

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 2018 at 7:00 PM, the meeting was called to order by Supervisor Keem and there were:

<b>PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:</b>	Patrick J. Keem	Supervisor
	Eugene Majchrzak	Councilmember
	Michael Sherry	Councilmember
	John C. Bailey	Town Attorney
	Remy Orffeo	Town Clerk
	Wayne Bieler	Town Engineer
	Andrew Geist	Building Inspector
	Frederick Piasecki, Jr.	Highway Superintendent
	Mark Pacholec	Chief of Police

**Supervisor Keem 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 KEEM, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MAJCHRZAK, TO WIT:

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby approve the Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes held on July 18, 2018 and Executive Session: July 18, 2018, 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 COMMENT ON OLD BUSINESS**

No one spoke.

**Old Business # 1 Town Board to appoint Recreation Instructor**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Orchard Park Town Board on June 27, 2018 requested Erie County Civil Service to create a new position of Recreation Instructor Full Time for the Town of Orchard Park; and

**WHEREAS**, this position will report to the Recreation Specialist/Department Manager of the Senior Center; and

**WHEREAS**, this position was created by Erie County Civil Service on July 6, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Marie Galley has been serving in the part-time position of clerk in the Senior Center;

**NOW, THEREFORE be it**

**RESOLVED**, that Maria Galley be appointed to the position of Recreation Instructor, a noncompetitive position effective as of August 16, 2018 at a rate of \$14.75 per hour.

**The resolution was unanimously adopted.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS**

No one spoke.

**New Business #1 Special Events Permit**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby approve the Special Events permit for the Orchard Park Homecoming Parade to be held on Saturday September 29, 2018.

**The resolution was unanimously adopted.**

**New Business #2 Parks & Grounds Appointment**

4) THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR KEEM, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MAJCHRZAK, TO WIT:

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby appoint Justin Zielinski to Seasonal Parks & Grounds at a rate of \$10.40 per hour as of July 23, 2018.

**The resolution was unanimously adopted.**

**New Business #3 Appointment of Police Officers**

5) THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR KEEM, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUCILMEMBER MAJCHRZAK, TO WIT:

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby approve the appointment of Courtney R. Vaccaro to the position of Police Officer (Probationary) in the Orchard Park Police Department, starting salary of \$53,730 effective August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018; and Andrew J. Kowalski to the position of Police Officer (Probationary) in the Orchard Park Police Department at the salary of \$53,730 effective August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**The resolution was unanimously adopted.**

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Deborah Loury spoke of the ponds near her home in Lyrica Park and was concerned that the Town is mowing the area around the pond only once a year and not picking up the clippings. She also notified the Town that the lights in the pond are not illuminating anymore. She inquired about her lawn being repaired after snow plow damage. She sent multiple emails and spoke with the Highway Superintendent but wasn't happy with the delay in services and did the repairs herself. She would also like to know when the trees promised to their neighborhood will be put in. They were to be planted last year. She was told they were already bought and will be put in in October. She is concerned about the tree's health after sitting for so long.

Olena May also lives in Lyrica Park and is concerned about the walking path around their homes. It is overgrown and needs to be maintained better.

James Arlotta spoke to the issue of public (bus) transportation in Orchard Park. He said as Orchard Park's population is increasing there has been no increase in availability of public transportation. He was upset that our taxes are not more directed to this area. He has filed a complaint with NYS Division of Human Rights regarding this issue and stated if you pay for a service you should have access to it and it would greatly benefit the Seniors.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Supervisor Keem checked with Town Attorney John Bailey and discovered the Town has no control over the NFTA. We can write a letter requesting new routes but that is all. He also announced that the Orchard Park Bee had an article stating our Bond rating went up from an AA2 to an AA1 Bond rating. We have the highest bond rating in Erie County. This means we are handling our money well, we have good reserves, our pension plans are covered and health insurance is paid for, we are doing a good job with our conservative budgeting. We are presently reviewing every departments' budget and have to justify all spending. Also, we received a Records Management Grant for \$73,711 to help update and clean out old records. We were also given a grant from NYS Companion Animal Capitol Fund grant for \$100,575. This will update our animal control building.

Councilmember Gene Majchrzak welcomed the new Police Officers to Orchard Park.

Chief of Police Mark Pacholic stated there are two events at the stadium this weekend. Friday night The Bill's open practice will start at 6:15pm with fireworks after, Abbott Road will be closed from 3:15pm to 10:00pm. Sunday morning and afternoon The Drums on The Waterfront will be at the stadium, Abbott Road will be open.

Highway Superintendent Fred Piasecki said they are paving the roads that have been milled and repair of receivers will begin on August 7<sup>th</sup>. The site work on the Community Activity Center begun including clearing the roadway and building site. They hope to have everything hauled out by the end of this week and start stripping topsoil. Regarding Sonnett Drive, the Town has no responsibility regarding the lights around the pond and he will check into the mowing schedule for that area, they should be up to 2-3 times per year. The trees scheduled for fall planting are at the compost site, are being watered everyday by our staff there and are healthy.

Town Engineer Wayne Bieler stated the lights in the ponds at Lyrica Park are owned by the Homeowners association and are flashing lights that serve as geese deterrents. It did work for a while and was likely put in by Ryan Homes.

**6) THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR KEEM, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MAJCHRZAK, TO WIT:**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the approval of all entries on Warrant # 15 following auditing by members of the Town Board and in the funds indicated:

<b>General Fund</b>	\$89,360.29
<b>Public Safety Fund</b>	\$21,507.87
<b>Part Town Fund</b>	\$1,822.16
<b>Risk Retention</b>	-0-
<b>Cemetery Fund</b>	-0-
<b>Highway Fund</b>	\$31,876.27
<b>Special Districts</b>	\$172,867.17
<b>Trust &amp; Agency</b>	\$20,403.15
<b>Capital Fund</b>	\$316,990.64

**The resolution was unanimously adopted.**

There being no further business, on a motion by Supervisor Keem, seconded by Councilmember Majchrzak, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm (local time).

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Remy C. Orffeo  
Town Clerk**