

A Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Orchard Park, Erie County, New York, was held at the Orchard Park Municipal Center, S4295 South Buffalo Street, Orchard Park, New York on the 21st day of January 2026 at 7:05 PM, the meeting was called to order by Supervisor Joseph Liberti and there were:

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Joseph Liberti	Supervisor
Julia Mombrea	Councilmember
Scott Honer	Councilmember
John Mariano	Councilmember
Greg Bennett	Councilmember
Jennifer Brady	Deputy Town Clerk
Timothy D. Gallagher	Town Attorney
Tom Minor	Building Inspector
Greg Sheppard	Interim Chief of Police
Andrew Slotman	Highway Superintendent
Wayne Bieler	Town Engineer

Supervisor Liberti read into the record the following: “If anyone appearing before the Town Board has a family, financial or business relationship with any member of the Board, it is incumbent upon that person to make it known under State Law and the Town Code of Ethics.”

1) THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR LIBERTI, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARIANO, TO WIT:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve the Regular Meeting Minutes: January 7, 2026 and Organizational Meeting: January 7, 2026 and be it further

RESOLVED, that the reading of these minutes be dispensed with as each member of the Town Board has previously received copies thereof.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING

**Regarding a Renewal of a Conservation Easement for V/L adjacent to
5196 Ellicott Rd. SBL# 185.05-3-3**

At 7:07PM (local time) Supervisor Liberti called for the Public Hearing to hear all interested parties regarding a Renewal of a Conservation Easement for V/L adjacent to 5196 Ellicott Rd. SBL# 185.05-3-3. This is for 10 +/- acres of land and is requested by Mr. Lawrence Bochen for 30 years.

Affidavits of Publication and Posting of the Legal Notice of the Public Hearing were presented, and read aloud, and filed with the Town Board by the Deputy Town Clerk.

Supervisor Liberti asked if anyone is interested in speaking or making a comment.

No one came forward.

2) THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR LIBERTI, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MOMBREA, TO WIT:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby close the Public Hearing regarding a Renewal of a Conservation Easement for V/L adjacent to 5196 Ellicott Rd. SBL# 185.05-3-3 at 7:10PM.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

3) THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR LIBERTI, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARIANO, TO WIT:

WHEREAS, following due and timely notice, a public hearing relating to the matter regarding the Renewal of a Conservation Easement for V/L adjacent to 5196 Ellicott Rd. SBL# 185.05-3-3. This is for 10 +/- acres of land and is requested by Mr. Lawrence Bochen for 30 years. This was conducted on January 21, 2026, at which time all interested parties were given an opportunity to speak.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve the request for a 30 year Conservation Easement by Mr. Lawrence Bochen for 10 +/- acres of V/L adjacent to 5196 Ellicott Rd. SBL# 185.05-3-3.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON OLD BUSINESS

No one came forward

Old Business #1 Approve Change Order #1 to the Contract with C&S Companies for the professional special construction inspections services for the Multi-Purpose Facility, Salt and Topsoil Barn Construction Project.

4) THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMEMBER MOMBREA, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARIANO, TO WIT:

WHEREAS, the Town Board awarded C&S Companies the contract for construction administration services for the Multi-Use Maintenance Facility Phase 2 "Salt and Topsoil Storage Buildings Project"; and

WHEREAS, C&S Companies incurred overages beyond the assumed man hours and expenses from additional meetings, multiple punch list inspections, and the review and recommendation to correct the quality concerns of the contractors' work. C&S Companies is requesting compensation for this additional work for a price not to exceed \$2,850.00. This change order represents a 20.83% increase for the original contract amount of 13,680.00; and

WHEREAS, there is currently funding available in account AB016 "Highway Salt & Topsoil Barns" \$2,132,972 for this work. The Town did receive approval for a \$600,000 grant for the Salt Barn Construction. This scope includes the replacement of the collapsed topsoil barn and the demo and replacement of the failing Salt Storage building per the master plan. Final Project Cost will be +/- \$1,803,395.00.

NOW, THEREFORE be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve change order #1 with C&S Companies 141 Elm Street, Suite 100, Buffalo, New York 14203, for professional special construction inspection services for the Multi-Use Maintenance Facility Phase 2 Salt & Topsoil Barn Project, at an amount not to exceed \$2,850.00 as recommended by the Town Engineer.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS

No one came forward

New Business #1 Appoint Part Time receptionist to the Community Activity Center.

5) THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARIANO, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOMBREA, TO WIT:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve the appointment of Kate Malinowski to the position of part time evening and weekend receptionist (substitute) at the Community Activity Center at a pay rate of \$17.00 / hour effective January 23, 2026.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

New Business #2 Appoint 2026 part-time seasonal staff to the Recreation Department.

6) THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARIANO, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HONER, TO WIT:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board is hereby authorized to approve the following resident appointments to the 2026 part-time seasonal staff for the Orchard Park Recreation Department effective January 26, 2026 as recommended by the Recreation Director:

Tessa Jordan	\$16.50 Program Coordinator
Matthew Endich	\$16.50 Program Coordinator
Sierra Lembitz	\$16.50 Program Coordinator
Georgia Ozanne	\$16.50 Program Coordinator
Mia Beechler	\$16.50 Program Coordinator
Liam Krist	\$16.50 Program Coordinator

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

New Business #3 Approve a budget transfer for the Engineering Department.

7) THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMEMBER BENNETT, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HONER, TO WIT:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve the following budget transfer within the 2026 Engineering Budget:

\$7,440.00

From: Budget Code: A01440 50200
(Engineering Equipment)

To: Budget Code: A01440 50414
(Engineering Inspector Training for
Sanitary Sewer Map & Line Inspection)

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

No one came forward.

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT MANAGERS

Supervisor Joseph Liberti spoke of his appreciation for the Highway & Police Departments for their hard work keeping Orchard Park safe during difficult weather conditions. He also welcomed all newly hired employees.

Councilmember Julia Mombrea thanked the Highway & Police Departments for their work during difficult weather conditions.

Councilmember John Mariano thanked the Highway & Police Departments for working long hours in inclement weather.

Highway Superintendent Andrew Slotman thanked the Highway Department staff for working long hours during recent inclement weather.

8) THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR LIBERTI, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MOMBREA, TO WIT:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the approval of all entries on Warrant #2 following auditing by members of the Town Board and in the funds indicated:

General Fund	\$86,848.63
Public Safety Fund	\$1,514.05
Part Town Fund	\$889.77
Risk Retention	-0-
Cemetery Fund	-0-
Highway Fund	\$158,682.47
Special Districts	\$26,076.02
Trust & Agency	\$13,290.79
Capital Fund	\$0

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

REPORTS

9) THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMEMBER MOMBREA, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARIANO, TO WIT:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby receive and file the December 2025 Building Inspector's Monthly Report.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

There being no further business, on a motion by Supervisor Liberti, seconded by Councilmember Mariano, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm (local time).

Respectfully Submitted,

**Jennifer L. Brady
Deputy Town Clerk**