

Town of Orangeville
Board Meeting
3529 Route 20 A, Warsaw, New York 14569
April 9, 2026

The Town Board of Orangeville met on April 9, 2026 to hold the Organizational meeting and to audit the town accounts and transact other such business as is necessary at this time.

Present were Town Board Members:

- Susan May Supervisor
- Hans Boxler, Jr. Councilman
- Andrew Flint Councilman
- James Herman Councilman
- Joseph Ahl Councilman

Others Present:

- Rosann A. Lowder, RMC-Town Clerk
- Tess Phillips, Deputy Town Clerk
- Lisa Perez, Bookkeeper
- Wade Roggow, Highway Superintendent
- Thomas Suto, Zoning Officer

Guests:

Name	Town of Residence	Name	Town of Residence
Eamon Riley	AYP A Power	Robert Manko	Marilla, NY
Cindy Gorrall	Orangeville	Laury Lakas	Orangeville
Marcia Veley	Orangeville	Scott Schrader	Wyoming County
David Manko	Hamburg, NY		
Michael Battaglia	Williamsville, NY		

Supervisor May called the board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall located at 3529 Rt. 20A, Warsaw, New York.

Supervisor May opened with the Pledge of Allegiance; all were thanked for attending the meeting.

Eamon Riley from AYP A Power introduced himself to speak on the Sawhall project. This is a battery energy storage project. It is a large scaled utility, reliable for power system. It charges then releases to the power source by demand. This helps to regulate the grid and transfer power when needed, this will utilize the newest technology when ready to be in-place. Have due diligence

on project and hope to break ground in 2027. This is 22.31 acres or so, the density is much higher.

There was discussion on the Engineering groups that the Planning Board reviewed. The Planning Board felt that Wendel was the firm to work with. The resolution was read:

**TOWN OF ORANGEVILLE
TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO ENGINEERING
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Adopted: April 9, 2026

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Orangeville met at a regular board meeting located at 3529 Route 20A, Warsaw, NY 14569 on the 9th day of April, 2026, commencing at 7:00 P.M., at which time and place the following members were:

Present:	Supervisor	<u>Susan May</u>
	Board Member	<u>Andrew Flint</u>
	Board Member	<u>James Herman</u>
	Board Member	<u>Joseph Ahl</u>
Absent:	Board Member	<u>Hans Boxler, Jr.</u>

WHEREAS, all Town Board Members, having due notice of said meeting, and that pursuant to Article 7, §104 of the Public Officers Law, said meeting was open to the general public and due and proper notice of the time and place whereof was given as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Town of Orangeville received an application for a new 300 MW battery energy storage system in the Town of Orangeville from Sawhall Energy Storage LLC, a subsidiary of Aypa Power; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the complexity that comes with siting and permitting battery energy storage systems, the Town feels it is necessary to engage the services of an engineer familiar with the technical language of battery energy storage systems who will be able to advise the Town and ensure that its decommissioning regulations are being followed; and

WHEREAS, the Town intends to enter into an escrow agreement with Sawhall Energy Storage LLC to cover the expense of such engineer and shall only engage such engineer upon the execution of an escrow agreement with Sawhall Energy Storage LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Orangeville authorized the issuance of a Request for Proposals to the following engineering firms to request sealed bids for engineering services regarding the siting and permitting of this battery energy storage systems project:

- i. Colliers Engineering and Design
- ii. Clark Patterson Lee
- iii. Labella Associates
- iv. Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc.
- v. Wendel Companies

WHEREAS, the Town received proposals from Colliers Engineering and Design on December 31, 2025, Wendel Companies on January 16, 2026, and from Clark Patterson Lee on February 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board, having reviewed such proposals at its March 16, 2026 meeting, found the terms and services offered by Wendel Companies to be the most thorough and agreeable, and made a recommendation of such firm to the Town Board for its ultimate approval; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, having also reviewed such proposals, finds the terms and services offered by Wendel Companies to be the most thorough and agreeable; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Orangeville now desires to engage the services of Wendel Companies, and shall authorize the Town Supervisor to execute any and all documents necessary to do so, upon review of such documents by the Town Attorney.

NOW ON MOTION OF Mr. Andrew Flint which has been duly seconded by **Mr. Joseph Ahl**, be it

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Orangeville, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute, upon review by the Town Attorney, any and all documents necessary to engage Wendel Companies, for their engineering services regarding the siting and permitting of the Sawhall Energy Storage LLC battery energy storage systems project.

Ayes [3] May Boxler Flint Ahl Abstain: [1] Herman Noes [0]
Carried

Mr. Riley stated that they just received an escrow number from Wendel Companies that is extremely high, 40% higher than they had originally stated.

Supervisor May introduced Mr. Scott Schrader, from Wyoming County. Mr. Schrader discussed with the Board that he has a proposal to the County to apply for a grant to put a purchase offer on the Wyomoco property, \$1.75 million. Concerns were raised regarding having no formal plan for the property. Who will check the areas for safety, buildings, barns etc. Who will make road improvements, upkeep, etc. This would be open to the public, right now Mr. Schrader is looking for support from the Board.

The Board discussed that there will need to be road improvement, guard rails, we have no police force. This is a very rural area and if this is not secure there could be many problems. Mr. Schrader stated that the county would pay for road improvements. There would be a 3-year plan. Genesee County Park puts in \$200,000.00 in revenue for their two parks. Question the maintenance cost, staffing, security of all buildings and restrooms. How much would it cost to put

amenities in? The county would have to have a parks department and, in the beginning, it would be utilized just for trails.

Mr. Meeder: Who will pay for the maintenance? I do not see it this way.

Mr. David Manko: I have bid three times on this property. First in December and after six weeks, heard nothing. I have a full cash offer; it would put this property back on the tax rolls. We would maintain the property, I build houses. I am a housing developer. Cornell extension owns the property

Mr. Schrader: The County has 3 years to work on a plan.
[A question was asked if the Attorney General has to sign off on this, and the answer was yes.]

Ms. Lakas: As the historian I am writing a letter to the County as a positive referral. There is history in this land of Mary Jemison. We have history with the County Home, as they owned some of the camp. As from a history standpoint I would like to see it preserved. There is an interest by the Seneca Nation. There are burial mounds on the property. Nick Fisher, is a neighbor, he has expressed an interest in donating 50 acres if the county purchases the camp.

Mr. Rob Thompson is writing a book on the history of Orangeville. Ms. Lakas explained that she received grant monies for the presentation and to fix the Richardson sign.

Supervisor Susan May discussed the liquor license law, we had three different choices and we apparently need a different one than the attorney's office gave us. We will have to have petitions for the new law to go forth to the election this November.

Supervisor May requested a motion to complete a petition for the reform of this issue. On a motion by Mr. Flint, seconded by Mr. Ahl, to begin a petition to obtain signatures to put this on the ballot this November. Ayes [4] May Boxler Flint Ahl Herman Noes [0] Carried

Supervisor May requested a motion to approve the March 12, 2026 meeting minutes. On a motion by Mr. Ahl, seconded by Mr. Flint to approve the minutes. Ayes [4] May Boxler Flint Ahl Herman Noes [0] Carried

Supervisor May requested a motion to approve the Supervisors Report. A motion was made by Mr. Flint, seconded by Mr. Herman to approve the Supervisor Report Ayes [4] May Boxler Flint Ahl Herman Noes [0] Carried

The town clerk discussed with the Board that Maureen Gardner did not receive all of the grant that she applied for, the grant was \$826.00 short. The Board will look at assisting the program.

Zoning Report: We had two permits' issues, a garage and a deck around a pond.

Highway Superintendent Report:

- Talk more about speed zone in Orangeville 20A – from 238 to Townline.
- Noco cold storage propane hook up bill is in the general abstract.
- We did not win the bid on the John Deere Grader; another town won the bid at almost \$52,000.

Ordered new #1 ford pickup, did switch from Van Bortel to Delacy Ford, Delacy did have actual state bid. Van Bortel did not have it equipped the way that we had discussed. Delacy was able to fill the correct order and save some money. Van Bortels price was \$65,738.79 and Delacy's price is \$64,955 saving \$743.79. On a motion by Mr. Ahl, seconded by Mr. Flint to go with Delacy, as Van Bortel could not supply the vehicle. Ayes [4] May Boxler Flint Ahl Herman Noes [0] Carried

- 3/31/2026 We had some flooding, had the men out from 6pm to almost 12. Snyder road was running over starting to undermine the road. Centerline hill had cross culverts plugged and washed out a big portion of the south side shoulder under the black top. Gassman road also had cross culverts plug up and washout the west shoulder, several other pipes in the town ran over with minimal damage (Buffalo, Krotz, Syler, Popular Tree). We will be cleaning up and ditching for the next couple of weeks fixing flood damage. Approximately \$8600 in materials so far, might have to replace a few pipes, Snyder Road pipe under mined and cracked the out let of pipe 4" plastic.
- We put the sink in cold storage and have water hooked up.
- Blacktop prices for April jumped \$4 per ton, hopefully it softens before we do our work.
- Past month, plowed and sanded, brush work, patched dirt's, hauled some stone and service equipment.

Supervisor May stated that we will do the review of the court's books next month, we did not get a letter this year requesting this function.

Cindy Gorral stated that they have six new members with their group.

Town Clerk Report: The Towns total revenue for the month of March 2026 \$394.00, \$75.00 for Zoning, \$189.00 for dog licenses, \$5.00 for DEC, \$70.00 for

registrar and \$55.00 for other. We had 17 dog renewal licenses. To the general fund, \$261.28, Zoning -\$75.00, Dogs were \$61.00, \$55.00 for late fee, \$70.00 fir Registrar fees and \$0.28 DEC. We disbursed \$105.00 to Wyoming County, and \$23.00 to Ag and Markets for dogs and \$4.72 to DEC.

Supervisor May requested a motion to approve the 2026 Highway Fund Bills: Abstract #4 Vouchers #51 through #67 totaling \$38,660.05. A motion was made by Mr. Ahl, seconded by Mr. Herman to approve the payment of the Highway Fund bills. [4] May Boxler Flint Herman Ahl Noes: [0] Carried

Supervisor May requested a motion to approve the 2026. General Funds bills: Abstract #4 Vouchers #61 through #83, totaling \$27,485.84. A motion was made by Mr. Herman seconded by Mr. Flint to approve the payment of the General Fund bills. [4] May Boxler Flint Herman Ahl Noes: [0] Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm on a motion by Mr. Flint, seconded by Mr. Herman to adjourn. [4] May Boxler Flint Herman Ahl Noes: [0] Carried

Respectfully submitted

Rosann A. Lowder, RMC

Rosann A. Lowder, Registered Municipal Clerk
Town of Orangeville