



Town of Orange, Connecticut

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**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION AND THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021
TOWN HALL
LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM
7:00 P.M.**

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present:

First Selectman James Zeoli
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt
Selectman Margaret Novicki
Selectman Ralph Okenquist

Selectman John Carangelo
Selectman Judy Williams
Ann Denny, Secretary
Vincent Marino, Town Counsel
Robert Brinton, Town Engineer

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by First Selectman Zeoli. The fire exits were noted, and the Pledge of Allegiance recited followed by the roll call.

On a motion made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams, *the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was adjourned, and the Public Hearing was convened.* All voted in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

Application for the Neighborhood Assistance Program from the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Service for funding of \$147,270 for the New Haven Hebrew Day School

First Selectman Zeoli read the notice of public hearing.

First Selectman Zeoli noted that he had not received any correspondence and that this is a yearly application that does not cost the Town of Orange any money it is funded by the State of CT. No one in the audience made any public comments.

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On a motion made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams, ***the Public Hearing was adjourned, and the regular meeting was reconvened.*** All voted in favor.

VOTE

- **Neighborhood Assistance Program Application submitted by the New Haven Hebrew Day School for funding for \$147,270.** *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, ***the Board voted to approve on accepting the Neighborhood Assistance Program Application submitted by the New Haven Hebrew Day School for funding in the amount of \$147,270.***

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(2 minutes per person)

- Tom Pisano of 523 Fairwood Road in Orange and President of The Orange Soccer Association shared his concern about a public safety issue at Fred Wolfe Park. He feels the children are in danger and would like to see a fence installed because he feels the temporary fencing is not enough to protect the children from the road.
- Selectman Carangelo congratulated the Amity Boys Lacrosse team on their undefeated regular season and winning the Southern CT Conference, they lost in the second round of State games and finished the season 17-1, and their coach was Coach of the Year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

In Memorium: Carolyn Deming, Bill Sperry, Fred Kendrick, Judge Richard Arnold

The Town Budget Referendum passed 169-61. Congratulations to all our Graduates as well as those who attend private high schools from out town. June is dog license month, residents who own dogs should obtain their yearly license from the Town Clerk. Regular hours have been restored at The Case Memorial Library as of June 7th and curbside service will be ending July 2nd. Saturday June 12th the Strawberry Festival will take place at the fairgrounds from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. the rain date is the 13th. The Playground Committee is having a public meeting Monday June 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the gym at High Plains. Monday July 5th Town Offices and the Transfer Station will be closed in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. This month is the anniversary of the 199th Town Meeting of the Town of Orange, planning for the 200th Bicentennial of the Town will begin soon.

Selectman Goldblatt asked if any dates have been set for events in June of 2022. He also asked about an email that was received and asked to be read to the Selectmen, but Selectman Zeoli explained he answered him and the information was shared with the Selectmen that a date is being worked on for a first meeting of the Diversity task Force.

At this point in the meeting First Selectman Zeoli asked to add the appointment of Stephen Hechtman as the Orange Representative to the Greater New Haven Transit District as agenda item 15. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams, *the Board unanimously approved adding the appointment of Stephen Hechtman as the Orange Representative to the Greater New Haven Transit District as agenda item 15.*

MINUTES

- *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, *the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Public Hearing on the Proposed Financing by the Orange Volunteer Association and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on May 12, 2021.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request to Hang a Banner to Promote the Orange Volunteer Fireman's Carnival – Don Foyer of the Orange Volunteer Fire Department requested to hang a banner two weeks prior to the Orange Volunteer Fireman's Carnival to help promote the event on August 5th through 8th. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Novicki, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request from the Orange Volunteer Fireman Department to hang a banner over Orange Center Road two weeks prior to the event.*
2. Block Party in the Ox Yoke Road Neighborhood - *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to hold a Block Party in the Ox Yoke Road neighborhood on September 11, 2021.*
3. Block Party in the Muirfield Road Neighborhood - *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to hold a Block Party in the Muirfield Road neighborhood on September 11, 2021.*
4. Request to Approve a power purchase agreement between the Town of Orange and CEFIA Holding LLC – Kathy Dorgan of CT Green Bank, John D'Agostino of Inclusive Prosperity Capital Inc., and Tom Wemyss of Pure Point Energy presented information on a 20-year Power Purchase agreement.

The housing authority would agree to purchase electricity at a set cost for the 20 years. The agreement would be with the holding company. The CT Green Bank would be responsible for all operations, maintenance, and insurance. There was discussion and many questions raised including what happens at the end of twenty years? Is the Town responsible for the roof? Has the Elderly Housing Commission reviewed this and made a recommendation? The Town Attorney started reviewing the contract, but this is the first time it is being presented to the board. The Selectmen felt the item should be tabled to give time for the contract to be reviewed. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved to table the request and not act on the power purchase license agreement between the Town of Orange and CEFIA Holding LLC.***

5. **Request to approve brick project at HPCC for the 2022 Bicentennial** – Ted Novicki, President of the Orange Chamber of Commerce presented a plan for a brick project around the gazebo at High Plains Community Center to help commemorate the 2022 Bicentennial. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the brick project at the gazebo at High Plains Community Center for the 2022 Bicentennial.***
6. **Request from the Playground Committee to waive the bidding process and contract with Creative Recreation, LLC of West Hartford** – ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the request from the Playground Committee to waive the bidding process and contract with Creative Recreation, LLC of West Hartford, CT an approved vendor on the State of CT DAS.***
7. **Request to approve bid recommendation for Containerized Refuse services at Town Buildings** – Bob Brinton, Town Engineer presented the bids received and recommends Country Disposal LLC. Michael Latella of 782 Riverside Drive Orange spoke for All American Waste the current vendor. He cited codes that he feels Country Disposal violates and brought some concerns to the board that he feels Country Disposal should be disqualified because they do not pay any personal property taxes on containers in town, and they have active litigation filed against them regarding services performed by their company. First Selectman Zeoli asked All American if they would give a one-month extension and come back to the meeting next month and they refused. The board felt they needed to table the bid to give them time to review the information that was presented. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved to table the bid recommendation for Containerized Refuse Service at Town Buildings.***
8. **Request to approve bid recommendation for Transfer Station Wood and Brush Disposal** – Bob Brinton, Town Engineer said four bids were received and recommends Grillo Services, LLC. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman

Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved to award Grillo Services, LLC of Milford the bid for Transfer Station Wood and Brush Disposal at the rate of \$66.00 per ton for two years.*

9. **Request to approve bid recommendation for the Case Memorial Library HVAC Maintenance** - Bob Brinton, Town Engineer said four bids were received and recommends Environmental Engineering, Inc. *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Novicki and unanimously carried, *the Board approved to award the bid for the Case Memorial Library HVAC Maintenance to Environmental Engineering, Inc. for a total of \$5,335.00 for FY21-22, \$5,470.00 for FY22-23, \$5,600.00 for FY23-24, and \$5,740.00 for FY24-25.*
10. **Request to approve bid recommendation for Fire Sprinkler System Inspection and Maintenance** – Bob Brinton, Town Engineer presented the three bids received and recommends ADT Commercial LLC. *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved to award the bid for the Fire Sprinkler System Inspection and Maintenance to ADT Commercial LLC, Inc. for a total of \$2,160.00 for FY21-22, \$2,226.00 for FY22-23, and \$2,292.00 for FY23-24.*
11. **Request to approve bid recommendation for Fire and Intrusion Alarm Inspection, Maintenance, Monitoring, and Repair** – Bob Brinton, Town Engineer presented information on the bids received and recommends rejecting all bids and accepting an offer from the current vendor Firetech Engineered Systems to extend its current pricing for 4 years. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Novicki, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved to reject all bids and requested the Town Engineer re-bid the Fire and Intrusion Alarm Inspection, Maintenance, Monitoring, and Repair.*
12. **Request to approve bid recommendation for High Plains Community Center Utility Tunnel Steam and Condensate Pipe Repairs**– Bob Brinton, Town Engineer recommended Ruotolo Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$173,587.00. *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Okenquist and unanimously carried *the Board approved to award the High Plains Community Center Utility Tunnel Steam and Condensate Pipe Repairs to Ruotolo Mechanical, Inc in the amount of \$173,587.00.*
13. **License Agreement between the Town of Orange and the Orange Community Nursery School** – *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the License Agreement between the Town of Orange and the Orange Community Nursery School.*

14. Tax Refunds for the month of June- *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the tax refunds in the amount of \$ 6,593.43 for the month of June.*

15. Request to approve Stephen Hechtman as the Town of Orange Representative to the Greater New Haven Transit District - *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved Stephen Hechtman as the Town of Orange Representative to the Greater New Haven Transit District.*

COMMITTEES

- 1. Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt reported the Pension Board had a joint meeting with the Board of Finance and our consultants to review our investments and our actuary explained to the Board of Finance how the Pension Board budgets for the pension and defined contribution plans. The investment returns for 2020 were 14.3%. Rebecca Harlow joined the Pension Board to represent Town employees.
- 2. Emergency Management** - Selectman Novicki reported that the last meeting of the Emergency Management Subcommittee on COVID was Friday 05.21.21. The committee will start meeting monthly starting 06.11.21. There were only four Covid cases in the last three weeks. Since the beginning of the Pandemic Orange has had 1,096 cases and 19 deaths. The last town Covid clinic was May 27th. The latest figures show 66% of Orange residents have received 1 dose and 58% are fully vaccinated. The vaccination team was very happy to reach the target threshold of a 50% vaccination rate before the summer. The Health Department, OVNA, CERT, and all the volunteers did a wonderful job. The State Department of Health and local health departments are offering mobile vaccination clinics. Emergency Management will be monitoring things as everything starts opening up and if booster shots are needed in the fall they will be ready.

At 9:00 P.M., Selectman Okenquist made *a motion to adjourn the meeting.* Selectman Williams seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Denny
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen