



Town of Orange, Connecticut

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**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ESTABLISHING A NEW ORDINANCE 30-350
AUTHORIZATION TO KEEP DE MINIMIS EXCESS OVERPAYMENTS FOR
PROPERTY TAXES AND
SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022
7:00 P.M.
LOWER-LEVEL MEETING ROOM
TOWN HALL**

APPROVED MINUTES

Present:

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

Bob Brinton, Town Engineer
Tom Hurley, Tax Collector
Eric Hendlin, Pension Board
Dan May, Rotary Club of Orange
Ann Denny, Secretary

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.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

On the purpose of establishing a new ordinance regarding the authorization to waive property taxes of \$25.00 or less.

First Selectman Zeoli read the notice of public hearing. Tax Collector Tom Hurley presented information to the board and answered questions regarding the request before the board. There was no public participation. First Selectman Zeoli stated he had heard from people who did not support the request. Discussion among the selectmen followed with the consensus that \$25.00 was too high a figure, and to eliminate the discretion of the tax collector wording in the ordinance.

On a motion made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, ***the Public Hearing was adjourned, and the regular meeting was reconvened.*** All voted in favor.

VOTE

Vote to approve establishing a new ordinance regarding the authorization to waive property taxes of \$25.00 or less

On a motion made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, ***the Board voted to approve establishing a new ordinance Authorizing The Town's Tax Assessor and Tax Collector by this action are delegated to waive the tax billing and collection of bills and residual bills on amounts of \$5.00 or less.***

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(2 minutes per person)

Tom Pisano, 523 Fairway Road spoke about the farm leases on town properties. Patrick O'Sullivan, Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee presented the First Selectman and the Board of Selectman a letter for the Bicentennial from Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro that was read into the Congressional records. He also presented a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol. Mr. O'Sullivan thanked the Bicentennial Committee for all their hard work, and he recapped the events of the summer that have happened and the ones coming up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Goldblatt thanked Pat O'Sullivan for all his hard work on the Bicentennial. He gave an update on the Bicentennial clock which should be installed by the end of the month. Selectman Goldblatt reminded people that use the plastic bag and wrap collection at the transfer station to please make sure the plastic is clean and no garbage is thrown in.

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

In Memorium: Sue Smith, Chance Thompson, and Father Deming

- The Concert and Fireworks that took place on July 9th were a tremendous success. The event was very well attended, and everyone enjoyed the music and the fireworks display. The Town of Orange would like to extend its gratitude to the Orange Town News, The CT Crushers Baseball, and the countless volunteers who made the night so enjoyable for all.
- Farmer's Market – Every Thursday from 3:30 – 7:00 PM at HPCC.
- The Orange Volunteer Firemen Association Carnival is August 4th - August 7th at the Orange Fairgrounds. Raffle tickets are available for purchase at the town hall and various other locations in town. Don't forget to order your wristbands via OVFD website www.orangevfd.org. They are not sold at the carnival.

MINUTES

- ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams, ***the Board approved the minutes of the June 9, 2022 Public Hearing for the Neighborhood Assistance Program Application, Public Hearing for establishing a new ordinance 30-350 Authorization to Keep De Minimus Excess Overpayments for Property Taxes, and Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1, Selectman Shanley abstained.***

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Bid recommendation from the Pension Board for service provider for the 401a and 457 plans** –Eric Hendlin, Pension Board Chairman presented an overview of the bids received and reviewed by the Pension Board. The Pension Board interviewed the two lowest bidders and unanimously approved recommending Voya be awarded the contract as service provider for the 401a and 457 plans. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Shanley, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved Voya as the service provider for the 401a and 457 plans.***
2. **Bid recommendation for Replacing Catch Basin Tops on North Greenbrier Drive and Brentwood Road** – Bob Brinton, Town Engineer presented the eight bids and recommends Ciola Excavation LLC. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved awarding Ciola Excavation LLC the bid for replacing catch basin tops on North Green Brier Drive and Brentwood Road in the amount of \$43,200.00.***
3. **Request from the Rotary Club of Orange to hang a banner to promote the Rotary Lobsterfest and waive the customary fees for the use of the HPCC Kitchen on Friday and Saturday August 12th and 13th** - Dan May of the Rotary Club of Orange was present to request hanging a banner to promote the Rotary Club Lobsterfest, and waiving the fee for the use of the HPCC kitchen. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the request from the Rotary Club of Orange to hang a banner to promote the Rotary Lobsterfest and waive the customary fees for the use of the HPCC Kitchen on Friday and Saturday August 12th and 13th.***
4. **Tax Refunds for the Month of July:** ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, ***the Board approved the tax refunds in the amount of \$15,943.21 for the month of July.***

COMMITTEES

1. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt had no report.

Selectman Shanley *made a motion* to close the Regular meeting and convene into Executive Session. Selectman Carangelo *seconded the motion*. All voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:45P.M.

VOTE

No action at this time to be continued to the August 10th meeting.

At 8:46 P.M., Selectman Shanley 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