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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 08, 2023
TOWN HALL
LOWER- LEVEL MEETING ROOM
7:00 P.M.**

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
2023 NOV - 9 PM 3:56

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present:

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| First Selectman James Zeoli | Selectman PJ Shanley |
| Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt | Ann Denny, Secretary |
| Selectman Judy Williams | Bob Brinton, Town Engineer |
| Selectman Ralph Okenquist | |

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by First Selectman Zeoli. The fire exits were noted, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the roll call.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
(2 minutes per person)

Tom Pisano of 523 Fairway Road and President of Orange Soccer Association for 37 years. Their address is P.O. Box 605 Orange, CT. He is confused about the study being done at Fred Wolfe Park; he asked if they had read the contract because it is about safety not future expansion at the park. Selectman Carangelo was confused by the comments made by Mr. Pisano, he knows the contract is for a traffic and safety study being done by BL Companies. Mr. Pisano is welcome to come to the next meeting on November 14th. Selectman Shanley stated the task was to look at the existing footprint and make it as safe as possible. BL is very aware of future expansion and will probably bid when it comes time that.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:
He thanked the voters very much and he is very honored to be able to serve the Town for a 19th and 20th year.

Veterans Day is Saturday November 11th, Town Offices will be closed on Friday the 10th, the transfer station is open Friday and Saturday. The Veterans Day Ceremony will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday at the Orange War Remembrance Memorial at High Plains Community Center, if inclement

weather it will be in the gym. The American Legion welcomes the public and any veterans that wish to attend.

Thursday November 16th is the Holiday Market from 3:30-6:30 p.m. under the pavilion at High Plains sponsored by Economic Development.

Friday November 17th is the swearing-in ceremony for all newly elected officials at 4:30 p.m. at HPCC, all are welcome to attend.

Thursday, November 23rd is Thanksgiving Day, all Town offices and the Transfer Station will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

On Friday, November 24th, Town offices will be closed but the Transfer Station will be open 8 - 4:30.

The Orange Rotary Turkey Trot begins at 8:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day at High Plains.

Recycling Schedule for Week of November 20th: Tuesday and Wednesday are the same, but due to the Holiday recycling pick up for Thursday is on Friday and Friday is on Saturday. Make sure bins are out by 6 a.m.

Sunday, December 3rd is the Holiday Festival from 3-6 p.m. with the Tree Lighting Ceremony and Lighted Tractor Parade.

Friday December 8th is the First Night of Hanukkah, a Happy Hanukkah to all those who celebrate.

MINUTES

- *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Okenquist, *the Board approved the minutes of the October 11, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen 5-0-1, Selectman Carangelo abstained.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request to approve bid for replacing Pneumatic HVAC Controls & Related HVAC Improvements at HPCC** Town Engineer Bob Brinton presented the 3 bids received and recommends the low bidder Ruotolo Mechanical, Inc. He also recommends doing the alternates submitted by Ruotolo because funds are available. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the board approved awarding Ruotolo Mechanical, Inc the contract to replace Pneumatic HVAC Controls and related HVAC improvements and for the alternate bid prices submitted in an amount not to exceed \$164,250.*
2. **Request to authorize the First Selectman to sign an Amendment to the Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement dated January 28, 1985 between the City of West Haven and the Town of Orange concerning an approximate 24 acre parcel known as a portion of parcel 55-01-01 on Dogburn Lane, Orange, Conn.** – First Selectman Zeoli explained this request came in from a developer and the map shows a preliminary proposal. Town Engineer Bob Brinton stated this was an amendment to add a 24-acre parcel on Dogburn Lane to the Service area, the developer is proposing 75-3-bedroom, age restricted, market rate units. Discussion ensued and the Selectmen felt there was not enough information provided by the developer of the project to approve it at this time. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, *the board approved tabling the request to Amend the Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement at this time.*

3. **Request to approve Veterans property tax relief per Section 33 of Public Act No. 22-34** First Selectman Zeoli stated we currently give a flat rate exemption. This property tax relief is on the assessed value of their primary residence provided they meet the federal adjusted gross income restrictions. *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Shanley, and unanimously carried, *the board approved Veterans related property tax relief per Section 33 of Public Act No. 22-34.*
4. **Request to conduct a Public Hearing during the December Board of Selectmen meeting regarding the OGAT Committee request to amend §68-3. Membership; quorum; terms of office** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to conduct a Public Hearing during the December 13, 2023 Board of Selectmen meeting regarding the OGAT Committee request to amend §68-3. Membership; quorum; terms of office contingent upon Attorney Marino’s review to include all appointed Boards and Commissions.*
5. **Request for playground equipment at High Plains Community Center** First Selectman Zeoli stated he met with the representative from Creative Playthings at the playground with Danielle Hoddinott to review the area and answer any questions. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the purchase of playground equipment from Creative Playthings in the amount of \$21,039 using LoCip funds.*
6. **Tax Refunds for the Month of November:** *On a motion* made by Selectman Okenquist, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the tax refunds in the amount of \$25,066.71 for the month of November.*

COMMITTEES

1. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt had no report, the Pension Board is meeting tomorrow night.
2. **FWP AD HOC Committee** – Selectmen Carangelo and Shanley had no report the committee is meeting on November 14th at 6 p.m.
3. **Capital Planning** – Selectman Okenquist reported 2 department inputs have been received, and the committee is scheduled to meet on November 30th.

At 7:52 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