



Town of Orange, Connecticut

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**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION
PUBLIC HEARING FOR ESTABLISHING A NEW ORDINANCE 30-350
AUTHORIZATION TO KEEP DE MINIMIS EXCESS OVERPAYMENTS FOR
PROPERTY TAXES AND
SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
THURSDAY, JUNE 09, 2022
7:00 P.M.
LOWER-LEVEL MEETING ROOM
TOWN HALL**

APPROVED MINUTES

Present:

First Selectman James Zeoli
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt
Selectman John Carangelo
Selectman Judy Williams

Bob Brinton, Town Engineer
Tom Hurley, Tax Collector

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, *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 \$120,000 for the New Haven Hebrew Day School

First Selectman Zeoli read the notice of public hearing.

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TOWN ENGINEER

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.

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 \$120,000. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, *the Board voted to approve accepting the Neighborhood Assistance Program Application submitted by the New Haven Hebrew Day School for funding in the amount of \$120,000.*

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

PUBLIC HEARING

On the purpose of establishing a new ordinance 350-35 Authorization to keep de minimus excess overpayments for property taxes

First Selectman Zeoli read the notice of public hearing. Tax Collector Tom Hurley presented information to the board and answered questions regarding the request before the board. The tax office is allowed per state statute to keep overpayments of less than \$5.00.

Paul Davis, 335 Smith Farm Road questioned the other side where someone may owe a small amount and maybe those should be forgiven. Mr. Zeoli addressed this by letting him know another public hearing is being requested for next month to forgive small tax amounts owed.

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

Vote to approve establishing a new ordinance 350-35 Authorization to keep de minimus excess overpayments for property taxes. *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, *the Board voted to approve establishing a new ordinance 350-35 Authorizing the tax collector to keep de minimus excess overpayments of less than \$5.00 for property taxes.*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(2 minutes per person)

Tom Pisano, 523 Fairway Road wanted to draw attention to agenda item 4 curbing at Fred Wolfe Park.

Paul Davis, 335 Smith Farm Road spoke on three topics 1. Property tax refund for Amity funds returned to the Town, and the use of the returned funds to the Town. 2. The Town Budget was not accurate because it included the first Amity Budget amount that was not passed in the first referendum. What happens when the Amity budget is passed with a lower amount? Why is it not returned to the taxpayers? 3. BOF Vice Chair speaking against the Amity budget in his capacity as a town official and not as an Orange resident is inappropriate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Goldblatt thanked the board for moving the meeting so that he could attend an Orange Rotary event where he received an award.

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

- Thank you to Fred Palmer for his years of service to Emergency Management and CERT.
- Amity Regional School District No. 5 District Meeting at 6:15 in the presentation room at District Offices on Monday June 13th
3rd Budget Referendum Tuesday June 14th at HPCC from 6 AM – 8 PM
- June is Dog License month: Residents who own dogs should obtain their yearly dog license from the Town Clerk before June 30th. Licenses may be obtained starting June 1st.
- Saturday, June 11th : Strawberry Festival will take place at the Fairgrounds. Rain date is June 12th.
- Farmer’s Market begins Thursday June 23rd at HPCC
- Monday July 4th Town offices and the transfer station will be closed
- Tomorrow will mark the 200th anniversary of the first town meeting
The Town of Orange held its First Town Meeting June 10th 1822.
- Saturday July 9th Concert and Fireworks. Rain date July 10th
Festivities begin at 6:30 pm with food trucks ~ The concert Featuring “The Weeklings” a Beatles Tribute Band, followed by the fireworks at 9:30 pm.

MINUTES

- ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, ***the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 11, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.***

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Bid recommendation for municipal solid waste hauling and disposal** –Bob Brinton, Town Engineer presented the bids and recommends City Carting, Inc., which has the current contract. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved***

City Carting Inc. the four-year contract for municipal solid waste beginning with FY 22/23.

2. **Bid recommendation for bulky waste hauling and disposal** – Bob Brinton, Town Engineer presented the bids and recommends City Carting, Inc., which has the current contract. *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved City Carting Inc. the four-year contract for bulky waste hauling and disposal beginning with FY 22/23.*
3. **Bid recommendation for Recyclables Collection and Hauling Services** – Bob Brinton, Town Engineer presented the bids and recommends City Carting, Inc., which has the current contract. *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved City Carting Inc. the four-year contract for Recyclables Collection and Hauling Services beginning with FY 22/23.*
4. **Bid recommendation for Concrete Curbing at Fred Wolfe Park using LoCIP Funds** – Bob Brinton, Town Engineer presented the bids and recommends Prindle Hill Construction LLC. *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved awarding Prindle Hill Construction LLC the bid for concrete curbing at Fred Wolfe Park using LoCIP funds.*
5. **Request to authorize the First Selectman on behalf of the Board of Selectmen to execute a Deferral of Property Revaluations for one year to postpone the revaluation to October 1, 2023** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved authorizing the First Selectman on behalf of the Board of Selectmen to execute a deferral of property revaluations for one year to postpone the revaluation to October 1, 2023.*
6. **Block Party in the Muirfield Road Neighborhood** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to hold a Block Party in the Muirfield Road neighborhood on September 10, 2022.*
7. **Connecticut Yankee Council Request to use HPCC for ConnJam 2025** – A request was received from Jeff Cap of the CT Yankee Council for the use of HPCC for ConnJam 2025. This event takes place every three years and requested to use all the grounds around the building, back fields, woods, parking area under the power lines, rooms inside the building and pool throughout the weekend. *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request from the Connecticut Yankee Council to use HPCC for the 2025 ConnJam event scheduled for May 16, 17 and 18, 2025.*

8. **Request to conduct a Public Hearing during the July Board of Selectmen meeting regarding the Orange Town Code Chapter 350 Taxation regarding the authorization to waive property taxes of \$25.00 or less -** *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to conduct a Public Hearing during the July 13, 2022 Board of Selectmen meeting regarding the Orange Town Code Chapter 350 Taxation regarding the authorization to waive property taxes of \$25.00 or less.*
9. **Tax Refunds for the Month of June:** *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the tax refunds in the amount of \$5,060.25 for the month of June.*

COMMITTEES

1. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt reported that the committee will be holding a special meeting to interview the two lowest bidders from the RFP regarding the administration fees of the deferred compensation plans, and hopefully have a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen next month.

Selectman Carangelo *made a motion* to close the Regular meeting and convene into Executive Session. Selectman Goldblatt *seconded the motion*. All voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **Discussion of potential 2021-2024 Proposed Labor Agreement between the Town and the Highway Union**

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:41P.M.

VOTE

On a motion made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the Labor Agreement between the Town and the Highway Union, retroactive to July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024.*

At 8:47 P.M., Selectman Carangelo 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