

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Orwell Village Council

Special Meeting

Date: May 6, 2025

Council President Ruks called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Ms. McKinley performed roll call and the following council members were present: Mr. Cottrell, Ms. Cozad, Mr. Denihan, Mr. Hartz, and Mr. Ruks.

Solicitor Newcomb was in attendance.

Public: Connor Ball, Gazette and Jeffrey Jiang.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-05-01R: A RESOLUTION HIRING DR. SEAN P. RATCAN TO THE POSITION OF VILLAGE MANAGER FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM COMMENCING MAY 15, 2025 AND ENDING MAY 14, 2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to pass as an emergency. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to waive the three-reading rule. Motion passed. Roll call, 5 yeas: Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to pass Resolution 25-05-01R. Roll call, 5 yeas: Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-05-02R: A RESOLUTION HIRING JEFFREY JIANG TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT VILLAGE MANAGER FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM COMMENCING MAY 15, 2025 AND ENDING MAY 14, 2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to pass as an emergency. Roll call, 5 yeas: Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Ruks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to waive the three-reading rule. Motion passed. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to pass Resolution 25-05-02R. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea. Motion passed.

Media: Connor Ball, Gazette inquired about how the council made the decision. Mr. Ruks explained that the Village of Orwell had four traditional managers, and while he thanked them for their time and energy, we owe it to the residents to think outside the box to bring new opportunities to Orwell. Everything we do as a council is for the best for our community and council is looking forward to the path taken.

Mr. Jiang is excited to get started. He attended the mandatory meeting at Eastgate last week and is looking forward to attending best practices at Ohio tourism day next week. He is looking forward in developing the community and tapping into the natural resources.

Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea. Motion passed.

Council President Ruks adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Approved:

May 20, 2025

Christopher Ruks
President of Council

Angela McElroy
Clerk of Council