



# Town of Orange, Connecticut

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 07, 2022  
TOWN HALL  
LOWER- LEVEL MEETING ROOM  
7:00 P.M.**

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

**Present:**

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

Ann Denny, Secretary  
Bob Brinton, Town Engineer  
George Lesko, Orange Lions Club  
Sue Yamaguchi

2022 SEP -8 PM 3:07  
OFFICE OF THE TOWN ENGINEER  
BOB BRINTON  
TOWN ENGINEER

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.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

(2 minutes per person)

Sue Yamaguchi presented First Selectman Zeoli and the Board a quilt that she made for the Bicentennial that will be displayed at town hall. She had enough material left to make a smaller one that will be raffled off and the proceeds will benefit the Orange Fuel Bank. Patrick O’Sullivan presented First Selectman Zeoli a flag from 1822 to commemorate the year Orange was founded.

Tom Pisano 523 Fairway Road said he is working with Park & Rec to continue to develop Fred Wolfe Park.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Selectman Goldblatt announced the Bicentennial clock was installed and the plaque for it has been ordered. He reminded everyone that Saturday October 8th is the next shredding day, and mattress recycling. The Orange Rotary Club is helping the Recycling Committee and donations can be made to their scholarship fund. Mattresses can be brought to HPCC, or it can be picked up for a donation to the Orange Lions Club. For pick up contact Ken

Lenz at 203-795-3906. The Orange Community Women are collecting clothing and housewares under the pavilion.

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

- Orange Country Fair is September 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> and entries are due Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>.
- There is no Farmer's Market next Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> due to the fair but there is one tomorrow.
- Thank you to Paul and Stephen Borrelli of All-Brite Electric for donating their services to connect the electricity to the new tower clock that was installed to commemorate the bicentennial.
- Starting this month, the OVNA will be conducting Covid Vaccine Clinics and Flu Clinics for more information contact the OVNA at 203-891-4752.
- The Democratic and Republican town committees will be playing each other in a charity kickball game on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at HPCC. All Proceeds will benefit the Orange Community Assistance Fund Fuel Bank. Contact Polly Demirjian and Dominick Lombardi. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Orange Food Bank. It is \$20 to participate and \$10 for spectators.
- Town offices will be closed October 10th in observance of Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day. The Transfer Station will be open.
- To answer the question from last month's meeting regarding the gym floor that is being replaced at High Plains Community Center, Town Engineer Bob Brinton sent information that there is a 25-year warranty.

### MINUTES

- *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, *the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the August 10, 2022, Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen as amended on page 2 to change \$25 to \$5.*

### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Bid for tree removal** - Town Engineer Bob Brinton presented the bid results for tree removal and recommended Paulo Landscaping and Tree Removal LLC, of Orange with a base bid of \$14,900.00 for the list of trees. He recommends additional work be awarded to both Paulo Landscaping and Tree Removal LLC at \$295.00 per hour and Rana Tree Removal LLC at \$225.00 per hour for bucket truck, chipper and 2 men. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved awarding the tree bid to Paulo Landscaping and Tree Service LLC and Rana Tree Removal LLC as presented.*
2. **Request from the Lions Club to Waive the Customary Rental Fees for Use of the Café at HPCC for a Military Whist** – George Lesko from the Orange Lion's Club requested a waiver of the facility rental fee for the HPCC Cafe on Friday November 4, 2022, for a Military Whist which is a card game the Orange Lions are holding as a fundraiser. *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo,

seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to waive the customary rental fees for HPCC for the Lion’s Club Military Whist on November 4, 2022.*

3. **Orange Lions Club Request for Thanksgiving Dinner at HPCC** – George Lesko of the Orange Lions Club requested a waiver of the rental fees and custodial fees for the Thanksgiving Dinner in the gym at High Plains Community Center on Sunday November 27, 2022. *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, 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 27, 2022 at High Plains Community Center.*
4. **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Chilly Chili 5K Run** – Jane Opper, Race Coordinator for the annual Chilly Chili Run requested permission to hold the race and waiver of rental fees. *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to hold the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Chilly Chili Run on January 1, 2023 at High Plains Community Center and to waive the customary fees.*
5. **Board of Selectmen Annual Town Report** – *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the Board of Selectmen 2021-2022 Annual Report as amended.*
6. **Waiver of Medical Benefits for 30 Town Employees** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the waiver of medical benefits for 30 town employees.*
7. **Tax Refunds for the Month of September:** *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the tax refunds in the amount of \$2,477.41 for the month of September.*

### **COMMITTEES**

1. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt reported the committee met last month and had the deferred compensation review. The change to Voya from Mission Square and Mutual of America will happen near the end of the year or beginning of next year. Employees will be notified before this happens. Milliman also presented the actuarial valuation, and the Police pension contribution will be about \$50,000 less and the same for the Town side pension fund. This will result in about \$100,000 being saved in next year’s budget.
2. **Capital Planning** – Selectman Okenquist reported the letters were sent out to department heads for capital requests and they are asked to return them by November 10<sup>th</sup>.

At 8:04 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