The Town of Orleans Board Meeting
May 19, 2026

The Town of Orleans Town Board held a special board meeting on May 19, 2026 at 7:00PM at Municipal Building in LaFargeville

Members: Present: Kevin Rarick, Mary Ford-Waterman, Thomas Johnston, Peter Wilson, and Alicia Dewey

Others Present: Tammy Donnelly, Pam McDowell, John Salvagno, Sharon Addison, Joe Rotella, Jason Stowell, Andrew Greene, Llyod Withers, Melissa Withers, Jay Shimel, and Mitch Robinson.

Supervisor Rarick called the meeting to order at 7:32pm

Special Meeting to roll back the 2026 tentative roll to the 2025 tentative roll. A motion was made by Thomas Johnston and seconded by Mary Ford-Waterman to approve to following Resolution

Kevin Rarick, Aye
Peter Wilson Aye
Thomas Johnston, Aye
Mary Ford-Waterman, Aye
Alicia Dewey, Aye All in favor motion carried.

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RESOLUTION 2 of 2026
ASSESSMENT MATTERS

WHEREAS, the Town of Orleans has an appointed assessor who is responsible for the preparation of the annual Townwide Assessment Roll and various other responsibilities under NY RPTL throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Town Assessor and the Town Board, that a revaluation for the Town of Orleans last occurred during 2008; and

WHEREAS, market forces have created a number of changes in the value of real property in the Town of Orleans over the past eighteen (18) years and the annual equalization rate applicable for the Town of Orleans reflects those changes in the market value of real property; and

WHEREAS, a townwide revaluation is reasonably appropriate, necessary and is supported by the Town Board of Orleans; and

WHEREAS, the Town Assessor has obtained, reviewed and analyzed market data and performed an inspection of many parcels within the Town in an effort to move forward with a revaluation; and

WHEREAS, a revaluation of many, but not all, parcels in the Town of Orleans was recently performed and is reflected on the tentative assessment for 2026; and

WHEREAS, assessments for various other parcels in the Town of Orleans were not updated for the tentative assessment roll for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Orleans supports the Town Assessor "rolling back" the Town of Orleans 2026 tentative assessment roll to the 2025 final assessment roll, except that any new assessable improvements over the past year should be added to the 2026 assessment roll; and

WHEREAS, the Town Assessor for the Town of Orleans is actively engaged in that process with officials from Jefferson County Real Property Tax Services and who have requested the Town Board confirm its support for the assessment and equalization changes referred to herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Orleans, New York as follows:

1. The foregoing recitations are incorporated herein and made a part hereof as if set forth hereafter.

2. The Town Board supports returning the 2026 Assessment Roll to the prior year (2025) values excepting changes for physical changes, court orders, splits and mergers as soon as possible.

3. The Town Supervisor, Town Assessor, and Town Clerk, their respective agents and representatives shall take all steps and do all things necessary to effect this corrective measure.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Board Member, Tom Johnston, and seconded by Board Member, Mary Ford Waterman and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Supervisor Kevin Rarick	Yes X	No ____
Thomas Johnston, Jr.	Yes X	No ____
Peter Wilson	Yes X	No ____
Mary Ford-Waterman	Yes X	No ____
Alicia Dewey	Yes X	No ____

Dated: May 19, 2026

Tammy Donnelly

Tammy Donnelly, Town Clerk

Resolution to add a Second Grievance Date- Resolution #3 – A motion was made by Peter Wilson and seconded by Thomas Johnston to approve the following resolution.

Kevin Rarick, Aye
Peter Wilson Aye
Thomas Johnston, Aye
Mary Ford-Waterman, Aye
Alicia Dewey, Aye All in favor motion carried.

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RESOLUTION 3 of 2026
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW
Second Grievance Date

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Orleans adopted a Resolution to "roll back" the 2026 tentative assessment roll to the prior year (2025) but excepting changes for physical changes, court orders, splits and mergers as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Assessment Review for the Town of Orleans is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 to review, consider, and potentially rule on grievance complaints ordinarily filed for 2026; and

WHEREAS, in an abundance of caution, the Town Board intends to ensure that efforts to "roll back" the 2026 tentative assessment roll are implemented prior to the deadline for grievances and to ensure that property owners in the Town of Orleans have adequate time to review the tentative assessment for their respective parcels prior to the grievance date in the Town of Orleans; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board intends to establish a second date for the Board of Assessment Review to meet so that property owners receive adequate notice concerning any changes in assessment for their respective parcels for 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Orleans, New York as follows:

1. The foregoing recitations are incorporated herein and made a part hereof as if set forth hereafter.

2. The Town Board establishes a second date for the Board of Assessment Review to meet which shall be on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at the Town offices starting at 4 o'clock to receive, review and rule on any grievances filed on or before that date.

3. The Town Supervisor, Town Assessor, and Town Clerk, their respective agents and representatives shall take all steps and do all things necessary to establish this second assessment date for year 2026 only , notify the Board of Assessment Review of this corrective measure, and post this Resolution on the Town Website and Bulletin Board.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Board Member, Pete Wilson, and seconded by Board Member, Tom Johnston, and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Supervisor Kevin Rarick	Yes X	No _____
Thomas Johnston, Jr.	Yes X	No _____
Peter Wilson	Yes X	No _____
Mary Ford-Waterman	Yes X	No _____
Alicia Dewey	Yes X	No _____

Dated: May 19, 2026

Tammy Donnelly, Town Clerk

A motion was made by Peter Wilson and seconded by Thomas Johnston to adjourn the meeting

Kevin Rarick, Aye
Peter Wilson Aye
Thomas Johnston, Aye
Mary Ford-Waterman, Aye
Alicia Dewey, Aye All in favor motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted
Tammy Donnelly
Town Clerk