

*The Town of Orleans Board Meeting
January 9, 2025*

The Town of Orleans Town Board held a regular scheduled board meeting on January 9, 2025 at 7:00PM at the municipal building in LaFargeville.

Members: Present: Kevin Rarick, Mary Ford-Waterman(came in late), Thomas Johnston, Gwen Kirkby, and Peter Wilson

Others Present: Tammy Donnelly, Rob Company, Pam McDowell, Rob Barlow of GS&L Bank, and James Campanaro, of GS & L Bank

Supervisor Rarick called meeting to order at 7:01pm

1. Approval of minutes- A motion was made by Peter Wilson and seconded by Thomas Johnston to accept December 2024 minutes as read

Kevin Rarick, Aye

Peter Wilson Aye

Thomas Johnston, Aye

Mary Ford-Waterman, absent for vote

Gwen Kirkby, Aye All in favor motion carried

2. Gouverneur Savings & Loan- Robert Bartlow and James Campanaro spoke to the town board, the LaFargeville Branch will be closing in April of 2025. They assured the town board that they will work with Town Clerk to pickup deposits and help in anyway they can. Discussion was held. The Town Board stated that they were very disappointed.

Supervisor Rarick will check with other banks.

3. 2025 Annual Designations

Resolution #1

Budget Officer- Kevin Rarick

Deputy Supervisor- Peter Wilson

Bank- Gouverneur Savings & Loan

Newspaper- Thousand Island Sun and Watertown Daily Times (either or)

Polling Places

District1-3 -LaFargeville Municipal Building

Web site- North Shore Solutions/Matt Turcotte

Payroll- BI-Weekly-Highway, General employment, Supervisor, Town Clerk, Clerk to Supervisor, Justice Clerk, Deputy Clerks, Zoning Officer, Assessor, Town Justice Morse, Building Maintenance, and Crossing Guard.

Quarterly- Councilman, Historian and Health officer

Annually- Zoning Board, Planning Board and Assessment Review board.

Attorney for the Town of Orleans- Kendall, Walton, & Burrows Attorney Firm, Ian Gilbert Solar Attorney

Town board meetings will be held every 2nd Thursday of each month

Tax Collector will refund any tax payment of \$5.01 more than the total tax amount due and town will retain overpayment of \$5.00 or less.

Policies for 2025 Investment, procurement, drug and alcohol testing, smoking, computer, sexual harassment/discrimination, code of ethics, and conduct at meetings.

Mileage reimbursement for 2025 State Rate 0.70 cents per mile.

Accountant Services – Stakel & Navarra, C.P.A.

Town Historian- Stacey Snyder Morse, Assistant Historian, Parker Morse

Health Officer- Need to appoint

Vital Registrar- Tammy Donnelly

Deputy Vital Registrar- Amy Dulmage

Zoning Officer – Lee Shimel

Board of Assessment Review (3-person board)

Fred Duffany- Retired need to publish

Stacy Snyder-Morse- Term expires 10/1/2026

Frank Shortt- Term expires 10/1/2025

Town of Orleans Zoning Board

Ben Timerman- Co Chairman – Term expires 1/1/2030

Brett Robbins- Term expires 1/1/2027

Jeff Robinson- Term expires 1/1/2028
Larry Walldroff- Chairman- Term expires 1/1/2029
Louise Nuffer- 1/1/2026
Secretary- Sharon Addison

Planning Board

Mitchel Robinson - Term expires 1/2030
Donna Dutton- Term expires 1/2026(Chairman)
Joe Rotella – Term expires 1/2027
Andy Greene – Term expires 1/2027
Vacant-term 1/2028
Jason Stowell- Alternate
Secretary- Sharon Addison

Youth Commission Board

Patty Sourwine 1/2026
Tyler Lashomb 1/2026
Miranda Nelson 1/2026

All terms expire 1/2026(will appoint on a yearly basis)

Orleans Public Library Board

Stacey Snyder Morse – Librarian
Dan Timerman - Term expires 2028
William Walldroff- Term expires 2030
Lucy Kahnt- Term expires 2026
Rosan Whitmore- Term expires 2027
Allison Winn- Term expires 2029

A motion was made by Peter Wilson and seconded by Gwen Kirkby to accept the above annual designations.

Kevin Rarick, Aye
Peter Wilson, Aye
Mary Ford-Waterman, Aye
Thomas Johnston, Aye
Gwen Kirkby, Aye All in favor motion carried

4. Lee Shimel update – Lee gave monthly and yearly report to town board.

5. Rob Campany update- Rob spoke to town board on Collins Landing funding letter. Rob gave town board update on library project.

6. *Councilman Peter Wilson asked Rob to look into something they can do for the hardness at the LaFargeville well.*

7. *Town Clerk report reviewed*

8. *Bills were audited in the amount of \$101,069.78*

A motion was made by Mary Ford-Waterman and seconded by Thomas Johnston to go into executive session regarding pending litigation.

Kevin Rarick, Aye

Peter Wilson, Aye

Mary Ford-Waterman, Aye

Thomas Johnston, Aye

Gwen Kirkby, Aye All in favor motion carried

Went into executive session at 8:00pm

Exited executive session at 9:15 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:16pm

Respectfully submitted

Tammy Donnelly

Town Clerk