

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017 AT 7:30 P.M.
LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM AT TOWN HALL**

APPROVED MINUTES

Present:

First Selectman James Zeoli
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt
Selectman John Carangelo
Selectman Paul Davis
Selectman Judy Williams
Selectman Ralph Okenquist
Vincent Marino, Town Counsel
Mary Shaw, Secretary
Joshua Cloutier, IT
Joe Weathered, Orange Times Newspaper

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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 person)

- Josh Cloutier and Mary Shaw gave an introduction on the work that has been done to date on the new town website. A visual demonstration was given on the homepage and some of the new features this website will have to offer. The new site is due to launch on October 20, 2017.
- Selectman John Carangelo made a special note that he and his wife Katherine were married 20 years on this very day.
- Selectman Goldblatt spoke about new plastic bag recycling set up at the Transfer Station. He reiterated plastic bags and wrap should not be placed in curbside recycle bins. They can now

be brought to the Transfer Station or several other retail stores located in town that offer this service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

- **In Memoriam:** Elaine Arena
- **Assistant Chief of Police Max Martins** - Swearing in ceremony took place this morning, October 11, 2017, at the Orange Police Department.
- **Wednesday, October 18, 2017:** Amity Middle School students will participate in Government Day.
- **Wednesday, October 25, 2017:** The Town of Orange Breast Cancer Awareness Ceremony will take place on the front steps of Town Hall at 3:00 PM. Barbara Tonucci of Orange is this year's honoree.
- **Saturday, October 28, 2017:** 5th Annual Trunk or Treat Event will take place at the Fairgrounds between 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Car Trunk Set Up is from 12:00 – 1:00. This is free event for Orange Residents Only. Rain date is Sunday, October 29, 2017.
- **Sunday, November 5, 2017:** Daylight Savings ends. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.
- **Tuesday, November 7, 2017:** Election Day. Voting hours are 6:00 A.M. – 8 P.M. Town offices remain open but schools are closed. Voting Locations: District 114: MLT Districts 117 & 119: HPCC.
- **Time to Protect Your Mailbox:** Residents should take the time, while the weather is still warm, to construct a batter board to protect their mailboxes during the winter months from the snow being plowed off the roads after a storm. The Town doesn't replace mailboxes unless it is physically struck by a plow itself.
- **Saturday, November 11, 2017:** The Town of Orange will hold the Veteran's Day Ceremony at HPCC at 11:00 A.M. The Town will observe Veteran's Day on Friday, November 10, 2017. Town offices will be closed but the Transfer Station will remain open.

MINUTES

- **Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen:** *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 6, 2017.*

NOVEMBER BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Due to a conflict with the lower level meeting room on November 15, 2017, First Selectman Zeoli suggested the next BOS next meeting should take place on November 8, 2017. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams, *the Board approved to hold a Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on November 8, 2017.* The motion passed 5/0/1. Selectman Zeoli, Williams, Goldblatt, Carangelo and Okenquist voted aye, Selectman Davis abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Orange Lions Club Request for Thanksgiving Dinner at HPCC** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to waive the customary rental and custodial fees for the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner scheduled for Sunday, November 26, 2017 at High Plains Community Center.*
2. **Bids for Snowplowing Services** – *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Okenquist and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the snow plow bids as presented for the 2017 – 2018 season.*
3. **Bids for the Case Memorial Library Exterior Envelope Renovations** – *On motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Okenquist and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the bid recommendation for the library exterior envelope renovations to be awarded to Tomlinson Haley Patterson.*
4. **Public Hearing on Repealing Chapter 236-Gas Burning Equipment of the Municipal Code** – *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Davis and unanimously carried, *the Board approved to hold a Public Hearing at the December Board of Selectmen on repealing Chapter 236-Gas Burning Equipment of the Municipal Code.*
5. **Request to Authorize the First Selectman on behalf of the Board of Selectmen to Execute the State Homeland Security Grant Program Region 2 Memorandum of Agreement** – *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to authorize the First Selectman on behalf of the Board of Selectmen to execute the State Homeland Security Grant Program Region 2 Memorandum of Agreement.*
6. **Approval of the Schedule of Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting Dates for 2018-2019** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, *the Board approved the 2018-2019 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Schedule.*

7. **Health Insurance Waivers for One Employee** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Davis and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the Health Insurance Waiver for one employee.*

8. **Tax Refunds for the Month of October** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Okenquist and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the tax refunds totaling \$6878.71.*

COMMITTEES

1. **Capital Planning** – Selectman Okenquist reported that letters were sent to all department heads to obtain their inputs for 2018-2019 Capital Projects. Requests are due back by 11/15/17.
2. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt gave no report.
3. **Bond Construction Oversight** – Selectman Goldblatt reported that the Derby-Milford Road project continues to move along experiencing a few minor delays due to some landscaping issues but Mr. Hiza is on top of it. He reported that the State is slowly moving forward with the Derby-Milford Road Bridge project and it is still on schedule to begin this spring. The dehumidifier and locker room project for the pool continues to be worked on by the committee. The costs to replace the dehumidifier came in much higher than bonded for so they are exploring all options to keep the costs down.
4. **Personnel** – Selectman Zeoli gave no report.
5. **Charter Revision** – Selectman Carangelo gave no report.

On a motion made by Selectman Okenquist and seconded by Selectman Carangelo, *the Board adjourned at 8:26 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shaw
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen