



# 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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FINANCING BY THE ORANGE  
VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION AND  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021  
HIGH PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTER  
7:00 P.M.**

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

**Present:**

First Selectman James Zeoli  
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt  
Selectman Margaret Novicki  
Selectman Ralph Okenquist

Selectman John Carangelo  
Selectman Judy Williams  
Ann Denny, Secretary  
Vaughn Dumas, Fire Chief

ORANGE, CONN  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
RECEIVED FROM RECORDS  
2021 MAY 13 PM 12:16  
Meredith B. O'Connell  
TOWN CLERK

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. by First Selectman Zeoli.

*On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, *the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. and the Public Hearing was convened.* All voted in favor.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Request from the Orange Volunteer Fire Association to Approve a Resolution to Finance a New Firetruck** – Fire Chief Vaughn Dumas expressed condolences to the New Haven Fire Department on their loss this morning of Fireman Rico Torres and a speedy recovery to Samod Rankins who was hospitalized while fighting an early morning fire in New Haven before he presented a brief history of the OVFD and the various fundraisers that support this volunteer association. He spoke about the need for a new firetruck and outlined the benefits of the particular equipment they are interested in. An overview of the lease agreement between Community Leasing Partners and the OVFD was presented to the Board, it was highlighted that the approval of the Board does not in any way constitute any financial involvement or obligation of the Town. The cost of the firetruck is \$478,779 and with a down payment of \$58,779, the Fire Department will be financing \$420,000 over 4 years.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

***On a motion*** made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, ***the Public Hearing was closed at 7:19 p.m. and the Regular Meeting was convened.***

### **VOTE**

**Vote to Approve a Resolution to Finance a New Firetruck** – ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the Agreement for the Orange Volunteer Fire Association to finance a 2022 Custom Spartan Class A Pumper in the amount of \$478,779.00 with Community Leasing Partners, and maintained by the Orange Volunteer Fire Department.***

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

(2 minutes per person)

None

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Selectman Goldblatt congratulated the Orange Historical Society and the Town of Orange for their Award of Merit presented to the Bryan-Andrew House from Preservation Connecticut. Selectman Goldblatt reminded residents that there is a Simple Recycling container at High Plains and the trailer at the Transfer Station. Please make sure items are bagged and placed in the container at High Plains and not left on the ground, and to bag or box items left at the transfer station.

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

In Memorium: Betsy Kirchberg, Allen Mushin, Ken Lyke

The Town Referendum will take place Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup> from 6 AM.to 8 PM. at HPCC. On Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> the Memorial Day Ceremony begins at 10:30 AM at the Gazebo on the Fairgrounds and the parade will follow the ceremony. Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> all Town Offices, and the Transfer Station will be closed for the Memorial Day Holiday. A scaled down Strawberry Festival will take place at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM., the rain date is June 13<sup>th</sup>. June is Dog License month, residents who own dogs should obtain their yearly dog license from the Town Clerk before June 30<sup>th</sup>, licenses may be obtained online starting June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Town of Orange offers our condolences to the New Haven Fire Department and the families of the fire fighters involved in the tragedy in New Haven. First Selectman Zeoli recognized Town Clerk Pat O’Sullivan who will be retiring after this term in office, he thanked him for his many years of service to the Town, as Town Clerk, as a member of the Board of Selectmen, and as State Representative.

## MINUTES

- *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt, *the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on April 14, 2021, with one correction on page 2 under announcements Rudowitz was misspelled it should be Rutowitz.*

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request to conduct a Public Hearing during the June 9, 2021 Board of Selectmen meeting regarding the Neighborhood Assistance Act application submitted by Southern CT Hebrew School Academy** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to conduct a Public Hearing during the June 9, 2021 Board of Selectmen meeting regarding the Neighborhood Assistance Act application submitted by Southern CT Hebrew School Academy.*
2. **Request to Hang a Banner to Promote the Strawberry Festival** – Bob Sigler, Strawberry Festival Co-Chairperson, requested to hang a banner two weeks prior to the Strawberry Festival to help promote the event. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request from the Strawberry Festival Committee to hang a banner over Orange Center Road two weeks prior to the event.*
3. **Tax Refunds for the month of May-** *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Novicki, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the tax refunds in the amount of \$ 12,951.03 for the month of May.*
4. **Request to approve \$6,000 in LoCIP funds for driveway expansion at Fred Wolfe Park** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to approve \$6,000 in LoCIP funds for driveway expansion at Fred Wolfe Park.*

## COMMITTEES

1. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt reported the next meeting is a joint meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> with the Board of Finance and our consultants to review our plans and investments and explain how we budget for the pension and defined contribution plans.
2. **Emergency Management** - Selectman Novicki reported that the last meeting of the Emergency Management Subcommittee on COVID was 05.07.21. Covid cases are stable in Orange, three weeks ago there were 16 cases, two weeks ago 13 cases and last week there was only 1 case. All restrictions from the State are ending May 19<sup>th</sup>, masks will still be required indoors, hopefully this will not

impact the Town and we will not see a surge in cases. The COVID 19 vaccination clinics hosted by the Orange Health Department will be suspending operations on May 27<sup>th</sup>, information will be posted on the Town website if future clinics are needed for booster shots.

3. **Personnel** – First Selectman Zeoli had no report.

At 7:35 P.M., Selectman Williams made *a motion to adjourn the meeting*. Selectman Novicki seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Denny  
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen