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**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.
LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM AT TOWN HALL**

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present:

First Selectman James Zeoli
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt
Selectman Margaret Novicki
Selectman Judy Williams
Selectman Ralph Okenquist
Vincent Marino, Town Counsel
Ann Denny, Secretary
Lawrence Messina, Orange Lions

Tyler Lee, Pack 922
Enzo Martone, Pack 922
Vicki Belotti, Pack 922
Jeremy Virgil, Pack 922
Eric Martone, Pack 922
Frank Esposito
George Geane
Bill Hendrick

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Patrick B. O'Brien
TOWN CLERK

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by First Selectman Zeoli. The fire exits were noted and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by scouts from pack 922, followed by the roll call.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
(2 minutes per person)

- Frank Esposito wanted to clarify statements made at the December 11, 2019 meeting, when he was not able to be present regarding the retirees police contracts.
- George Geane, Kennedy Drive, representing police retirees to raise concerns about contradictions in their contracts.
- Bill Hendrick, retired police officer still has concerns with the dental plan and would like to know when a line for line comparison will be done.

Attorney Marino arrived during public participation at 7:16 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

- Monday, January 20, 2020: All Town Offices will be closed for the observance of Martin Luther King Day, but the transfer station will be open.
- There is still time to protect your mailboxes, put up a batter board to protect against heavy snow from damaging your mailbox. The town does not fix mailboxes unless they run them over.

MINUTES

- Selectman Novicki asked for wording changes/clarifications on page 1 under Public Participation that George Geane's sentence be edited from *grieve about* to *raise concerns*, and Patrick O'Sullivan's sentence be edited from *a part of* to *registered to* a major party to vote.

Selectman Williams, arrived at this point in the meeting 7:23 p.m.

On a motion made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, *the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on December 11, 2019 with the corrections noted above.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request from Cub Scout Pack 922 to waive the customary rental fee for HPCC for Pinewood Derby Event – Tyler Lee and Enzo Martone, cub scouts from Pack 922 presented the request before the Board of Selectmen. The scouts would like to use the HPCC gym Friday, February 7, 2020 for the annual Pinewood Derby. *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt and unanimously carried, *the request by the Cub Scouts Pack 922 to waive the customary rental fee and custodial fee for HPCC on February 7, 2020 was approved.*
2. Request from the Lions Club to Waive the Customary Rental Fees for Use of the Gym at HPCC for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt – Lawrence Messina from the Orange Lion's Club was present to request the waiver of the facility rental fee for the HPCC Gym on the rain date of April 11, 2020 if needed due to inclement weather. The Easter Egg Hunt is at the fairgrounds on Saturday April 4, 2020 with a rain date of Saturday April 11, 2020, and the gym will only be used if they have to move the hunt indoors due to inclement weather on the 11th. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to waive the customary rental fees for HPCC for the Lion's Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 11, 2020 which is the rain date for the event.*

3. Agreement Between the Town of Orange and American Medical Response of Connecticut, Inc. – *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Okenquist and unanimously carried, *the Board approved with the correction on page 2 of the contract price and monthly price listed under 4. Compensation, the 4 Year Agreement commencing on 1/1/20 and expiring on 12/31/23 between the Town of Orange and American Medical Response of Connecticut, Inc.*
4. Request to approve the Tax Refunds for the month January in the amount of \$3,510.93: *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Williams, *the Board unanimously approved the tax refunds in the amount of \$3,510.93 for the month of January.*
5. Discussion on implementing fee at the transfer station: First Selectman Zeoli presented information regarding how much the bulky waste costs the town to dispose of. There will be no action taken tonight he would like the selectmen to review the information, and come prepared to take action next month.

COMMITTEES

1. Pension Board – Selectman Goldblatt had nothing to report.
2. Capital Planning - Selectman Okenquist reported the second meeting is tomorrow night, they will be reviewing the Board of Education and Library requests. They have had site visits for the Board of Education, the Police Department, and the Library. They will visit Public works next week. Public Works, Community Services and Park & Rec will present at the next meeting.
3. Bond Construction Oversight Committee – Selectman Goldblatt reported that they are waiting to hear from Bob Brinton to see when they need to meet again. They have meetings scheduled, but will not meet if there is nothing to take action on. Chairman Kraut is working with the Board of Education on reimbursement for school construction.
4. Personnel – First Selectman Zeoli had nothing to report. They will be meeting shortly and he asked Selectman Novicki if she would like to join the personnel committee. First Selectman Zeoli also announced vacancies on the OVNA, Community Services, and OGAT boards. If there are residents looking to serve on a board please contact the First Selectman's office or any of the Selectmen.

At 8:00 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