

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, February 12, 2024 in the Municipal Center, 4295 South Buffalo Street, Orchard Park, New York. Mayor Clinton called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members present:

Mayor Jo Ann Litwin Clinton  
Deputy Mayor Matthew J. Hartung  
Trustee Lauren Kaczor Rodo  
Trustee David N. Even

Others present:

Manager of Public Works Wittmeyer  
Code Enforcement Officer John Gullo  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Heather Tucciarone-Richeal

Members Excused:

Trustee Dale T. Pyne

Mayor Clinton 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.”

Mayor Clinton opened the hearing at 7:15 pm giving a brief explanation of the amendments, to remove the requirement for a firefighter or ambulance worker to apply annually and to extend the exemption to a spouse who remains unmarried.

Mayor Clinton asked 3 times for comments in favor of the proposed amendments.  
There were none.

Mayor Clinton asked 3 times for comments opposed to the proposed amendments.  
There were none.

Moved by Trustee Kaczor Rodo, seconded by Trustee Hartung to close the hearing at 7:16 pm.

On the question:	3 voting “Aye”	0 voting “Nay”	Carried
	Trustee Hartung		
	Trustee Kaczor Rodo		
	Trustee Even		

Moved by Trustee Hartung, seconded by Trustee Kaczor Rodo that proposed Local Law #1 of 2024, amending Chapter 194 Article VI of the Village code be approved as follows:

**Amend Section 194-26**, adding:

G. Upon the death of a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker who has accrued twenty years of service, or upon the death, in the line-of-duty, of a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker, the grant of exemption set

forth in Section 194-24 shall be continued to the benefit of an un-remarried spouse.

**Amend Section 194-27, Application:**

Remove the word “annually”.

**Effective date.**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

On the question: 3 voting “Aye”                      0 voting “Nay”                      Carried  
Trustee Hartung  
Trustee Kaczor Rodo  
Trustee Even

Moved by Trustee Kaczor Rodo, seconded by Trustee Hartung to accept the minutes of January 22, 2024 as presented.

On the question: 3 voting “Aye”                      0 voting “Nay”                      Carried  
Trustee Hartung  
Trustee Kaczor Rodo  
Trustee Even

Moved by Trustee Kaczor Rodo, seconded by Trustee Hartung to accept the joint minutes of the Town and Village boards on January 22, 2024 as presented.

On the question: 3 voting “Aye”                      0 voting “Nay”                      Carried  
Trustee Hartung  
Trustee Kaczor Rodo  
Trustee Even

Moved by Trustee Hartung, seconded by Trustee Even that voucher number 6814 in Batch #208 of fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$4,500.00 and vouchers numbering 6815 to 6853 in Batch #209 of fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$131,950.06 be paid as presented.

On the question: 3 voting “Aye”                      0 voting “Nay”                      Carried  
Trustee Hartung  
Trustee Kaczor Rodo  
Trustee Even

Comments from the floor of items not on the agenda.  
There were none.

Moved by Trustee Hartung, seconded by Trustee Kaczor Rodo that the reports of the Village Justice, Associate Village Justice, Water Department and Treasurer for the month of January be received and filed.

On the question: 3 voting “Aye”                      0 voting “Nay”                      Carried  
Trustee Hartung  
Trustee Kaczor Rodo  
Trustee Even

- Code Enforcement Officer Gullo had nothing to report.

- Manager of Public Works Wittmeyer had nothing to report.
- Trustee Kaczor Rodo had nothing to report.
- Deputy Mayor Hartung had nothing to report.
- Trustee Even had nothing to report.
- Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Tucciarone Richeal had nothing to report.
- Mayor Clinton had nothing to report.

Moved by Trustee Kaczor Rodo, seconded by Trustee Even that a public hearing be scheduled and advertised for March 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. to hear public comment on a Local Law, overriding the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

On the question: 3 voting "Aye"                      0 voting "Nay"                      Carried  
                          Trustee Hartung  
                          Trustee Kaczor Rodo  
                          Trustee Even

Moved by Trustee Even, seconded by Trustee Kaczor Rodo that the following budget adjustments be authorized for the fiscal year 2023-2024:

Establish budget for Capital Project S Buffalo St:  
 S Buffalo Waterline Replacement Contractual Expense by                      \$118,500  
 Increase Capital Revenues - Transfer from General by                      \$118,500  
 Increase General Expense - Transfer to Capital by                      \$118,500  
 offset by use of General Fund Balance

On the question: 3 voting "Aye"                      0 voting "Nay"                      Carried  
                          Trustee Hartung  
                          Trustee Kaczor Rodo  
                          Trustee Even

Moved by Trustee Kaczor Rodo, seconded by Trustee Hartung that Mayor Clinton be authorized to sign an agreement with Fisher Associates to provide professional engineering services for South Buffalo Waterline Replacement Project; costs not to exceed \$118,500.

On the question: 3 voting "Aye"                      0 voting "Nay"                      Carried  
                          Trustee Hartung  
                          Trustee Kaczor Rodo  
                          Trustee Even

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2024.

Moved by Trustee Hartung, seconded by Trustee Even to adjourn at 7:21 pm.

On the question: 3 voting "Aye"                      0 voting "Nay"                      Carried  
                          Trustee Hartung  
                          Trustee Kaczor Rodo  
                          Trustee Even

Respectfully submitted,  
 Heather Tucciarone Richeal, Village Deputy Clerk-Treasurer