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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019 AT 7:30 P.M.
LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM OF TOWN HALL**

REVISED UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present:

First Selectman James Zeoli	Selectman John Carangelo
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt	Mary Shaw, Secretary
Selectman Paul Davis	John Cifarelli, Finance Director
Selectman Judy Williams	Paul Mongillo, IT Director
George Geane, Retired Police Officer	Frank Esposito, Retired Police Officer
Bill Hendricks, Retired Police Officer	Savannah Harik, WasteZero
Recycling Committee Members	Concerned Citizens

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by First Selectman Zeoli. The fire exits were noted and the Pledge of Allegiance recited followed by the roll call.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
(2 minutes per speaker)

- George Geane, Retired Orange Police Officer, requested a meeting with the Board of Selectmen to discuss concerns and questions regarding medical benefits for retired police officers.
- Bill Hendricks, Retired Orange Police Officer, requested a meeting with the Board of Selectmen to discuss concerns regarding medical benefits for retired police officers.
- Frank Esposito, Retired Orange Police Officer, requested a meeting with the Board of Selectmen to discuss concerns regarding medical benefits along with questions relating to life insurance benefits for retired police officers.
- Selectman Williams attended the Orange Volunteer Fireman Association Annual Dinner on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. She reported that it was well attended and a

very nice event. She kindly urged our residents to be generous to support the OVFA during their fundraisers throughout the year.

- Selectman Goldblatt reminded residents about the upcoming Shredding Day Event on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. at High Plains Community Center. This is a free event sponsored by the Rotary Club for all Orange residents. In addition, the Lions Club will be picking up mattresses for a \$10 fee and the Orange Community Women will be collecting gently used clothes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **No Plastic Bags in Recycle Bins:** Please refrain from putting plastic bags in your recycle bins.
- **Protect Mailboxes During the Winter Months:** It is not too late to construct a batter board to help protect your mailbox during the winter season.
- **Sunday, March 17, 2019:** Happy St. Patrick's Day to all our residents.
- **Friday, March 22, 2019:** Lions Club Spring Wine Tasting Event will take place from 6:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M. at St. Barbara's Church. \$35 per person. Call Marianne Miller at 203-795-3906 to purchase tickets.
- **Saturday, April 13, 2019:** Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt will take place at the fairgrounds at 1:00 P.M. Rain date is April 20th at the same time.
- **Wednesday, April 24, 2019:** Annual Town Budget Hearing will take place at HPCC at 7:30 P.M.
- **Saturday, May 4, 2019:** Orange Chamber of Commerce Cinco de Mayo Road Race will take place at 8:30 A.M. at HPCC.
- **Friday, July 5, 2019:** Independence Day Concert & Fireworks Show will take place. Concert begins at 6:30 P.M. and the rain date is July 6th.
- **School System Regionalization and Consolidation Proposal:** First Selectman Zeoli gave an overview of this recent proposal for the State of Connecticut. He went on to explain that he is keeping a very close eye on this subject. He traveled to Hartford for a Hearing that took place on February 8th and met with the Chairmen from both the OBOE and ABOE to discuss the matter. For the record, he is not in favor of the proposal. He will continue to keep the residents informed on this issue. He encouraged residents to contact the First Selectmen's Office with their concerns on the topic as well.

MINUTES

On a motion made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on January 9, 2019 were approved with the following correction on Page 4, Item 4 - the last line in the paragraph should read: Selectman Zeoli, Carangelo, Okenquist, Williams voted aye, Selectman Goldblatt and Davis voted nay.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. Contract between Tyler Munis and the Town of Orange for a New Financial Accounting System - John Cifarelli, Finance Director, gave a synopsis of the Tyler Munis contract for a new financial accounting system to support both the Town and the Orange Board of Education. *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Davis and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the contract between Tyler Munis and the Town of Orange for a new financial accounting system as presented.*
2. Contract with JKS-Systems to Perform the Town of Orange Telephone Upgrade Project - Paul Mongillo, IT Director, gave an overview on the bid process that took place leading up to the recommendation that we enter into a contract with JKS-Systems to perform the telephone upgrade project for the Town of Orange. *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman William and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the bid recommendation to enter into a contract with JKS-Systems for the telephone upgrade project for the Town of Orange as presented.*
3. Agreement with Simple Recycling to Establish Residential Soft Recyclable Pick-Up - Mitch Goldblatt, Recycling Committee, gave an outline on the process of collecting soft recyclables at curbside and what it would entail to successfully introduce this to our residents. Savannah Harik, a representative from WasteZero, answered questions about the company and the overall process. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board voted in favor to allow First Selectman James Zeoli to sign the Simply Recycling contract for residential soft recyclable pick-up for the Town of Orange.*
4. March Tax Refunds totaling \$7641.80 - *On a motion* made by Selectman Davis, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the tax refunds totaling \$7641.80.*
5. Tax Refund for Starwood Ceruzzi - Town Counsel Vincent Marino gave some background on this request and why a refund is necessary. It is related to a parcel of property that was donated to the town by Starwood Ceruzzi. *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Davis and

unanimously carried, *the Board approved the property tax refund in the amount of \$6,890.00 to Starwood Ceruzzi.*

COMMITTEES

1. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt gave no report.
2. **Capital Planning** – No report.
3. **Bond Construction Oversight** – Selectman Goldblatt gave an update on the current Bond Construction Oversight projects. He stated that Derby-Milford Road Bridge should be open by May, HPCC South Wing Project should be wrapped up by the end of July. The pool locker room project got underway on March 1, 2019 as planned.
4. **Personnel** – Selectman Zeoli reported that the committee will meet to discuss some topics before the April Board of Selectmen meeting.

First Selectman Zeoli stated there was no need to hold an Executive Session during the meeting since the issue to be discussed has been resolved.

At 8:55 P.M., Selectman Williams made *a motion to adjourn the regular meeting.* Selectman Carangelo seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shaw
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen