

Minutes
Village of Orchard Park
Board of Trustees

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Orchard Park was held on Monday, May 11, 2026 in the Municipal Center, 4295 South Buffalo Street, Orchard Park, New York. Deputy Mayor Hartung called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members present:

Trustee Matthew J. Hartung
Trustee Dale T. Pyne
Trustee David N. Even
Trustee Christine M. Popek

Others present:

Clerk-Treasurer Heather Tucciarone-Richeal
Manager of Public Works Emery Wittmeyer
Attorney John C. Bailey

Members Excused:

Mayor Jo Ann Litwin Clinton

Deputy Mayor Hartung made the following announcement:

“Fire exits are located at the rear in the Board Room and at the doorway to the lobby. In the event of a fire, you will be notified by announcement on the public address system. If notified, please move in a calm and orderly fashion to the nearest exit.”

Moved by Trustee Even, seconded by Trustee Pyne to accept the minutes of April 27, 2026 as presented.

On the question:	4 voting “Aye”	0 voting “Nay”	Carried
	Trustee Hartung		
	Trustee Pyne		
	Trustee Even		
	Trustee Popek		

Moved by Trustee Hartung, seconded by Trustee Even that vouchers numbering 8327 to 8346 in batch #292 of fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$ 63,689.44 be paid as presented.

On the question:	4 voting “Aye”	0 voting “Nay”	Carried
	Trustee Hartung		
	Trustee Pyne		
	Trustee Even		
	Trustee Popek		

Comments from the floor of items not on the agenda:

- Jacob Sonner of Larned Lane discussed concerns that he has regarding the “No Parking” signs installed on Larned Lane. He’s noticed vehicles driving at increased speeds and vehicles parking on front lawns which is unsightly and also causes damage to the green space. He also asked how the restriction would impact contractor or construction vehicles if homeowners are having work done on their homes.

◦ Deputy Mayor Hartung acknowledged Mr. Sonner’s concerns and explained that parking concerns on Larned Lane have been brought to the Village Board for several years, especially related to safety concerns due to the blind hill and limited access for emergency vehicles to navigate the narrow road. Those concerns were sent to the Public Safety Board resulting in a recommendation to restrict parking. The Village held public hearings to give residents an opportunity to support or oppose the proposed change.

▪ Mr. Sonner asked if residents of Larned Lane were sent notices of the public hearing. He also questioned if any consideration was given to alternate measures for correcting the safety concerns aside from prohibiting parking.

◦ Deputy Mayor Hartung explained that public hearing notices were published in the Orchard Park Bee newspaper, not directly sent to residents. He also was not aware whether any alternate ideas were presented to the safety committee.

Moved by Trustee Hartung, seconded by Trustee Even that the reports of the Village Justice, Water Department and Treasurer for the month of April, and the reports of the Associate Village Justice for the months of March and April be received and filed.

On the question:	4 voting “Aye”	0 voting “Nay”	Carried
	Trustee Hartung		
	Trustee Pyne		
	Trustee Even		
	Trustee Popek		

Manager of Public Works Wittmeyer had nothing to report.

Trustee Hartung had nothing to report.

Trustee Pyne had nothing to report.

Trustee Even mentioned that registration for the July 4th parade will be opening soon. Registration information will be available on the Village of Orchard Park and Orchard Park Chamber of Commerce websites. “Go Sabres”.

Trustee Popek read a proclamation recognizing Food Allergy Awareness Week, May 10-16, 2026 in the Village of Orchard Park.

Clerk-Treasurer Richeal had nothing to report.

Attorney Bailey had nothing to report.

Moved by Trustee Popek, seconded by Trustee Even that that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that there be and hereby is levied for the fiscal year 2026-2027 a tax against all taxable properties within the Village of Orchard Park, Inc. as shown upon the last completed tax roll, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Clinton be authorized to sign the tax warrant for the 2026-2027 tax levy and charges as follows:

For the General Fund	\$ 866,239.58
For Unpaid Water	\$ 4,977.73
For Prior Exemptions Removed	\$ 1,182.75
For Refuse and Recycling	\$ 272,250.00
For Water District	\$ 299,724.75
<u>For Stormwater Management</u>	<u>\$ 61,418.00</u>
Being for all purposes, a total of	\$1,505,792.81

On the question: 4 voting “Aye” 0 voting “Nay” Carried
Trustee Hartung
Trustee Pyne
Trustee Even
Trustee Popek

Moved by Trustee Pyne, seconded by Trustee Hartung that the Village Board meeting scheduled for May 25, 2026 be cancelled in observance of Memorial Day.

On the question: 4 voting “Aye” 0 voting “Nay” Carried
Trustee Hartung
Trustee Pyne
Trustee Even
Trustee Popek

Moved by Trustee Even, seconded by Trustee Popek that Clerk-Treasurer Richeal be authorized to pay all invoices submitted prior to the end of the month, after review by Mayor Clinton or Deputy Mayor Hartung.

On the question: 4 voting “Aye” 0 voting “Nay” Carried
Trustee Hartung
Trustee Pyne
Trustee Even
Trustee Popek

Moved by Trustee Hartung, seconded by Trustee Pyne that Mayor Clinton be authorized to sign a Special Events Contract with VFW #6247, Veterans Memorial Park to organize a Memorial Day Parade on May 25, 2026 at 9:00 am pending approval of the NYS DOT Perm 33b Special Use Permit.

On the question:	4 voting "Aye" Trustee Hartung Trustee Pyne Trustee Even Trustee Popek	0 voting "Nay"	Carried
------------------	--	----------------	---------

Moved by Trustee Popek, seconded by Trustee Even that Mayor Clinton be authorized to sign a Special Events Contract with Nativity of Our Lord School to organize a Chase the Sun 5k on June 5, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

On the question:	4 voting "Aye" Trustee Hartung Trustee Pyne Trustee Even Trustee Popek	0 voting "Nay"	Carried
------------------	--	----------------	---------

Moved by Trustee Pyne, seconded by Trustee Hartung that Mayor Clinton be authorized to sign a Special Events Contract with the Orchard Park Police Department to organize a Special Olympics Torch Run on May 31, 2026 at 11:00 am, and the Orchard Park Lion's Club to organize the Lion's Club Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show on July 25, 2026 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm pending approval of the NYS DOT Perm33b Special Use Permit.

On the question:	4 voting "Aye" Trustee Hartung Trustee Pyne Trustee Even Trustee Popek	0 voting "Nay"	Carried
------------------	--	----------------	---------

Moved by Trustee Hartung, seconded by Trustee Pyne that a public hearing be scheduled and advertised for June 8, 2026 at 7:00 pm to hear public comment on proposed revisions of the Orchard Park Municipal Code.

On the question:	4 voting "Aye" Trustee Hartung Trustee Pyne Trustee Even Trustee Popek	0 voting "Nay"	Carried
------------------	--	----------------	---------

Moved by Trustee Popek, seconded by Trustee Even that the following budget adjustments be authorized for fiscal year 2025-2026:

Increase budget for:

Central Printing and Mailing	AA-61670-400	\$395.30
Electricity	FF-68340-402	\$18.29

Decrease budget for:

Travel	AA-61325-404	\$395.30
Office Expense	FF-68340-406	\$18.29

On the question:	4 voting "Aye" Trustee Hartung Trustee Pyne Trustee Even Trustee Popek	0 voting "Nay"	Carried
------------------	--	----------------	---------

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2026.

Moved by Trustee Even, seconded by Trustee Pyne to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

On the question:	4 voting "Aye" Trustee Hartung Trustee Pyne Trustee Even Trustee Popek	0 voting "Nay"	Carried
------------------	--	----------------	---------

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Tucciarone-Richeal, Village Clerk-Treasurer