



# Town of Orange, Connecticut

TOWN HALL  
617 ORANGE CENTER ROAD  
ORANGE, CONNECTICUT 06477-2499

PHONE: (203) 891-4730  
FAX: (203) 891-2185  
www.orange-ct.gov

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023  
HIGH PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTER  
GYMNASIUM  
7:00 P.M.**

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

**Present:**

First Selectman James Zeoli  
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt  
Selectman John Carangelo  
Selectman Ralph Okenquist

Selectman PJ Shanley  
Ann Denny, Secretary  
Bob Brinton, Town Engineer  
Max Martins, Asst. Chief

ORANGE, CONN  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
REC'D BY TELEPHONE OFFICES  
2023 MAY 11 PM 1:01

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)

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Selectmen Goldblatt announced that the recycling day was very successful with 13,000 lbs. of paper brought for shredding, 27 mattresses were collected, and 116 vehicles drove through the hazwaste collection. The Orange Community Women collected household items and the Buy Nothing Orange Facebook group was there for people who wanted to swap or exchange items for free. \$2,400 in donations were collected for the Rotary Club Scholarship program.

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

- Wednesday, May 17, 2023: Town Referendum will take place from 6 AM until 8 PM at HPCC.
- Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> RBS Food Truck Festival is Friday evening at HPCC.

- Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade beginning at 10:30 am at the Gazebo at the HPCC fairgrounds weather permitting the parade will be after the ceremonies.
- Monday May 29<sup>th</sup> Town Offices and the Transfer Station will be closed for the Memorial Day Holiday
- Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>: OCC Strawberry Festival will take place at the Fairgrounds from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The rain date is June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- June is Dog License month: Starting June 1<sup>st</sup> residents who own dogs should obtain their yearly dog license from the Town Clerk before June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> Independence Day Concert and Fireworks Rain date July 9<sup>th</sup> Festivities begin at 6:30 pm with food trucks ~ The concert Featuring “AM Gold Yacht Rock” followed by the fireworks at 9:30 pm.

### MINUTES

- *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, *the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the April 12, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, with one revision as noted on page four.*

### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consider and Act on the Request to Approve the bid for Town Hall, Clark Building, and Library cleaning services** Town Engineer Bob Brinton presented the seven bids received and recommends Champion Maintenance and Construction LLC be awarded the contract for the Town Hall, Clark Building, and Library cleaning services. *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, and unanimously carried, *the board approved awarding the three-year cleaning contract for the Town Hall, Clark Building, and Library to Champion Maintenance and Construction LLC as presented.*
2. **Consider and Act on the Request to Approve the bid for the pool equipment room sump pump replacement** Town Engineer Bob Brinton presented the only bid received and recommends Ruotolo Mechanical, Inc. be awarded the contract for pool equipment room sump pump replacement. The bid was advertised on the CT state contracting portal and Ruotolo has successfully performed many projects in the past for the town. *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Shanley, and unanimously carried, *the board approved awarding the contract for the pool equipment room sump pump replacement to Ruotolo Mechanical, Inc. as presented.*
3. **Consider and Act on the Request to purchase two patrol vehicles** This request came from Assistant Chief Max Martins who presented information that the cars are not available at any dealerships in CT that participate in state contract pricing. After much searching, he found a dealer in MA that sells to some municipalities in CT. The MA state contract price of \$40,379 is \$1,621 lower than the CT state contract price. The cars will be paid for with money from the Special Duty Fund.

*On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to purchase two patrol vehicles from Colonial Municipal Group for \$40,379.55 per vehicle.*

4. **Request to approve LoCIP funds for site work preparation for the playground and parking at Fred Wolfe Park** *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Shanley and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request for the use of LoCIP funds for site work preparation for the playground and parking at Fred Wolfe Park in the amount of \$42,190.*
5. **Request to conduct a Public Hearing during the June Board of Selectmen meeting regarding the Neighborhood Assistance Act application submitted by Southern CT Hebrew School Academy** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to conduct a Public Hearing during the June 14, 2023 Board of Selectmen meeting regarding the Neighborhood Assistance Act application submitted by Southern CT Hebrew School Academy.*
6. **Request to Conduct the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Club of Orange Thanksgiving Day 5K Road Race** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request from the Rotary Club to conduct the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Club Thanksgiving 5K Road Race and 2 mile walk on November 23, 2023, hang a banner two weeks prior to the event over Orange Center Road and to waive the rental fee for the use of HPCC.*
7. **Vending License for July 2, 2023 Fireworks Show** – Howard Dragunoff, of Action Enterprises requested a vending license to sell novelties during the fireworks show on July 2, 2023. *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved Howard Dragunoff's request for a vending license to sell novelties during the Fireworks Show on July 2, 2023.*
8. **Tax Refunds for the Month of May:** *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the tax refunds in the amount of \$5,878.03 for the month of May.*

At 7:22 P.M., Selectman Shanley 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