



Town of Orange, Connecticut

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**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION
AND
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023
LOWER-LEVEL MEETING ROOM
TOWN HALL
7:00 P.M.**

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APPROVED MINUTES

Present:

First Selectman James Zeoli
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt
Selectman John Carangelo
Selectman Judy Williams
Selectmen Ralph Okenquist
Selectman PJ Shanley

Ann Denny, Secretary
John Cifarelli, Finance Director
Bob Brinton, Town Engineer
Ken Lenz, Orange Lions Club

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 Goldblatt, *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 \$150,000 for the New Haven Hebrew Day School

Secretary Ann Denny 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 Department of Revenue Service. No one in the audience made any public comments.

On a motion made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, ***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 \$150,000. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, 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 \$150,000.***

Selectman Okenquist entered the meeting after the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(2 minutes per person)

Tom Pisano, 523 Fairway Road spoke regarding public participation and will be bringing his petition to the Town Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

- In Memorium: John Migliaro, Armand Cantafio
- June is Dog License Month, residents who own dogs should obtain their yearly dog license from the Town Clerk before June 30th.
- Friday, June 9th was the 67th Annual Amity High School Commencement. Best wishes to all our high school graduates from Amity as well as all graduates that attend other schools and colleges.
- Tomorrow June 15th is the Living Treasure Dinner. Congratulations to this year's recipients: Betty Hadlock, Roland Hine, and Maureen White.
- Sunday, June 18th is Father's Day. Happy Father's Day to all the Dads, Grandfathers, Stepfathers and to those who are considered father figures to others.
- The Artisan Fest and Vendor Fair is Thursday June 22nd 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. at HPCC. Also, that day is the first summer concert at the Gazebo, The Saab Brothers 6 to 8 p.m.
- Sunday July 2nd is the Independence Day Concert and Fireworks with a Rain date of July 9th. Festivities begin at 6:30 pm with the concert followed by the fireworks at 9:30 pm. There will be food trucks offering a wide variety of food and dessert.
- On Tuesday July 4th Town Offices and the Transfer Station will be closed for the Fourth of July Holiday.
- Carnival Wristbands are on sale now. Online sales have started and end on August 2nd to purchase them go to www.orangevfd.org. Carnival hours this year are

Thursday 5-11 p.m., Friday 5-11 p.m., Saturday 3-11 p.m. with fireworks, and Sunday 12-5 p.m.

Selectman Goldblatt asked if there will be only 1 bracelet for Saturday the entire day. Mr. Foyer sent a message that yes there will only be one bracelet sold for Saturday.

MINUTES

- ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, ***the Board approved the minutes of the May 10, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen 5-0-1, Selectman Williams abstained.***

NEW BUSINESS

1. **26th Annual Chilly Chili 5K Run** – Linda Cohen, Co-Chair for the annual Chilly Chili Run requested permission to hold the race and waiver of rental fees. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the request to hold the 26th Annual Chilly Chili Run on January 1, 2024 at High Plains Community Center and to waive the customary fees.***
2. **Request from the Lions Club to Waive the Customary Rental Fees for Use of the Pavilion at HPCC for a comedy night fundraiser** – Ken Lenz from the Orange Lion’s Club requested a waiver of the facility rental fee for the HPCC Pavilion on Saturday August 26, 2023, for a comedy night fundraiser for the Orange Lions Club. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the request to waive the customary rental fees for the pavilion at HPCC for the Lion’s Club comedy night August 26, 2023.***
3. **Appointment of Jasper J. Jaser as Orange’s Representative to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District’s Representative Policy Board** - ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Shanley and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the appointment of Jasper J. Jaser as Orange’s Representative to the South Central Regional Water District’s Policy Board.***
4. **Request to approve the bid for culvert replacement on Old Country Road and Coachmans Lane using ARPA funds and authorize the First Selectman to execute easements necessary for the project** – Bob Brinton, Town Engineer presented the seven bids received and recommends Earthworks Excavating and Landscaping, Inc. of Oxford, CT. who will hold their price of \$995,540 until the precast concrete culverts are available. There will also be a 10% contingency needed and six easements that the First Selectman will need to execute. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved awarding the bid for the culvert***

replacement on Old Country Road and Coachmans Lane to Earthworks Excavating and Landscaping, Inc. of Oxford, CT recommending to the Board of Finance to designate American Rescue Funds in the amount of \$995,540, plus a 10% contingency, and authorize First Selectman Zeoli to execute the easements necessary for the project.

5. **Request to authorize the Chairman of the WPCA to execute a First Amendment to the Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement dated March 10, 2008 by and between the City of Derby and the Town of Orange concerning 603 Derby Avenue, Orange, CT** – Town Attorney Vincent Marino requested this amendment to include the State Highway Garage at 603 Derby Avenue. There is no cost to the town, the State Highway Garage will be billed based upon water consumption. *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, *the board approved the request to authorize the Chairman of the WPCA to sign the Amendment to the Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement dated March 10, 2008 by and between the City of Derby and the Town of Orange concerning 603 Derby Avenue Orange, CT.*
6. **Sidewalks and Curbing for the Playground at Fred Wolfe Park using LoCIP Funds** – First Selectman Zeoli presented the quotes received and recommends Prindle Hill Construction LLC. for approximately 500’ of sidewalk and 110’ extension of curbing. *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Shanley, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved awarding Prindle Hill Construction LLC the work for sidewalks and extension of curbing for the playground at Fred Wolfe Park using LoCIP funds.*
7. **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 \$2,292.20 for the month of June.*

COMMITTEES

1. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt reported the transition to Voya has gone well and employees have given good feedback on the new vendor.
2. **FWP ADHOC Committee** – Selectman Carangelo reported there is a meeting tomorrow night at 5:30, they will be continuing discussions on traffic and safety. They had proposals from 3 vendors and now they are down to 2. They have also been made aware of criminal activity at Fred Wolfe Park.

Selectman Williams *made a motion* to close the Regular meeting and convene into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. and invite Finance Director Cifarelli. Selectman Carangelo *seconded the motion*. All voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **Discussion of Personnel Issue – Zoning/Wetlands Official**
2. **Discussion of pay rates for non-union Town of Orange Employees**
3. **Discussion of Personnel Issue – Reclassification of Police Department Positions**

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:45P.M.

VOTE

1. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Shanley, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved as presented in Executive Session the changes to the Zoning/Wetlands Official.***
2. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the pay rates for non-union Town of Orange Employees with corrections as discussed in Executive Session.***
3. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the changes and consolidation (elimination of one position) of Police Department Personnel as presented in Executive Session.***

At 8:50 P.M., Selectman Okenquist made ***a motion to adjourn the meeting.*** Selectman Shanley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Denny
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen