangetown Blue Hill Golf Advisory – Councilperson Paul Valentine, Liaison
- Board of Assessment Review – Councilperson Daniel Sullivan, Liaison
- Board of Ethics – Councilperson Daniel Sullivan, Liaison
- Orangetown Environmental Committee – Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny, Liaison
- Historical Areas Board of Review – Councilperson Brian Donohue, Liaison
- Orangetown Housing Authority Board – Deputy Supervisor Denis Troy, Liaison
- Office of Emergency Management Committee – Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Liaison
- Orangetown Parks and Recreation Development Advisory Committee – Councilperson Brian Donohue, Liaison
- Orangetown Planning Board – Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny, Liaison
- Orangetown Project Review Committee – Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny, Liaison
- Orangetown Sanitation Commission – Councilperson Paul Valentine, Liaison
- Orangetown Shade Tree Commission – Councilperson Jerry Bottari, Liaison
- Orangetown Senior Citizen Advisory Committee – Deputy Supervisor Denis Troy, Liaison
- Orangetown Substance Abuse Committee – Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny, Liaison
- Orangetown Traffic Advisory Board – Councilperson Paul Valentine, Liaison
- Zoning Board of Appeals – Councilperson Daniel Sullivan, Liaison

7. **REAPPOINT / BLUE HILL GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE / 2025 / 1-YEAR TERM**

RESOLVED, that the following are hereby reappointed as Members of the Orangetown Blue Hill Golf Advisory Committee for a 1-year term, commencing on January 1, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2025:

- Patrick J. Shields (Chairperson)
- Sean Burke
- Joseph Green
- Michael Hussey
- Martin Fogarty
- Matt Willock
- Kevin Fagan
- Nick Gajovich
- Joseph O'Loughlin
- Barbara Sabatini
- Liaison: Councilperson Paul Valentine

8. **APPOINT / REAPPOINT / ORANGETOWN OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE / 2025 / 1-YEAR TERM**

RESOLVED, that the following are hereby appointed / reappointed as Members of the Orangetown Office of Emergency Management Committee for a 1-year term, commencing on January 1, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2025:

- P.O. Chris Connolly (Chairperson)
- Captain Michael Shannon, OPD
- David Majewski, Bureau of Fire Prevention
- Jane Slavin, Director of OBZPAE
- James J. Dean, Superintendent of Highways
- Aric Gorton, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation
- Fred Simms, Orangetown Fire Chiefs Council
- Steve Harris, South Orangetown Ambulance Corps
- Maryanne Portoro, Pearl River Ambulance
- Christopher Jackson, Orangetown Fire Chiefs Council
- Stephen Munno, Highway Department
- Eamon Reilly, Commissioner of DEME
- Christopher Sheehan, DEME
- Matt Lenihan, IT
- Liaison: Councilperson Jerry Bottari

9. **APPOINT / REAPPOINT / ORANGETOWN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE / 2025 / 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, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2025:

- Michael Andrea (Chairperson)
- Alexis Starke
- Heather Hurley
- Don Steinmetz
- Andrew Goodwillie
- Katherine Copp-Brown
- Susan O'Reilly Turner
- June Starke
- Lawrence Vail
- Maria Gagliardi
- Fran Oldenburger
- Tom O'Reilly
- Eve Millard
- Thomas Becker
- Liaison: Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

10. REAPPOINT / ORANGETOWN PARKS DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE / 2025 / 1-YEAR TERM

RESOLVED, that the following are hereby reappointed as Members of the Orangetown Parks Development Advisory Committee, for a 1-year term, commencing January 1, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2025:

- T. Paul Bailey, Chairperson
- Anne Byrne
- Andrew Goodwillie
- James K. Willcox
- Michele Galle-Looram
- Orli Eshkar
- Aric Gorton, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation
- Liaison: Councilperson Brian Donohue

11. REAPPOINT / ORANGETOWN PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE / 2025 / 1-YEAR TERM

RESOLVED, that the following are hereby reappointed as Members of the Orangetown Project Review Committee, for a 1-year term, commencing on January 1, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2025:

- Jane Slavin (Chairperson)
- Bruce Peters, DEME
- David Majewski, Bureau of Fire Protection
- James J. Dean, Superintendent of Highways
- Aric Gorton, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation
- Rick Pakola, Deputy Town Attorney, Legal Advisor
- Liaison: Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

12. APPOINT / REAPPOINT ORANGETOWN SENIOR CITIZEN COMMITTEE / 2025 / 1-YEAR TERM

RESOLVED, that the following are hereby appointed / reappointed as Members of the Orangetown Senior Citizen Committee, for a 1-year term, commencing on January 1, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2025:

- Margaret Raso, Member (Tappan Club) and Chairperson
- Phyllis Moehrle, Member (Blauvelt/Orangeburg Club)
- Dean Hoffman, Member (Nyack Club)
- Caroline Butler, Member (Pearl River A Club)
- Elizabeth Settle, (Pearl River B Club)
- Carmen Abreu, Member (Sparkill Club)
- Jeff McCall, (Piermont Club)
- Carmel Reilly, Clerk
- Liaison: Deputy Supervisor Denis Troy

13. APPOINT / REAPPOINT ORANGETOWN SHADE TREE COMMISSION / 2025 / 1-YEAR TERM

RESOLVED, that the following are hereby appointed/ reappointed as Members of the Orangetown Shade Tree Commission, for a 1-year term, commencing on January 1, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2025:

- Mary Vail (Chairperson)
- Mary Ellen Le Warn
- Joy Macy
- Katja Alberino-Rappaport
- Andrew Goodwillie
- Mary Root
- Liaison: Councilperson Jerry Bottari

14. REAPPOINT ORANGETOWN TRAFFIC ADVISORY BOARD / 2025 / 1-YEAR TERM

RESOLVED, that the following are hereby reappointed as Members of the Orangetown Traffic Advisory Board, for a 1-year term, commencing on January 1, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2025:

- Michael Yannazzone (Co-Chairperson)
- Margaret Warren (Co-Chairperson)
- Paul Raso
- Robert Simon
- Robert Morrison
- James Castagna
- P.O. Chris Connolly, OPD, Advisor
- George Garrecht, Highway, Advisor
- Thomas Edattel, DEME, Advisor
- Stefanie Schera, Deputy Town Attorney, Legal Advisor
- Allison Kardon, Clerk
- Liaison: Councilperson Paul Valentine

15. REAPPOINT JOSEPH KENNETH BRADY-AMOON / MEMBER / ORANGETOWN BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW / 5-YEAR TERM

RESOLVED, that JOSEPH KENNETH BRADY-AMOON is hereby reappointed as MEMBER to the Orangetown Board of Assessment Review for a 5-year term, commencing January 1, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2029.

16. REAPPOINT BETH CAHILL / MEMBER / ORANGETOWN BOARD OF ETHICS / 5-YEAR TERM

RESOLVED, that BETH CAHILL is hereby reappointed as MEMBER to the Orangetown Board of Ethics for a 5-year term, commencing January 1, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2029.

TOWN ATTORNEY

17. **APPROVE / AUTHORIZE TOWN ATTORNEY TO SIGN SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS / TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDING CARALA VENTURES LTD. V. THE TOWN OF ORANGETOWN ASSESSOR'S OFFICE (66.30-2-68)**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Assessor, approve and authorize Dennis D. Michaels, Deputy Town Attorney, to sign settlement documents regarding the tax certiorari proceeding Carala Ventures Ltd v. The Town of Orangetown Assessor's Office, tax map designation 66.30-2- 68 (50 Gedney Street, Nyack), for the tax assessment years 2023 - 2024 for a total refund by the County of \$332, a total refund by the Town of \$1,076, and a total refund by the School District of \$3,652. Interest on the Town's liability as a result of assessment decrease or refund is waived if payment is made within sixty (60) days after a copy of the order based upon the settlement is served on the Rockland County Finance Department.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY BOARD

18. **APPROVE / INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHT / INTERSECTION OF HUNT RD AND AMERICAN LEGION POST #1199 / ORANGEBURG**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Traffic Advisory Board, the installation of a street light at the intersection of Hunt Road and American Legion Post #1199 (Utility Pole# 59590/37961) is hereby approved to be paid from the following budget line item B.5182.452.17.

AUDIT

19. **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 six (6) warrants (attached) for a total of **\$13,601,178.50**.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

20. **ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

ADJOURNMENTS

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

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

- ❖ **Sylvia Barone**, *Resident of Pearl River*
- ❖ **Helen Brady**, *Resident of Pearl River*