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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023
TOWN HALL
LOWER- LEVEL MEETING ROOM
7:00 P.M.**

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present:

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

Vincent Marino, Town Counsel
Ann Denny, Secretary
John Cifarelli, Finance Director
Bob Brinton, Town Engineer
Tom Hurley, Tax Collector

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Mary Jo Kelly
TOWN CLERK

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by First Selectman Zeoli. The fire exits were noted, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the roll call.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(2 minutes per person)

Ron Kaye, 90 Hall Drive has been a resident for two years and asked if the enclosures for the agenda items could be digitalized and made available for people to see.

Tom Pisano, 523 Fairway Road apologized to Selectman Okenquist and has a petition ready to present to the Town Clerk.

Selectmen Goldblatt praised the Amity Theatre group for a spectacular production. He announced that on Earth Day Saturday April 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at HPCC is the next shredding day and HazWaste collection. If you can register online for bringing any hazardous waste the line will go quicker but you can do it in line the day of. There will also be a mattress collection and if you need one picked up for a \$15 donation you can contact Orange Lion Ken Lenz at 203-795-3906. The Orange Community Women will be collecting clothes and household items that they will bring to Savers. Buy Nothing Orange will be holding a free exchange. He also thanked the Board for changing the March meeting, so he didn't have to miss the meeting. When he was on his trip, he put a Bicentennial pin in the Western Wall and said a prayer for The Town of Orange when he visited Jerusalem.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

In Memorium: Daniel Duarte

- The Amity Theatre kids did an amazing job on their spring play.
- April is DONATE LIFE MONTH please consider becoming an organ donor. You can enroll when you apply or renew your driver's license or register online at www.RegisterMe.org.
- Thursday, April 20, 2023: Board of Finance Budget Hearing will take place at 7:00 PM in the HPCC Cafeteria. The Proposed Town Budget is on the website and in the Town Clerk's office for review.
- Park & Recreation online registration started April 3rd and is going well.
- The Assessor's Office has started the revaluation process with the help of J.R. Ryan if you see them in your neighborhood taking pictures that is who they are.

MINUTES

- *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams, *the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the March 1, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen*

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Request to increase the Facility Rental Fees for High Plains Community Center** - Finance Director John Cifarelli presented new rates to charge for the facility rental for High Plains Community Center. This item was not discussed last month when the custodial fees were increased. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, and unanimously carried, *the board approved the request as presented from Finance Director Cifarelli to increase the Facility Rental Fees for High Plains Community Center effective immediately.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Resolution adopting the South Central Regional Council of Governments Hazardous Mitigation Plan Update (Orange Annex)** Town Engineer Bob Brinton was present to answer any questions on the updated Hazardous Mitigation Plan. *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the board approved the request as presented to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Resolution adopting the South Central Regional Council of Governments Hazardous Plan Update (Orange Annex).*

2. **Request to approve a new front end system for the tax office** Tax Collector Tom Hurley presented the 4 bids received for the new front end system in the tax office and recommends Sturgis. *On a motion* made by Selectman Shanley, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved awarding Sturgis the contract for the new front end system for the tax office.*

3. **Request to authorize the First Selectman to sign an Amendment to the Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement dated January 28, 1985 between the City of West Haven and the Town of Orange concerning 329 Smith Farm Road Orange, CT** – Town Attorney Vincent Marino stated this was an amendment to include the new development at 329 Smith Farm Road that is under construction. There is no cost to the town, the residents that occupy the units will be billed based upon water consumption. *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Shanley, and unanimously carried, *the board approved the request as to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Amendment to the Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement dated January 28, 1985 between the City of West Haven and the Town of Orange concerning 329 Smith Farm Road Orange, CT.*

4. **To consider and act on the request to approve the contracts for funding of services at Silverbrook Estates** – Sue Mauro the Administrator of Silverbrook Estates was not present but provided information on the following contracts for Silverbrook:
 - a. Congregate Budget (Max \$330,000) and Administrative Budget (Max \$99,500).
 - b. Housing Management Agreement between the Town of Orange and Elderly Housing Management beginning. Two-year contract beginning 7/1/23.
 - c. DOH Management Plan ensuring the State of CT DOH that the Town of Orange as owner, and Elderly Housing Management as manager, adhere to this proposed plan. Two-year contract beginning 7/1/23.
 - d. Security Contract with Orion Protective Services Inc. Two-year contract beginning 7/1/23.

On a motion made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the contracts for funding of services at Silverbrook Estates as presented above.*

5. **Request to approve LoCIP funds for material for the playground and parking at Fred Wolfe Parke** *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request for the use of LoCIP funds for material for the playground and parking at Fred Wolfe Park in the amount of \$50,615.48.*

6. **Request for a town donation towards the Independence Day Celebration** *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved a donation of \$25,000 for the Independence Day Celebration.*

7. **Request to hang a banner for the Orange Volunteer Firemen’s Carnival being held August 3rd to 6th** *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved hanging a banner for the Orange Volunteer Firemen’s Carnival being held August 3rd to 6th.*
8. **Request to conduct a Block Party in the Ox Yoke Road Neighborhood** *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Shanley, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to conduct a Block Party in the Ox Yoke Road Neighborhood on September 9, 2023 with a rain date of September 10, 2023.*
9. **Tax Refunds for the Month of April:** *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the tax refunds in the amount of \$13,044.01 for the month of April.*

COMMITTEES

1. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt had no report.
2. **FWP AD HOC Committee** – Selectmen Carangelo stated the next meeting is scheduled for April 19th but may get rescheduled if they don’t have a quorum. They have met with several vendors and at the next meeting they will be in the process of reviewing the proposals.

At 8:12 P.M. Selectman Williams *made a motion* to close the Regular meeting and convene into Executive Session, Finance Director Cifarelli was invited to join the Executive Session. Selectman Shanley *seconded the motion*. All voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **Discussion of 2022-2025 Proposed Labor Agreement between the Town and UPSEU Local 424-Unit 73 Orange Supervisors**

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:46 P.M.

VOTE

On a motion made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, *the board approved* that the Board of Selectmen move to ratify the Tentative Agreement between The Town of Orange and UPSEU Local 424-Unit 73 Orange Supervisors with the changes as discussed in Executive Session.

At 8:47 P.M., Selectman Carangelo made *a motion to adjourn the meeting*. Selectman Okenquist seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Denny
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen