

REORGANIZATION & REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, JANUARY 7, 2019

A reorganization and regular board meeting for the Town of Orange was held on Monday, January 7, 2019 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:30PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor

Rick Hendrick, Councilman

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT: Kyle Hatch, Scottie Hatch, Doug Veley, Kelly Seeley, McKenna Seeley, Norma Burris, Mary Olin, David Bronfenbrenner, Kevin Coon, Sam Mattison, Jeremy Abbey, Highway Supervisor, Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #1

On the motion Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison that the Town of Orange Reorganize with the following: official blanket undertaking for insurance coverage of all Town properties will be Sprague Insurance for the premium of \$21,930.18, the employees, building; equipment will be covered by insurance through Sprague Insurance and NYMIR, the board meeting will remain at the first Monday of the month at 6:30PM, that the town board Established Standard Work Day being Eight hours of consistent work, Caitlyn Brown was appointed as Town Assessor until the term expires in September 30th, 2019, that the town will table the appointment of a Town Attorney while searching for a new one, to Al Buckland was appointed as Building Code Officer, to appoint Registrar of Vital Statistics to be Thomas Peer, the Highway Superintendent and employee wages were set by budget and union contract, Appoint of Deputy Highway Superintendent will be held by Dough Veley until a new one can fulfill the duty, the board appointed Jocelyn Harrison as Deputy Supervisor, the Town Historian will be Thomas Peer, Community Bank will be retained as the Official Depository for the Supervisor, Town Clerk and Tax Collector, the board authorizes the tax collector to deposit tax collection monies in an interest bearing account, the Justice Department will retain Community Bank as depository for Justice Funds, the Watkins Review and Southern Tier Shopper will be the official newspapers for the Town, the mileage rate for town business will be \$58 per mile as set by the federal government, the board authorizes the Supervisor to pay certain bills as prepaids to avoid late fees and service charges, the Assessor Caitiyn Brown was appointed to handle all dog inflicted damage, the return check fee of \$35.00 will be charged by the Town, the board authorizes the Supervisor to invest surplus fund in C/D's, the Recycling Supervisor will be Scott

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McIwain, all salaries for elected and appointed officials were set by budget, the BAR members appointed are Gary Whyman, Chair, Lewis Harrison, and Nicholas Haner.

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Joanne Randall asked Thomas Peer to read aloud a letter that was given to him by Susan Allen Councilwoman. The letter stated that Susan Allen would be resigning from the town board effective December 31st, 2018. This letter can be found on file with the town clerk.

Joanne Randall - We need to appoint a new board member. There have been two names that have been submitted; Norma Burris and Darron Miller. Does the board have any thoughts?

Rick Hendrick - Norma has been coming to all the meetings and showing interest in town business.

Joanne - Okay, anyone have a problem with Norma filling the town board position?

Jocelyn Harrison - So, she would only fulfill the remaining term of one year?

Joanne - Yes, until the end of 2019. If she wanted to, she could run in November 2019 for the full term of two years.

RESOLUTION #2

On the motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick that the Reorganize the Town and County Committees positions to be appointed as well as fill Susan Allen vacate board seat: Landfill Commission - Rick Hendrick, Member/Delegate for Schuyler County Council of Government will be Joanne Randall, Alternate to Above Jocelyn Harrison, own with the Schuyler County Historical Society will be Thomas Peer, the coordinator of the Summer Swim Program will be Thomas Peer with Misty Simms, Highway Committee will consist of Nancy Whipple, Rick Hendrick, Jocelyn Harrison, and Jeremy Abbey, Town Hall building and grounds will be handled by Thomas Peer and Rick Hendrick, The Fire Department Committee will consist of Nancy Whipple and Jocelyn Harrison, Highway Department building and grounds will be taken care of by Jeremy Abbey and Dough Veley, Cemetery Committee will consist of Darren Miller and Joanne Randall, Town Justice session will be attended by Norma Burris, Town Planning Board Chairperson will be Carol Rhodes and will recruit new members, Worker's Comp Alliance safety and regulations will be handled by Jeremy Abbey and Jocelyn Harrison, Rick Hendrick was appointed to the Schuyler County Regional Planning Board for two years, By contract the dog control officer is Renee Hatch through the Schuyler County Sheriff's



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Thomas Peer - The Frost permit expired in April.

Kyle Hatch - Logger from Hatch Logging - Hello town board, I have had the trooper, DEC, DOT, Jeremy, and Rick yourself have shown up. I have never in 23 years been harassed like this before in a week and a half over on Coon Hollow.

Rick - the drawing from the permit on the landing, where the logs will be place was changed. To over on Webster property. We don't have a permit for Webster or Frost.

Kyle -You do have the permit for Bennett's.

Rick - What about all three lots?

Kyle - You don't need one for all three lots according to the by-laws. The third one Webster's does not have enough requirements for the permit. We just bought a few trees off them to have access to the property. So, we were not cross the trout stream. Nothing I am doing over there is criminal, by having them all come and see me. The town is being placed in a not so good situation. The troops were asked to bring out DOT, who was saying I am overweight. What is happening here could lead to the Town of Orange timber being devalued, by miss representing the town you are telling every person who owns timbers not to sell. There are only two companies who buy timber around here. Gutches timber and Wagner Hardwood, by creating hardships only places a sour taste with me and this companies. I could care less if that timber rots up in the hills. They hired me to get the timber out of the woods. No one would want to deal with this, so you may lose out on bids on timber here. Just because one or two people on that road are complaining then think about the whole town. There could be a 30% gap of timber collected in this town. This is not the first time this town has done this; the state is even having a hard time getting their own timber out.

Rick - So who puts the money into the road is it is damaged?

Kyle - I don't make your by-laws. There is nothing in the by-laws that says that. Jeremy has every right to come out and stop me if I am doing justifiable damage to the road. You don't as a town councilman that is Jeremy job. So why are you making the calls overstepping you guy. I don't understand it.

Jeremy - He is not doing anything wrong and is not causing any damage to the road or bridge. There is no difference than Southern Tier coming down with a load of cars.

Kyle - Where we have the problem at is have six different law enforcement people out there on the landing is some form of harassment. Is that how we operate in the Town of Orange? 23 years

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and have been to most townships in New York, not ever had these problems. Other towns come out and put item #4 in the soft spots and don't call 911. 20% of New York economy comes from timber industry. People having a hard time paying taxes use me to get their timber to the markets. I am a little mad to be here.

Rick - That is good, if you are here to tell me that I messed up so be it. Glad you are here to speak your peace.

Kyle - The company the bought the timber is unhappy. They are a large company, they employ a 1,000 in NYS. This is not the way this should be done. This is very unprofessional all the way around. Jeremy has been fine. 100% no problems with the town's superintendent. If you have any more questions, I am here to address them. Number one, most trees on that hill are Ash. All that is dying up there, if it is not removed it will blow over and die. Ash does not weigh as much as other trees. Truck may look overloaded, but they are not. We have been doing the same thing for 23 years not ever having a problem. I only live one county over, so this is by back yard. This is not good for the Town of Orange. Dix does not even have these rules, you are only creating a bad name for the town. Only professionals are logging, and we expect to be treated that way. People don't like logging anymore, so only a few companies are left. Is there anything else that you wish us to comply to? We are not crossing to trout stream we moved over to avoid the stream. You are right, on the first permit it did show us crossing the stream, but we got some of Webster's land to avoid that problem. The road is not bad, any truck or car will have a problem on the road, dry or wet days. I have offered to put gravel at the entrance to land out of my own pocket, not the company pocket. I just want to be treated like a professional, not some second-class citizen. If you don't know what is going on, stop over and ask. I will be glad to share, and that all is what I really have to say. I don't expect much more from the Town of Orange.

Joanne - Thank you for coming in and letting us know about this.

Kyle - You are just making it harder to sell timber, already your town has one of the highest application fees for harvesting timber. Timber companies see that, and they will not come here unless the timber is good.

Joanne - Yes, I think we have already seen that happened after going to \$250.

Kyle - There is a lot of cause and effects that can change the mind of timber companies.

Kevin Coon - I live on Hornby Road, I bet Kyle would not put a truck on Hornby Road. He might break a spring or something, has anyone been over to Hornby Road? Bad, when they did those undercuts and put the drain tile in. All that was placed on it was truckloads of gravel and

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rolled over. You don't do that; you bring it up in lifts. 6 to 1-foot lifts. You don't fill a 4-foot hole and run it over with a roller. Before winter is over someone will be complaining about their car being damaged. Needed to be backfilled the right way and use CHIPS money with oil stone.

Jeremy - We did put in lifts, and with the raid this year. Dumping wet gravel in a hole. We are planning a seal coating from the Town of Dix lines to the intersection of Coon Hollow and Chambers road. The CHIPS money is being used to black top road.

Kyle - I'll speak up, this is the wettest year in a long time.

Kevin - I understand, but a lot of people drive that road. Why is the gravel wet?

Jeremy - We don't have barn to put the gravel in. We get the gravel from S.T. Coot which is state inspected gravel.

Kyle - I am going to leave, but if anyone needs many things, I will be over there for another three weeks.

RESOLUTION #5

On the motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to accept the bid price and check from Auctions International for \$58,760.00.

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Town Clerk Report - Thomas Peer - Its tax time, busy with that. Collected about \$60,000 in the first week of collections. Been focusing on this grant and trying to work out the details with the grant writers. We are taking what BEIL's and Digital Towpath and putting it into words that will show the state how they will be part of the transition to digital documents. We are trying to sell to the state that we need this money to help keep our longer-term documents as historical documents to our town. One more thing I have been working on with Schuyler County is HEAL Schuyler (Healthy, Eating, Activities, and Living) put on with the Schuyler County Health Department. The town has ordered a display rack to hold maps of all the hiking trails in Schuyler County. These maps are to help people get out and be active in the communities, and how better to do that then by showing off our nice hiking trails. We are hoping to get it in February and hung up before Spring, so people can plan their activities. Also, in the Chemung & Schuyler Municipal Clerks Association at the December meeting, I was appointed to be the acting President of our local chapter, I feel it is a great opportunity to have knowing that not even being a clerk for one full year they appointed me.



replaced. Fire equipment is not cheap either, or there is not used website for all this stuff. Also, we got some new turnout gear, which was \$13,000 for all the interior firefighter. Our main fund is \$27,067.41, we have \$2,600 to deposit back in. In our 2% account we have \$5,200.57, training account is \$941, but we have been using money from the main account for training and stuff. We have seven that are going to EMT class, which starts tomorrow night and ends in June. We currently have 30 members, four are auxiliary members. In the month of December, we have had 324 hours of training consecutively. One calls the other day, four people showed up to an EMT call, pick up fallen person. Our air packs will be served, that is a big chunk of money, then our gear will be coming in. We do meet with our accountant on the 20th again to get our six-month audit review, and we will get that back to you. Our accountant is John Carrie from Watkins Glen.

Kelly Seely left after the report was given.

#### New Business

Solar Local Law - Joanne - We must have a local solar law only because there are more solar farm going in all the time. Everything I have read say that they are fine until it comes to the decommissioning process, and who gets stuck with that. Is it the town responsibility, the company, who knows? Like what will happen to all the panels and who will be taking them down. I have given each board members three copies of other town's local laws on solar: Big Flats, Reading, Monroe. I would like the board to look at them and see what our town's local law would look like. What parts do we like and don't like from each of the copies? Then come back to next month meeting to see what we all have come up with on making a new local solar law. Then the following month there will have to be a public hearing on the local law. And at the same time, we will do the Prior Notice Law, which has been already written out for us by NYMIR. They said we should adopt the law in their form, and if you compare that to our local law written in 1984 is missing a lot of things. So, we will be discussing local laws at the next board meeting.

#### Privilege of Floor/ Public Concerns

Kevin Coon - Jeremy is right that the undercutting of the road is about 800 to 900 feet. Was compacted in lifts. What I am talking about is the individual box outs. They were not compacted in lifts, there was never a clay tamp heavy enough to pound down that material. You can't dive a roller in a 3-foot cut and make it effective. The road is wash boarding; with truck traffic I understand that is normal. A lot of that can go away with oil and stone or black top. There are three that are on my mind that have potholes all over. So, at the end of Spring the top lay is going to have to be removed and replaced. Let's call it a foot, foot and a half, then fresh material put in. Clay tamps can be rented; they have diesel powered ones that weigh 4,000 pounds self-propelled. Rising and lowering it into and out of the lifts, nothing like that was over there. Are we good?

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Jeremy - I guess, I don't know where you are getting four feet of gravel from, when there are three feet of bone in there.

Kevin - If you want to talk about gravel you have to talk about oversize. You know as well as I do, you can't dive a roller into a hole unless you ramp one side.

Dough Veley - There was a ramp in every lift on that road. The roller was used that way every one of them.

Jeremy - I know where you are talking about where the holes are. It was so wet that time of year, we had to close the road up. There was no other option, other than dumping item four stones in there.

Kevin - In the case of a contract, they would not be paid for that. When left in that condition. I know that this is a township, but if it isn't working fix it. Of course, now it is too late with the frost in the ground. This has been going on for two or three months.

Joanne - Can you give him to the Summer to get it fixed. I know all the roads are in bad shape with the thawing and freezing, and raining and raining and raining and whatever else, so a lot are in bad shape. Hopefully the Summer will be dryer to fix all the roads to shape. There are only four guys and not a lot of time to work. Things will change on that hill, they have too. That road is labeled as our emergency escape route. That was labeled by the State. We can't get any help either from the State to do it, we have tried. Maybe when all of our grants are done we will go for one for that hill road. We have even had Delta engineering up there at one point looking at the road and all the roads in this town to see what needs to be done.

Mary Olin - Did you say that \$90,000 some was spent this past month?

Jeremy - Yeah that is a lot, but I think workers comp is in there.

Thomas/Joanne - Stewart P. Wilson- which is fuel, Tioga Bank - Bond for truck loan payment.

Mary - I thought last month you paid for the pick-up truck.

Joanne- This is for our dump truck that we bonded for.

Thomas - Then there is Watkins Glen Supply, owned them some stuff. Workers Comp Alliance which is \$47,657.00

Mary - Oh I see, you guys never really say what is being paid, just a number. But one other question, you sold stuff for \$56,000?

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Jeremy - Yes.

Mary - But we have to front the money to pay for the Sexton Hollow Bridge, can't you just use that money?

Jeremy - Well the problem with that is we are going to try to bond for the money.

Joanne - Or either short term note. The problem is the first expense is engineering, and they give us a list because we are dealing with the State, so these engineers are not cheap. They County could have done this project for \$200,000, but it's going to be \$450,000 because of State money. After choosing an engineer that is going to cost us \$180,000 to have them engineer a new bridge. After paying that, 60 days after the State will reimburse the town the money to give back to the bank or pay off the loan quickly. The next big expense is the box culver itself. The building and whatever, putting it in could all be \$358,000. So, there is no way to have that amount of money in our budget to upfront the cost. So, I have not talked to the Comptroller yet on the best way or how other towns do this, and I was thinking we can go over to Community Bank and ask them for a short-term note. Because after 60 days they will get their money back, but I don't know if they can deal with us or not. If not then we will have got to Tioga State Bank, they have been good about dealing with us and get a bond through them or see if they can give us a short term note. That is my plan so far.

Jeremy - I have a quick question, are we going to buy this microwave or is the town going to buy it for the break room? I really don't know.

Rick - The problem with that is that it is a contract violation, number one.

Joanne - It say we provide you a break room, but nothing in it.

Dough - That was equipment the town already got; we are just replacing it. I believe Certic Stewart got that microwave.

Joanne - That microwave was one that the insurance company replaced after the fire. I believe someone brought at one in from home because they had just gotten a new one.

Jeremy - Then why is it on town inventory? If it is on town inventory, then the town owns it. The list is for insurance and the comptroller. I just want to figure this out, so we can get this paid.

Jocelyn Harrison - How much was paid for the microwave?

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Jeremy - All said and done, \$359. We can't go down to Wal-Mart, we don't have an account there. We can only go certain places.

Jocelyn - But you could have come to us and we could have investigated it.

Rick - See we are getting into contract now. We are talking about buying something for the break room. That is all laid out in the union contract.

Jeremy - It not if it is on the town list.

Rick - Soon we will be talking about lunch breaks and how long they are, then what.

Jeremy - No, it has nothing to do with the time. It has to do with replacing an item that was broken. That almost got the shop on fire.

Rick - \$300 for a microwave.

Jeremy - Listen I don't control the prices. We either spend the money or we don't. We have been good so far this year on the budget lines. You can take it out of my tool account, I don't care where it is coming from. I am just trying to replace an item that was broken. If the guys and me have to buy this, then I don't want it on the town inventory list. I don't want to make this a big deal, but are we going to pay for it or is the town. You also need to look at where we got it.

Joanne - I don't know board what do you think?

Nancy Whipple - I am not sure I see it as a problem.

Jocelyn - I think \$359 is a lot for a microwave. What if we can return it?

Jeremy - The box is gone, and it is used now, and have been for a week or two.

Joanne - My problem is that your budget is paid for by the taxpayers, and they are paying for you to work on the roads and use it for the roads. If we pay for this out of your money, then what are we to tell them. They might not even have a microwave that cost much.

Jeremy - I am not going to stop these guys from eating a warm meal. Look at today it is cold outside, 16 degrees outside. These guys need hot meals after plowing all night and most of the day. How can we not let them have use of this microwave? I live in the Town of Orange too, so how come we can't pay for this. There is a Garage Account and a Tool Account, pick one and take the money from it. That is not fair to these guys either. Am I wrong?

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Nancy - How about you just call Corning Building Company and see if they can take it back and get one that cost less.

Jeremy - Okay, I will call them tomorrow. Joanne will you be here tomorrow?

Joanne - Yes, I will be doing payroll and working on a few things.

Norma Burris - I just wanted to let you know that you are doing a great job and we like what you are doing. You are saving the town money and time by get new equipment and selling surplus items. We are just trying to help you saving maybe you can return the microwave and save \$200 towards the Tool Account and still get a microwave that cost less and still does the same thing. I tell everyone that you are doing a good job and are really helping this town. I too as a taxpayer do like that very much. You are doing a great service to the town, so we are not trying to bring you down at all.

Jeremy - Thank you, but it is what it is. I don't want to argue about it. I would just like to see it paid.

Rick - Listen when you came and asked for the roller, we gave it to you. When you came and asked for the new loader, we got you one. New truck, you got it. All of that we can tell each taxpayer you needed it. This microwave is different.

Jeremy - I get where you are coming from, but that loader was 18 years old. The roller was on its last leg. It was time to replace them. They were only costing the town more money at the end of the day. But now we have a truck sitting in the shop that won't even start, or you will blow it up.

Rick - Never should have bought that truck it the first place.

Dough - You are right, I will agree with you 100%.

Nancy - It was used when you bought it?

Dough - Yes, we bought it from the Town of Bennett, and it had problems then.

Rick - That is why it was for sale.

Dough - That is why I don't like those places because when something is going to auction it is going there for a reason.

Rick - It is alright if me or you bought it, but a town I don't think so.

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Dough - I agree, that loader they sold is a great loader and that guy will love it. But like Jeremy said it is 18 years old and it is time for a new one.

Rick - Like Jeremy said before that we need to get a grant program going and get some new equipment here.

Dough - If only Jeff and Darrel only got some kind of program going like that, we would not be needed to be doing it all at once like right now. Even look at our big trucks. The one I am driving is a 2004. The salt and the sand, overload during the Winter and everything. They only last so long.

Jeremy - See everything is bought for a reason.

Rick - Yeah, you know that, but the constituents don't. All they see is you getting this and that, and now most make sense, but look at that.

Jeremy - That is why we are here now in this place. Replacing most of everything. I will call you in the morning, but I must get going.

Joanne - Okay, we will talk later.

Jeremy - Does anyone have any more questions?

Rick - Yeah, someone said that Cargill Salt was giving away salt for free.

Jeremy - We don't want table salt. It is salt waste. You though these roads are bad now, wait till that salt gets deep on the road, it would be peanut butter.

Dough - It is just not big enough it would just fall through to the ground. You need larger salt, like rock salt.

Joanne - Okay thank you have a nice night. Can I have a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick the meeting adjourned at 8:12PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk



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Superintendent of Highway - Jeremy Abbey - Snow and ice are most of the job right now. We order 4,600 gallons of magnesium chloride to mix in with the sand and salt so it in not freezing. Truck #3 is down, Beam Mack is having a hard time trying to find a part for it and can't find it in the US. So Truck #3 is down and I don't know what to do. I went to Bradford and they loaned us a 10-wheeler for now. In the process of making the new Summer work plan. The microwave, we tried returning it and CBC will not take it. I don't know what else to do.

Joanne - Why, when we called, they said they would take it.

Jeremy - I don't know, they even called a manager over and he said no to taking it back as well. I don't know what else to do about this other than this will keep going like this. 30 days, 60 days, 90 days.

Joanne - I guess you guys will have to pay for it.

Jeremy - If we buy it, it is not going in the shop. It's not town property.

Joanne - I know.

Jeremy - Truck #1 is going down to Goodriches to be fixed. Right now, we are hauling in more sand. Oh, the truck, does everyone have that information?

Joanne - I just gave them that information. Is this an already bid thing or do we have to go out to bid?

Jeremy - No that is Onondaga bid. It is the same one we got our pick-up from. It's diesel, with automatic transmission, built by International, just the cab and chassis are \$57,000, and we are still waiting on a quote for the box. Could be about \$15,000 to \$20,000 is this verse buy a truck with a box and then a spreader. This would come with a side tip box that could be used to fill potholes and do other stuff with.

Joanne - And this is will be replacing that truck we have put some number of transmissions in.

Jeremy - Yes, then it will be going to Auctions International. Once this new truck gets approved, the only problem being the more time we wait the longer it will be on backorder. I don't dare to keep pushing that truck more. The plow just got re-welded back on. It's a 2000 and it is 18 years old. The motor is knocking now too.

Norma Burris - Jeremy this is a question so we can understand. This truck will have both a spreader and plow?

Jeremy - So, yeah, the idea is to have it all be one unit. Other than having to take a \$6,000 spreader off, and then having to chain it to something so it does not get stolen or whatever. You are not directly buy a separate spreader unit. The plow being a 10-foot plow.

Norma - So this will replace Truck #5 with this new truck and built-in spreader unit.

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Jeremy - Yes. The spreader head can be taken off and replaced with a shoot that then can be used to fill in potholes.

Nancy Whipple - Regular cab or crew cab?

Jeremy - Regular cab. We don't need a four door unless we have six guys.

Rick Hendrick - We can't use any of the equipment off the old truck on the new truck. Like the plow or anything.

Jeremy - Well the plow is shot and the harness for the trucks are different because of the age. We ran into the same problem with the new truck. There is a 3-stage wire hook-up. The new plow is 2-stage.

Joanne - We can't wait this long anymore to replace equipment that is getting to old not to replace.

Jeremy - If we could somehow get a rotation schedule started to get this older equipment out and replace it with new stuff, we would not have to spend so much in machinery repair. We then could use that money somewhere else.

Joanne - If we kept track of what we are spending on each vehicle then we could tell what needs to be replaced more often.

Norma - Are you working into this year what expenses to replace equipment or work that needs to be done on them?

Jeremy - Normally I just see what is going on and bring it to the board to see what they would like to do. If it is costing the town more money, I take it to the board. We don't need to be wasting money like that. It is hard to say right now so far. With equipment down and trying to get new stuff this might take some time. I am still seeing how we can make things better over there and making this stuff work longer for the taxpayers. It is unfair to them that this equipment is down most of the time and we can't get much work done with limited resources. With 86% of our town being dirt, a lot of our equipment gets more wear than a town with more paved roads. Our grader is 18 years old. It is right around the time to be thinking of a new one, but I am not too worried about us at this time. We can still go a while, because we are only using it five to six months out of the year. How did that meeting go with Soil and Waters, Joanne?

Joanne - It went pretty well. We had a conference phone call with the people who are giving the grant out. They said it could take up to two years to complete this project. We got a list of five approved engineering places. Jerry from Soil and Water said we should use Hunt Engineering because he has worked with them before, and it would be easier. Then I talked with Community Bank on taking out the note to pay for the project upfront. They got me connected with a branch Burlington Vermont that deals with long term notes. They said that they did not see any problems in lending the money, but we do need a municipal attorney to make sure we are

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covered when dropping off the loan paperwork. Jerry is just worried about the state requirements taking this project into a two-year time schedule.

Town Clerk Report - Thomas Peer - Busy month, there are two logging permits, and 15 or so dog licenses. The main work this month is tax collection. From the start of the year to February 4th we have collected \$832,876.79 equal 53% of the total tax warrant. Most seem to be making full payments, \$719,354.77 are full payments. One thing that I have noticed is a lot of people having a hard time coming up with the tax payments, older people are the most affected. I tell them that I am willing to work with them within the law to make sure their tax payment is in on time. Most of the time it is just reminders to them. Submitted the grant for the Records Retention to the state. The total submission of the grant is \$49,962 to complete the whole project. Working hard with BEIL's and Rotella Grant writing to put this all together. About half of the money to convert them in a digital copy at 15 cents per page, so it adds up quickly. We are expecting to hear back in June of this year, then we would not get the money until January of 2020 and have until June of 2020 to complete the project. I don't see this project taking so long, it is just the money part that will be taking up most of the time. We need the money in order to complete this project. Our taxpayers cannot front this bill on their own. We have a quote of 185,000 images that would need to be copied. I believe we will have less than that amount.

Supervisor Report - Joanne Randall - You have November and December report in front of you. I am having some problems with the Trust and Agency account every time I put something in it, it doubles. Williamson is working on it to see what is happening. We will be looking tomorrow when I am in the office. So, in the Highway fund balance is at the end of November is \$315,339.13, had increase of \$105,027.58 from a sale tax check and Auction International, and decrease were just the bills and payroll. The General fund from November was \$117,578.89, increase were mostly town clerk monies and recycling monies, and decreases of \$11,991.93 on payroll and bills. On to December, the Highway fund we got \$98,000 worth of CHIPS money, and decrease of \$107,775.87, which are bills and payroll, payroll being high because of all the overtime hours. So, the Highway fund has a balance of \$307,308.16. The General fund took in \$9,284.34 mortgage tax check, recycling money, town clerks' money, and the justice money. Then paid bills of \$46,808.76 leaving a balance of \$80,054.47. This is still the 2018 budget; we have not changed over to the 2019 budget yet.

Al Buckland - Hey Joanne, I forgot to say something. \$1,894,182 in construction cost in 2018. \$1,304,000 or so mostly came from the Farm Sanctuary.

RESOLUTION #10

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Rick Hendrick to approve all the monthly reports.

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

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NEW BUSINESS

Amanda Arnold Rodriguez - SCOPED - Park Grant - You're a member of SCOPED, and the county pays for your part to take place in this program. What that entitles you to is 17 hours of grant writing hours at no charge. We also can do any grant related services such as research, grant writing, and administer. Last year we helped out with your park. So, if you have anything in mind this year and would like something written or researched just get ahold of me. Go on about your park grant, we will be able to help with the reporting of it. New York does not make it easy to get the money, there are ways that they like their grants reported on. This project is very fun, and I am happy to be a part of it.

Joanne - I just hope we can get through it.

Amanda Rodrigues left after the presenting.

Rich Hurley - Environmental Management - EMC meet January 9th, we talked about the new bulletin the state just put up on the environment. We talk more about cleaning products disclosure that would state what is in them. Invasive Species consolidation grant will be coming out some. The DEC wants to amend part 2 of the to incorporate the revision of California emission laws on greenhouse gases. This could lead to a hard time selling cars in New York State. There is a request to update the Seeker Handbook. The garbage incinerator is basically going nowhere now that there is a Democratic Governor and Assembly. It needs an Article 10 in order to get passed local governments. It hard to say because they are wanting to produce 25 megawatts of electricity. Who knows what the state wants to do there? The Project Seneca was talked about on a Clute Park ice skating rink. There will be a public meeting for input, and they are February 20th at 8 am to 12:30 and then February 21st at 3 pm to 5 pm at the old middle school in Watkins Glen. There is some talk over the pavilion in the park, some show it being taken down and other show it in place. It is historical to the area and there will be some talk on how to move forward on this topic, but I will let you know more information to come. The kayak launch is being talked about why it was paved and the negative impact that it can have on the lake. Bottling plant is not set up and running yet. Delay due to rain last fall, the building is ready for a CO, but they cannot pave the parking lot yet. Then there was a talk on zero waste recycling and how we should try to move towards that lifestyle, and just something to think about.

Fire Department Reports -

Monterey - Mel Horton - Fire Chief - Nine calls: four EMS, one NVC, one fire that was out by the time we got there, and one structure fire. Total 144.5 hours training for the month of January, and total man hours are 215. New turnout gear will be shipped out next month. We have seven sets of gear coming. We took out a loan and will be making payment for the next three years. All trucks are working as they should. I just want to say it now, but there was some talk going around saying the pumper was not working at the fire. So, what happened was that our portable pond was too far away to reach, so we used a Beaver Dams fire hose link and it had a bad gasket and was sucking air. No fault of Beaver Dams, so we could not prime the hose to spray water.



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uniforms and now, they don't. Not sure why CHIPS is over, but I will see why we are over, and I'll get back to you. The machinery account was over \$70,039.42, I had to take away from six accounts to make that whole again. Everything just keep breaking down, there is no way out of that, we need to make sure our equipment is working.

RESOLUTION #13

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick to approve the transfers between Highway Department fund line items.

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

Old Business

Solar Local Law - Joanne - I gave each board member local solar laws from other towns to review and go over to see what they would want to include in our local law. The town of Reading does not have a local law, it is in their comprehensive plan under land use. They not only have solar, but wind as well. I am not sure that the Town of Orange has a Land Use Law.

Al Buckland - No you don't, because you do not have zoning.

Joanne - Right, so we will have to do the local law. So, I hope the board read all the information that I gave you. I gave three different local laws from different towns in the area. Which do you like the best, and what do we need to change? We have Big Flats, Sweden, and Groveland. I felt that they are the closest to what we have around here. Any idea on what we should model our local law to, and change the wording in?

Rick - Big Flats or Reading.

Al - So what is the idea here.

Joanne - To create a local law to have more control over these solar farms that are going around our town. We want to make sure that the town does not get stuck with the decommissioning of the farms after they reach their lifetime. Just like that one right up the road now, or would they be grandfathered in?

Al - Well I got a phone call from him today. They are planning on putting another one in. They plan showed A, B, and C. A and B are in and now they are planning on placing C. I told him that he would have to get a new permit for C, and that A and B do not cover C permitting. I also told him about this meeting tonight, and I would get back to him sometime tomorrow about this solar law, and how it could affect him.

Joanne - See we want to make sure that when it comes time to take it down in 25 or so year will he. He said he would put up a fence, and now look. No fence. We need to have some kind of local law to regulate them. I really don't want to get deep in their business because I don't know anything about solar, but we need to make sure that they are doing what they can to protect our people.

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Rick - I would like to table it to next month and see if we can get some more people to look these over. Would you like to take copies and look at them Rich?

Rich - Only if you have an extra copy I would like too.

Joanne - We also have this thing from NYCRTA on what we should be looking for in this local law. It covers a ray of topics. I just want to make sure that the town is covered.

Rick - Well with no zoning this town is only going to look more favorable towards solar companies. Just like this farm down the road, Horton old farm. That is prime land ready to be used for farming, but some solar company many want to come in and build.

Joanne - Your right, because we don't have zoning, they could just do that.

Rich - I am not sure about that, but if you create a local law it could be held up in court as hometown rule.

Joanne - Well I know we have to have a public hearing on this and make sure that the public is fully know what is going to be in the law. Because we have three different laws here, we could make one to present to the public for review and input.

Al - How about making me a copy too. Is this going to be for the farms or individual people as well.

Joanne - We are not there yet.

Rick - I hear that there are a lot of people who are having a problem with the roof top ones. Also, I feel that they are taking up land that they should not.

Joanne - Okay we will table this to the next meeting.

Norma Burris - Al, in the first set of plans. Was there to be a fence around the farm up the road.

Al - It was only verbal.

Rich - Okay I will look this over.

Privilege of Floor/Public Concerns -

Gary Dan - Just to get one thing straight, I heard at the last meeting or someone told me that they said I was an interior firefighter for Monterey. Well I am not.

Nancy Whipple - No, Mel cleared that up for us. He said that you are their advisor.

Gary - I might be a lifetime member, but I am nothing else.

Joanne - Yes, he did say that as well.

Rick - I also heard you are the go-to guy as well.

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Gary - Yeah, he is a good man. The town needs a guy like that. I remember when it was formed and how many people have been there. It is just sad to see it is now, but Mel is trying to get it turned around.

Joanne - Look at Mrs. Hickey house, she lost everything. I am so glad that they were there to put out the fire and save at least half of the house.

Gary - True, I just would like to see more people over there. Anyone really willing to give a helping hand should be welcomed.

Rick - I have one thing before we go. I was talking with Thomas the other night and though we have that safe in the back. Is there any reason we can't get a combination for it to be used?

Jocelyn - There is a combination for the safe, but it is in the safe, so that is why we never lock it.

Joanne - Did you find it, Thomas?

Thomas - I don't believe that it is the correct combination, and I don't want to close it and then not get it to open.

Jocelyn - Really?

Thomas - I can call around and see what can be done.

Joanne - Well LockDoc does the keys around here, or maybe he knows of someone who can help us. He is really good at taking care of us.

Rick - Okay, now what about surveillance around the town hall? There are no cameras or anything.

Joanne - Well we have that in the park grant because we know we need it for the park. We will be placing them on this building and point them towards the park and entrance to the parking lot.

Rick - Well I also feel we need something for inside of here.

Joanne - Maybe we can look into that when we get closer to the park final cameras.

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Nancy Whipple the meeting adjourned at 8:16PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

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A regular board meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, March 4, 2019 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:38PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Joanne Randall , Supervisor

Rick Hendrick, Councilman

Norma Burris , Councilwoman

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT: Al Buckland COE, David O'Dell, Kelly Seely, Monterey Fire Department, Gary Dann, Rodney Hoad, Bradford Fire Department, Larry Baker, Sam Mattison, Rich Hurley, EMC Rep., Jeremy Abbey, Superintendent of Highways, Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

Jeremy Abbey - Superintendent of Highways - Gave his report first, so that he could return to monitoring the road tonight during the snowy conditions outside.

Jeremy - Just snow and ice so far, as you all can tell. So, I got a call from Corning Building Company, and they said that the microwave is going to collections. I am not sure what to do from here.

Joanne Randall - Well I am going to call a union attorney and see how to move forward.

Jeremy - Okay, well my problem is that we replaced town inventory.

Joanne - That was not on last year's inventory list.

Jeremy- Well I will bring down the list and show you that it is on there.

Joanne - I have a 2018 inventory list.

Jeremy - There is even a two-slice toaster on there.

Joanne - Well I guess I don't have that sheet then.

Jeremy - It was there, and so anyways. Ken and Jim from Ten Co. that \$58,000 for the cab and chassis for the C515 model. For the one ton it would be \$107,313, and the 10-wheel we are talking about we should replace with truck #3 with. Ten Co. has a 60 day rollover from the price,



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RESOLUTION #15

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Nancy Whipple the General Fund Vouchers on Abstract #003 in the amount of \$6,385.84 were paid.

ADOPTED                      AYES      4                      NAYS      0

RESOLUTION #16

On motion of Rick Hendrick, seconded by Norma Burris the Highway Fund Vouchers on Abstract #003 in the amount of \$27,585.46 were paid.

ADOPTED                      AYES      4                      NAYS      0

Building Code Officer- Al Buckland - Report - Three permits, one CFO, ten inspections, one fire safety, 23.5 hours and 234 miles traveled. I leave next Sunday the 10th my training.

RESOLUTION #17

On the motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Nancy Whipple to approve the Code Officer report.

ADOPTED                      AYES      4                      NAYS

Justice report- For the month of January they took in \$425.00 dollars in fines.

RESOLUTION #18

On the motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Norma Burris to approve the Justice report.

ADOPTED                      AYES      4                      NAYS      0

Clerk Report – Thomas Peer - Report - Slow this month, Al doing most of the work with the monies. Did about \$812.00 this month, as the Tax Collector I have collected over one million dollars, and as of yesterday I have collected \$1,028,409.92 with a remaining balance of \$436,908.54. I still need to take out the state land and franchises because the county collects that money themselves. So, my guess is that there is about \$200,000 worth of tax money to be collected by myself. This is just a ballpark based on what I have noticed from last year. I am going to be writing a check to the county on first installments people have paid. They should be getting a check for around \$220,000. I have a conference coming up in May 5th to the 8th. It is the New York State Town Clerk Association Conference. This just teaches me on how to do this job better and see what is new coming from the state from the standpoint of the Town Clerk and the town as a whole. There are a lot of topics that they are talking about this year that are really good at what I am planning on working on for the next few months. I am trying to do the best that I can when I can to help anyone who comes into my office. I would like to add that one part of my job that is hard is see those people come in who are most affected by our high taxes. Most

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being elderly are impacted the most, seeing and hearing them say that they have taken a large part of their time saving money to pay on time. Just makes me think that they are going without. People who have a limited income are seeing this problem themselves. This could lead a people being taxed out of their homes, and it is not right to see people who should be enjoying life taking time to go without just to have a place to live. It just pulls at the heart.

Norma Burris - So, are we changing the meeting date?

Thomas - Oh yes, I have asked the board that since my conference is the first week of May, that the board meeting be moved to May 13th on Monday, so I do not have to hire someone to do my job for a few hours.

RESOLUTION #19

On the motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick to approve the town clerk report and move May 6th meeting to May 13th.

ADOPTED                      AYES      4                      NAYS      0

Town Supervisor – Joanne Randall - Report - Highway balance is \$176,979.88 as of January 31st, 2019. Took in \$230.12 overpayment on a bill, and something else. Decrease are \$130,558.40, which is payroll, and all the bills paid. In the General Fund as of January 31st is \$50,402.70, increase of \$2,470.93, \$1,200 for the Youth Bureau, recycling money, and decreases of \$32,122.70, that is the bills and payroll. The Trust and Agency has a balance of \$9,498.96, I am still having problems with that account. It will not close itself at the end of the month, so Williamson is working on it.

RESOLUTION #20

On the motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Norma Burris to approve the Supervisors report.

ADOPTED                      AYES      4                      NAYS      0

Rich Hurley - Environmental Management Report - Joanne I got the packet that you sent me. It is good to have good communication, and even taking the time to check up to me to make sure I am doing my homework. I just want to thank Thomas for sending out an email about this meeting sometimes I forget about what the date for the next meeting is. So, I have reviewed the laws to see what is mostly to be the best one for the Town of Orange. There are a lot of different parts on what kind of tiers of solar farms. There are different issues with them as well, and many people also have different opinions on them. But it only seems to be when you reach the industrial level of solar farms. It is not like the homeowner, but when it becomes commercial use people look at it more. The one for the Sweden Town law was really job and felt it would fit the Town of Orange the best. One thing I was also thinking about after reading it was that their law could fit any kind of energy production, like solar, wind, etc. I would recommend any kind of law or order saying something on all forms of energy.

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Joanne - Yes, we like the Town of Sweden as well, and so did Southern Tier Planning did as well. They said it would be fit what we have going on in our town, and we would not have to change much wording to make it read for us. Not sure if you know this or not but there is talk about a solar farm going in on Ed Parry's property. That is down by County Road 21 on County Road 16. That is where he was going to put a campground there before. That would be the fourth solar farm to go into the town.

Steve Alrigde - Not sure if I am out of place or not, but who is complaining about these solar farms coming in.

Joanne - They are not complaining, but there are a few problems. One, our town fire departments cannot put the fires out if the solar farms catch fire. They will have to have help or special equipment, and someone is going to have to pay for that. They can't expect the residents to pay for that. Then after the solar panels outlive their usefulness the companies could just walk away leaving the panels there. Some needs to take it down and get rid of it and should not be the town jobs to do that because they have generated all the income off the panels. That is why we should create a local law or something that is protecting the town and taxpayers, so we don't end up with a bill for cleanup. Plus, the one in the town close to here said they would put a fence around it and look still no fence. Said they would keep the weeds down, look overgrown and dry. That could start a fire at any time, how we know that the grass in not a fire hazard. So, should we have to hound each one to mow the grass down every summer.

Rich - Yes, once things become commercial there needs to be some kind of insight into this. I am pro-clean energy but look at the areas that have wind and solar farms. They all have some kind of law or something that has extra steps in it that they need to do before they build. So, they are looking for areas that may not have much on anything that would deter them from coming here, not that I want to deter them from being here either.

Steve - Say that they leave it there, would it become the towns property.

Al - It would not be the towns it would be the landowner's property. The biggest thing I see is that we do not have a planning board, and we do not have zoning. Everything that Sweden say refers back to the zoning law.

Joanne - We do have a planning board; Carol just could not be here tonight and will be setting up a meeting later this month.

Larry Baker - Yes, we are restarting it.

Rick - See the big thing is that are leasing property from landowners. Most are a 25-year lease and when they pull out the taxpayers gets left with the cost. If they go bankrupt. Boom, there you go they are gone and look what we have left to deal with.

Steve - So, a lot are leasing the land.

Rick - Yes, a lot are leasing.

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Steve - What about their funding, are they part of the governor's tax exemption or funding programs?

Joanne - Not sure where they are getting their funding from. We also do not see the tax money coming from them now. The County gets all of that and the town gets nothing.

Rich - The state does give incentives to these companies to get them to put in solar farms. If you have wind towers your electric will not go down, because it is just being fed into the grid, and the same goes for the solar.

Steve - Does that go interstate?

Rich - They just sell the electricity to the highest bid. Just like propane that is sold to the highest bid. You can go around and find so many prices in just propane. Really and energy cost is really sold to the highest bid. Moving on there was the topic of cleaning products chemicals and how they are leaching into the groundwater. There are grants out there for invasive species, and how to lower emissions from greenhouse gases. The state will be looking into California laws on greenhouse gases emissions of cars. Right now, check engine lights are a problem. That is pretty much it.

Katherine Herleman - Cornell Cooperative Extension - Energy Education and Clean Energy Committee Coordinator. Let's talk solar first, for Harold Russel who is the Town of Dix Supervisor, and I have done 16 pages of zoning amendments. On March 13th at 10 am to 1 pm, there is an important event that NYSTRA is putting on for solar planning and zoning workshop. It will be at the Schuyler County Human Services Building in Montour Falls, in room 120.

Joanne - Well we have just looked at some local laws that got passed to see what we liked and which one would best fit our town. We also went to Southern Tier Regional Planning to review the same laws to see if anything if anything came up on these laws. They shared with us that they liked the Town of Sweden and that is the same one we are looking at doing some changes to, because we do not have zoning, and would just add some new verbiage to.

Katherine - That is a great place to start. That is also good that you are working with Southern Tier Planning as well. They are a great resource to use for our area. I know tonight is not the forum to act more on this local law, so if you need anything else please feel free to reach out to me and help. I really encourage anyone public official to attend the on March 13th so we can help and answer any questions you might have on solar planning. But I would like to talk to you about the other programs I am offering. I can provide between 50 to 100 hours of technical experience with research inquiries or working on the state ten high action items. This program is benchmarking action items that help lead your community to a clean community. These programs are working across the state to help make our area cleaner. Tomkins and Alegeney County communities are working towards these programs and have shown great in participating. What you would need to be pass a resolution that would allow Chris and myself to create a EnergyStar account to keep track of the energy use in the buildings. Whether it is electricity, natural gas, propane, etc. This will help us to see where the energy lost in your buildings. This will allow you to see the utility cost over time to see if you can better plan out changes to those

utility systems. We try to look at the last two years to see what is going on. This is great when trying to prioritize the maintenance of any building when trying to look at the budget planning of the next year. Also, if you are looking for a grant and need to show the build energy demand, this will work as well. You will however need to produce a yearly annual report on the energy needs. We will also do a high-level energy audit; with this we will spend about three to four hours looking over a building this size to see where we can improve energy needs. We look at the lighting, heating, insulation, windows, talk to those in the building who are here year-round and see what it is like in the summer and winter. A civil engineer will draw up an energy action plan to see what the best course is to get the building to be more energy efficient. This is all free, but the whole process represents a \$8,000 value. If four action items are done, there is a \$5,000 incentive to complete those projects out of the ten totals. I feel as long as we are timely on these projects, we can get most of them done. Thank you so much for your time and allowing Chris and myself to come over to show and tell you what we have going on.

### Fire Department Reports

Bradford - Rodney Hoad - I was not here in January, so I will read that first. For the Town of Orange in January we had six ambulance calls, one fire. Town of Bradford we had seven ambulances calls, and one fire for a total of 164-man hours. In February we for the Town of Orange was two ambulance calls, no fires. Town of Bradford we had three ambulance calls, and two fires and one mutual aid fire with a total of 618-man hours. Thank you for coming to our banquet. The last two months we have six new members, two are interior firefighters, and two are EMT's, and we have two in EMT classes now. We are up to 32 active members.

Joanne - I know that it is time for the fire contracts, but Thomas has been busy and will get to it as soon as he can. I will give you a call when they are done.

Monterey - David O'Dell - Total hours are 500 so far. We have no fire calls this month, and two EMS calls. We have new turnout gear for some of our members. Trucks are working like they should be. We have one person in IFO class, and two in BFO class. We are looking for more BFO classes to offer more to our membership. There are just a limited number of classes being offered so we are looking to travel for them. We also have four in EMT classes, one is being refreshed and the other three are taking it for the first time. We are remodeling our banquet hall; we are putting all new sheet rock up. For OFA we are cleaning it all up the best we can, but mind it is still under construction. We will do the best that we can to make sure it is clean. Our next steps is to update the bathrooms and kitchen. We are also teaching all our members first aid certification, so that we can use them at an EMS scene. We are having a few fundraisers soon so please be on the lookout. I wrote down of financial report because we are having a problem when we try to print it. In the general fund we have \$17,600, our 2% account is \$1,602.21, training is \$941.74, we have \$117 in deposits, and we have about \$400 more to add to that. We have spent a lot lately getting the trucks up to where they need to be. We do have three members going to the law and fire conference at the end of March, mostly to bring us up to speed on the new cancer laws, sexual harassment laws, and much more. There is a lot that we need to cover, and this conference is going to help. We have a blood pressure clinic coming up on March 10th noon to 4 pm, Spaghetti dinner March 16th, and Easter egg hunt on April 13th 1 pm to 3 pm. We have a Junior program will be getting started. Some things have changed, so we are looking into how it

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is done. Junior Firefighters have different laws when it comes to fighting fires and what they can and can't help with. This was really successful in the past to build up our membership.

Norma - Hey Kelly I have one question. When you hand out flyers, where do you hand them out? How do you get the community to know what is going on?

Kelly - Well we place it on the community board on the cable network. Our sign has gotten hit, so we are looking into one. We also placed it in the Hi-Lites and the Shopper.

Norma - One idea that could help get the word out is to have some of your young people stand out at recycling on Saturdays and hand out stuff there. Most residents do bring their trash over and that is a good way to see each community member face to face.

Joanne - Yes, Scott is there 7:30 to Noon, but you don't need to be there the whole time. You could also take turns and be there in shifts. If the weather is bad, I am sure Scott will let you into the shed he has over there.

Board Audits of Justice/Supervisor/Town Clerk - Joanne - So we need to do some audits on our town positions. I am going to need some volunteers to conduct the audit from the board. Two people is what will work for each audit that needs to be done. Town Justice - Jocelyn Harrison and Nancy Whipple and they will set it up with Mindy on when you all can get together to perform the audit. Mindy is here Tuesday nights. So, now we need two people to do the Town Clerk audit. My suggestion would be to not do it until the end of March because Thomas is still in the tax collecting season.

Thomas - This will be my first audit, so this will be interesting.

Joanne - Okay so Norma Burriss and Jocelyn Harrison will perform the Town Clerk audit. You all can work it out to when you all want to do it. Now for the Town Supervisor, I need two people. Rick Hendrick and Norma Burriss will perform my audit. We can get together sometime and pick a time when we all can do this. I do need all the forms back when the audit is done so I can file so we can prove we have done an audit on those town positions.

Approval of the Minutes for July 2nd and July 23 -

RESOLUTION #21

On the motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick to approve the meeting minutes from July 2 and July 23, 2019.

ADOPTED                      AYES      4                      NAYS      0

Old Business -

Prior Notice Local Law - Joanne - Each town board member should have got this and taken the time to read it to see what are adding to the law we already have. NYMIR is trying to get the

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town to update this law to read better. The only big difference is all such written notices should be index according to the location they are reported on. Does anyone really have a problem with this, we do have to have a public hearing on this, and if we are going to do one for this then we should do our solar law at the same time; as well as, our sexual harassment law. So, Thomas needs to advertise for this public for 10 day before the hearing takes place. We could have a public hearing either end of March or have it at our April Board meeting.

Jocelyn Harrison - Let's do it at the end of March.

Joanne - Okay, because our meeting will be on April 1st. No joke.

Jocelyn - Yeah, so if we are doing all three, let's do it at the end of March.

Joanne - Okay, so what night of the week works for everyone? Monday nights? How about the 25th of March. Any ideas? So, we will do it on March 25th at 6 pm at the Town Hall. There will be three local laws we will be talking about.

Rick Hendrick - Okay I have one more thing. So, about a year ago we were talking about getting an electric sign. To post information on it and what not, but the prior fire department said that they were not interested in it.

Joanne - Where would this be put?

Rick - I thought we talked about the old town barn to be a good location.

Joanne - I think we should wait until Jeremy was here so we could better talk about a place over there to put one and see what else we would need to operate it.

Norma - We could let them place it.

Nancy - I believe Jeff's idea was to place it between the two front doors.

Rick - We just need to pick a place to start and see what all needs to be done. Just start looking around at prices and location over at the old barn and see what we all come up with.

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison that the meeting be closed at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

Public Hearing Town of Orange on March 25, 2019 at 6:00 pm Topic: Prior Notice Law and Solar Local Law

PRESENT: Joanne Randall – Town Supervisor

Jocelyn Harrison – Councilwoman

Norma Burris – Councilwoman

Rick Hendrick – Councilman

Nancy Whipple – Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT: Gary Gray, Mary Olin, Harvey Hollenbaugh, Ed Machuage, Jon Olin, Mel Horton, Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

Prior Notice Local Law -

Joanne Randall - Town Supervisor - We are here to talk about updating our older Prior Notice Law to read more modern with today's language. Our insurance company Sprague has also been on our case about updating this law as well. There are only a few extra lines placed in the new one compared to the 1984 edition of this law. To sum up what most of the law does and say is that anyone can submit a written note to the town on dangerous road conditions. While the town has to respond to that dangerous road conditions in a reasonable amount of time.

Joanne read a sample of the new local law aloud for all to hear.

Joanne highlighted the new part of the law: “All such written notice shall be indexed according to the location of the alleged defective, unsafe, dangerous or obstructed condition, or the location of accumulated snow or ice.”

After reading the law Joanne asked if anyone had any questions.

Jon Olin - Can I get a copy of that?

Joanne - Okay, do you want it this form, or do you want to wait for Thomas to type it up in the form that will be the final submission?

Jon - The one you just read is fine.

Joanne - Okay, see no more questions. What does the town board think, are we going to pass this law?

RESOLUTION #21

On the motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to adopt the new Prior Notice Law to replace the 1984 Prior Notice Law.

ADOPTED

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NAYS 0

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Solar Local Law -

Joanne - So, four of the board members attend a meeting on solar the other day. We are trying to see what we can do and how much say we have in solar farms coming to our town. We mostly care about how they will be taken down or decommissioned after the solar panels have reached their end of life. We have come up with a local law that will help the town create some rules on what has to happen in order to place a solar farm in our town. We would like a fence around the sight, weeds kept down and managed, etc. We used three different models to of other local laws on solar and we used a solar book that New York State has put together. Most of what we put together is coming from the Town of Sweden. They seem to have a law that covered all the parts we are interested in. We need to change something in the law to fit how we run things out here. Mostly take out the parts on zoning because we do not have that here.

Joanne read aloud the sample of the local law on solar.

Norma Burris - Where is say special permit can we say solar permit?

Joanne - What is the solar permit?

Norma - The NY State Unified Solar Permit. I would hope that we could adopte that tonight with the solar law.

Al Buckland - Yes, there is one in of the NY State Unified Solar Permit somewhere in the paper you have handed out.

Thomas Peer - Yes, it a permit that both be used for residential and commercial use.

Jon Olin - Yes, different things are being looked at, so why not have a different permit for the building of solar in the town.

Al - All that would need to be done is to have one form for residential and commercial. Just have somewhere to check off on which one you are falling under.

Jon - Well commercial is not the same as residential. There does need to be a line where both are different. What is the big deal with having two, so people are protected.

Norma - From what I understand is that each person wishing to have solar will need to fill out the same permit. Whether or not it is residential or commercial both will have to follow the same law we are planning on making.

Rick Hendrick - Yes, they just have to mark on the form which one they fall under.

Norma - Yes, but it is not your normal building permit.

Jon - What is the cost of the permit? Has any though gone into it? Residential vs. commercial?

Rick - No, but we can look into and see what other towns are getting for theirs.

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Joanne - I feel it is based on the number of kilowatts that are being produced. I have talked with Judy Carrie on creating a pilot program in place of taxes. Because we are currently getting no money from the solar farm in town already. So, in order to do that we need a pilot plan, which is a payment in lieu of taxes, and could be based on the megawatts being produced at the sight. Right now I have talked with Tom Bloodgood, and he was not very nice about it. It seems the county has this one up here at \$225,000, and gave up \$180,000 worth of exemptions. But the town and school district is valued at \$45,000 each. Both get not income from the solar farm as it stands. Tom would not tell me more about it, but the way he acted sounded like he wanted me off the phone and to stop talking about it. The IDA with help us with the pilot program to help create income for our town.

Eric Machuga - So am I hearing you correct that the town already voted on this local law.

Joanne - No, we have not.

Eric - Are the first few farms in town grandfathered in?

Joanne - After talking with Judy, all preexisting farms will be grandfathered in.

Eric - My next thing is, that you are against it, but let's get some money out of it.

Joanne - We are not against, but.....

Eric - Wait a minute, my taxes over there where \$300 and now they are \$1500. I would just be careful to deter other farms from coming in.

Joanne - Eric, see the farm right up the road promised a fence and that they would mow it. But look at it now. No fence and mowing has not happened in a long time. Al hounded them to get the weeds and everything mowed last year because it was a mess. When they put it in there the property was taken off the tax roll and the town sees no money for it. It has been in since 2016 and we have gotten nothing. They are exempt from the Town and School Taxes, but the County is getting the money. They are getting \$225,000 but take away \$180,000 in exemptions, they are getting the money. So, all the taxpayers in the Town of Orange are now making up the amount that once was collected from the property before. Now it is off the tax roll in the money they town would normally get.

Eric - As far as the fencing there is a netting they can place on the back of the solar panels. I too did not want the property to look bad. The company that is on my land was going to put a fence, but then said they will put the net up instead. So, I do not know what is better for safety and what it looks like at the end of the day as far as it being an eyesore.

Joanne - This is from New York State, there needs to be a seven to twelve foot fence.

Al - I am not sure that it needs to be around the whole thing. Maybe control boxes or something along those lines. I might be wrong.

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Eric - I am not against make sure that there is some form of safety for these farms and when children could be involved.

Rick - There should be a fence around the whole thing, and when and if they want to add they can just pull up the fence and expand outward. It happens all the time. Most fence are just chain link fences so they are not hard to move or change around.

Joanne - See they snowmobile around these solar farms and having some kind of barrier to protect and deter them from going to close. 4-Wheelers as well, who know what they are running around these days. So I feel there needs to be some kind of fence around these solar farms.

Eric - As far as weeds, is Al going to come and tell me when to cut me hay fields? Where does that line began and end? Just because it is a solar farm or someone's house where is the line drawn. I don't want someone coming over to tell me how high my lawn needs to be.

Joanne - There is a code that state how high your lawn can be in the state that says you need to keep your lawn mowed.

Eric - What about fields?

Al - If it is over ten inches high it needs to be mowed.

Eric - What about if it is a hay field?

Rick - Your fields fall under as agricultural land. Different rules.

Eric - Now my next question is what if the school wants to put something in? I am just saying that the town needs to be careful when thinking about these things.

Rick - Well that could be under an educational program the state is fund or putting on for school to become energy independent.

Eric - Well what about wind farms, why does it feel that you are attacking solar farms.

Joanne - Because we are getting a lot more of them than wind farms. They were talking about it a few years ago and how they were going to build some wind farms between here and Hornby, but it never happened. Back then there was talk about setting up some kind of law back then for the wind farms, and we never had to deal with it.

Rick - My though is that they are getting away from wind farms because they are not profitable as much as the solar farms.

Eric - As far as the solar there is only some much power that can be put into the lines. I do feel that the town is on the right path to have some kind of regulation on solar farms. There is only so much they can place in the town until they reach a capacity. I am surprised they want to put another one here because of them reach capacity last time. I have been approached by some other solar companies on other fields that I own, but I told them to check into the capacity amount in the area first.

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Rick - They are doing all new lines for the race track, who knows they might keep coming this way then on to you, so who knows what their big plan is.

Eric - Just maybe give this more thought before jumping into this. We don't want to hurt this new industry that could help our area.

Joanne - we don't want to stop them. We just want to make sure that they are taken care of their whole life time while in our town. Our town should not be here to clean up after they make off with all the money. Plus we are following what other communities across New York State have done for their solar laws.

Jon - Every town is going through the same thing we are right now. We need to make sure they are placing money aside for when or whenever they are ready to clean up or they go bankrupt. There needs to have something in place to make sure we are not left out to dry. There are no offsets or anything like that now, so we do need to do something. There is money to be made here in the right way to not deter the solar farms from building here.

Eric - So, long story short, the town is not against the solar farms being built in the Town of Orange.

Joanne - Not at all. But we think that if they are not on the tax roll. Each and every taxpayer is fronting the bill for them.

Nancy Whipple - Also when they leave how does the solar farm get taken care of.

Eric - I am not sure who took it off the tax roll.

Joanne - I was going to call the school to see if they knew what they are missing out on. And see if they could be part of what we are trying to do right now.

Rick - Schuyler County is going to steal everything they can for the Village of Watkins.

Mary Olin - Where does the second solar farm want to go?

Joanne - Ed Perry land over near Townsend. And he was going to put a camp site in there at some point, but that never happened.

Eric - Just be careful not to turn anyone away who would like to build a solar farm. Is there any way I can get a copy of it when the meeting it done?

Joanne - Mine is market up but then Thomas gets done typing it we will send you a copy to have.

Eric - That would be great.

Jon - What is the offset?

Joanne - One place says from neighbor and the other says from the property line. 100 to 200 feet are the offsets and only being for ground mounted solar.

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Eric - I do feel that there does need to be one for residential and one for commercial use of solar. I don't want to have people not being able to put them on their homes.

Joanne - I don't think we are really concerned with residential solar. If they can do let them, but it comes to the big companies putting large scale solar farms in our town. But we did include both so we do not have to come back to it later.

Joanne - Should we adopt this law.

Jocelyn Harrison - Why don't we vote on this at our Meeting on Monday? That way if we wanted one for residential and one for commercial we have time to think.

Joanne - Then we would have to have two laws.

Norma - I think we should leave it a one and replace the part to read special permit being the NYS Unified Solar Permit. There it will make sure where the difference is in one's solar project whether it is residential or commercial.

Jocelyn - So we would have to write different permits?

Joanne - No, there just fall under different places on the form and what they will need to do in order to get their project done.

Rick - Yes, the permit form is made to see where they fit and our law breaks it up as well.

Norma - The law itself is written more heavy on commercial solar, but it cover residential solar as well, but not as much.

Joanne - Okay, so we do, or we don't want to vote on this law.

Norma - I say yes.

Joanne - Okay, can I have a motion? To take the law as it is and with the changes to the permit being NYS Unified Solar Permit. Jocelyn are you still wanting two local laws?

Jocelyn - I would like it that way.

Al - I think as it is written right now you do not need to do that. I think one permit will take care of what this law is asking.

Joanne - Yes, they just check which one they want. As of right now the law reads that they are both their own different sections.

Eric - I think Jocelyn is on the right page. Give some time to think about this and see what each other thinks.

Joanne - Well we just keep kicking the can down the road and not getting anywhere.

Thomas Peer - Section 6 covers mostly residential solar, while Section 7 and 8 cover large scale solar and solar farms.

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RESOLUTION #22

On the Motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Rick Hendrick to accept the local solar law with the changes to the special permit being the NYS Unified Solar Permit.

ADOPTED                      AYES      4                      NAYS      0

On the motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded Jocelyn Harisson by that the public hearing be closed at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, APRIL 1, 2019

A regular board meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, April 1, 2019 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:35PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Joanne Randall, Supervisor

Norma Burris, Councilwoman

Rick Hendrick, Councilman

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

OTHER PRESENT: Al Buckland, COE, Jeremy Abbey, Highway Supervisor, Mary Olin, Jon Olin, Duane Rinker, Mel Horton, Monterey Fire Chief, Sam Mattison, Rodney Hoad, Bradford Fire, Eric Mayer, Bradford Fire, Wendy Veley, Rick Hurley, Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 23

On motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison the General Fund Vouchers on Abstract #004 in the amount of \$14,159.86 were paid.

ADOPTED                    AYES        4                    NAYS        0

RESOLUTION #24

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Norma Burris the General Fund Vouchers on Abstract #004 in the amount of \$20,240.46 were paid.

ADOPTED                    AYES        4                    NAYS        0

RESOLUTION #25

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Nancy Whipple the Trust & Agency Vouchers on Abstract #004 in the amount of \$1,564.44 were paid.

ADOPTED                    AYES        4                    NAYS        0

Highway Supervisor Report - Jeremy Abbey - Hauling in item #4, so we can get the grading, racking, and rolling season ready. We are still waiting on the weather to see what it is going to do. We are putting a few pipes in right now. Transition between the snow and spring is sometimes hard to predict. We are most likely to get snow on Friday, well that is what they are saying. Randy McDonald is done with work on April 25th. He is going into retirement, and we are in the process of looking for a new HEO and should be in the paper.

Joanne Randall - It is in the paper today, and Thomas could start taking applications tomorrow night.

Jeremy - Yeah, Randy was here 24 years. He has worked his time to retire, his back really could not take it anymore.

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Mary Olin - Can I ask Jeremy some questions before he leaves. I was going to wait till the end, but he is leaving early. How much did the logger pay to fix the road from the intersection to our place?

Jeremy - He did not have to pay.

Mary - He said he would fix it.

Jeremy - If he was obligated to fix it, he would. He was going to do it out of his pocket, but like he said in the meeting about all the harassment that was going on. He does not have to do it, he would have done it, but the harassment was so much. The road was not damaged, he was just turning up the surface which can be rolled back in. At the time we could not get the roller over there because of the frost. All that would have done was compact all the clay back up.

Mary - I thought there was a bond or something.

Jeremy - There is no bond or anything like that.

Joanne - DEC would not let us place a bond part in our local law on timber harvesting. They stated it was too restrictive. So, there is no bond that needs to be held.

Mary - Okay, so when you decide to do that road, if we get it this year. Are you going to put some oil down? Last year we had no dust control at all.

Jeremy - There was, but it was calcium. Problem is that it does not last.

Mary - Jon was there?

Jon Olin - Yes, there was.

Jeremy - With me transitioning in there was no time to get on the schedule to get the oil, so we had to go with the next best thing. Suit-Coat get started and they are busy and it is hard to get in their schedule. Yes, the oil and stone is in the budget for this year.

Mary - Okay, the dust was just so bad last year.

Jeremy - Once the weather breaks, I am sure we will be looking at the road for oiling.

Rich Hurley - I have a question on Hornby Road. A while ago I asked about the speed on Hornby Road, not sure if you know but a guy die on that road last week in front of my daughter's house. We tried to help him until Beaver Dams got there and I guess he later died at the hospital. Is there any kind of restricted speed on that road?

Jeremy - I am unaware of a restricted speed on that road.

Rich - Yeah, I am unsure myself. I know when I brought it up in the past, they talked about it being an emergency evacuation road. So, there might be some help in getting some done on that road.

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Jeremy - I believe we have to build up that road before the County will help with monies on the evacuation part. We are planning on paving from Chamber Road to the Dix Town line, so that will help us with that segment. That is in our work plan this year.

Mary - What about the intersection over here on Hornby. It seems to get bigger and bigger every year.

Jeremy - It has been doing that for the last 30 years or so. It not much we can do because of the trucks that drive down that road and the turns they need to make.

Mary - Well some people drive and do their donuts in the intersection and just keep ripping it up. Other places don't need large places to make turns. If they can do it in the city, they can do it out here. Now it is starting to wash board again.

Jon - So that brings me to my point. We seem to be doing well on rumble strips. Sorry, about being sarcastic but we were talking about this problem on the hills, but now we are getting them on the flats now. I would assume that there is a cause for that.

Jeremy - Well there are two causes for that. One, heavy traffic, when they hit the pothole it brings the tire down and start to wear to build that strip. Two people burning out, people spinning, they get that axel hopping. And there is not enough gravel on that road to hold itself, so you are going to keep getting that. So, this year if we do not have a late start, we will be grading most roads back to shape and built up. So, that is why we are having a big rush on hauling crushed item #4.

Mary - Yes, I have been passing the haulers a lot. All most every day.

Jeremy - You are looking 15,000 tons, and that won't even help with half of these roads.

Joanne - It is just going to take time.

Jon - I know that it is going to take time, but the point is that after year after year for the last 25 years since I have lived out there the roads have been the same. I would think there is some type of plan or system to do the road correctly. I grew up on dirt roads that are 70 years dirt roads and they are still holding up. I am not throwing stones at you Jeremy, but this is the same thing over and over. We keep seeing the same pothole after pothole in the same spot for many years. It just seems we are wasting CHIPs money fixing the same problems.

Jeremy - \$168,000 was CHIPs last year. What saved us money last year was buying gravel and building up Barkley and a few other roads that really needed it, for the school buses. Those roads are still holding up, Como just took \$40,000 away from our extreme weather funds. We saved and crossed over \$146,000 in CHIPs money. Because we used our pave NY and used the extreme weather funds, this normally did not happen in the past. They abused it on T & R Trucking, at \$9,000 a pop to haul in gravel and material. We never had a plan to build up the funds to have \$220,000 to pave a section of road. I know what it takes to build up the road to make sure it can take pavement. You can't just slap it down and expect it to hold. Also there only

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being four guys working for me and it is hard to plan out good workdays. I can't just send them out to do stuff, they need to be together to have a full crew. I can't even have some guys ditching the roadsides because we do not have enough guys. Plus, we do not get the money we should due to all the state land in the town. Most of these roads have not been touched in years and trying to build up all of them is hard with just four guys.

Jon - Is it possible to get grant money for road work.

Jeremy - When you are looking into grant writing there is a lot to think about. Some can just be \$1,000 or more just to have someone write them, and we are not sure if we will even get them. The State does have grants that come out every so often, but it is also completing them on time and correctly. This is going to take a few years to do them. Look at the grant we got for the Sexton Hollow bridge, that will still take some time before we are done. We just need to prove our point on how we can get the grant.

Jon - Would I be able to contact Cornell to help with grants and see if they can help.

Jeremy - The Cornell road program we work with every day, Doug has gone there to, so it more or less the funds and man power that is hurting us.

Mary - Is there a way to start with shorter roads, get them up to where they need to be so we don't have to do anything on those roads in the next ten years.

Jeremy - That is the plan so far for right now. Look at Barkley Road, we have built that up so we don't have to do anything on it. That road is over on the other side of the lake. We have to be smart with the money so we can still maintain what roads we have while trying to improve on roads so maintaining them becomes less and less over the next few years.

Building Code Officer Report - Al Buckland - In March I have issued six building permits, one CFO, 11 construction inspections, one fire safety, one complaint, attended a conference up at RIT with 32 hours there, work hours 270.

RESOLUTION #26

On the motion of Rick Hendrick, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to approve the Building Code Officers monthly report.

ADOPTED                    AYES                    4                    NAYS                    0

Justice Report - Joanne Randall - For February \$2,353.00, and the State will take \$1,420.00.

RESOLUTION #27

On the motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Norma Burris to approve the Justice monthly report.

ADOPTED                    AYES                    4                    NAYS                    0

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Town Clerk Report - Thomas Peer - Tax season is over, thankfully. So out of the total collection of the warrant, I collected \$1,265,495.26 leaving a balance of \$201,084.23 the County will then take over the collection at this point and will be going after payments. I wrote a check to Joanne for the Fire Tax. I wrote a check for the County for the first installments, and within the next few days we will be closing up with them, so they can get their final check by April 15th if everything goes well. Then the town will be getting a check as well as the highway department. As far as the Town Clerk not much happened in that office. Most of the money collected was from Al's building permits coming in. Again, glad that the tax season is over, so I can focus much of my work on the Town Clerk's role in our town. We are still working on the grant for the town records, and still waiting to hear from the State, we are mostly examining the town documents and storing them where we feel they should go. I am still working on typing up the local laws we passed last Monday, I have the Solar Law completed, I just need to review it one last time to much sure there are no mistakes or errors of any kind. I still have to work on the Prior Notice Law, my hopes is to have these Laws submitted by the end of the week to the State Department. I also just got sworn into being the acting president of our local Chemung & Schuyler Municipal Clerks Association at the end of March. I feel that build the network between other municipalities will only help impact what I can do for the people of the Town of Orange. I have seen what other Town Clerks are doing in their offices around the Chemung and Schuyler County, and by taking what they are doing and bring and applying what they do will only help expand the services that I do. The group twisted my arm to fill that position, but if they felt I could not do it they would have never asked me. Mostly what we are talking about is our scholarships we give out to two students one in Chemung and Schuyler County; as well as, our conference coming up in May. Which I have asked the town board to move the May meeting to the second week because of me being in Syracuse the first Monday of May. It was so much easier to move the meeting then to swear in duty town clerk to do my duties for one meeting. The conference should be really good, there are a lot of topics that they are covering in a range of areas that my duties are as the Town Clerk. Moving towards digital platforms are where the state is heading.

RESOLUTION #28

On the motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Norma Burris to approve the Town Clerk monthly report.

ADOPTED                    AYES                    4                    NAYS                    0

Supervisor Report - Joanne Randall - In the Highway Fund, there is a balance of \$207,699.95. In the Capital Reserve account there is a balance of \$11,631.30. The only income we have had are \$58,000 check from Auction International in the Highway Department. Then the decrease are the amount of the abstract. The General Fund has a balance of \$50,644.60, and we had just the recycling money, justice funds, town clerk funds as increase and decrease are the amount of the abstract. The Trust and Agency has a balance of \$ 3,982.39 that is just the paychecks, transfers, union dues, retirement, social security, etc.

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RESOLUTION #29

On the motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick to approve the Supervisor monthly report.

ADOPTED                    AYES                    4                    NAYS                    0

Rich Hurley - Environmental Management - I will do this quickly as I am leaving after giving my report. ArrowHead Trash company was a large topic of discussion more so on the cost of recycling vs. trash cost. Binghamton now is charging around \$40 a ton for recycling and \$35 a ton for trash. This does not make sense when it comes to the cost vs the benefits. This is all because of National trade, it is like a trickledown effect. China is not taking things like they used too. I am sure they are not even taking cardboard. This trade war is affecting us in many different ways. Recycling has been an issue, and now there is a bill to stop and sell and use of plastic bags here in New York. I think this is a good thing and we should be supportive of it. We need to work towards zero waste, and this is a step in the right direction.

Fire Department Reports -

Bradford - Rodney Hoad - In the month of March, total man hours 105, fire 66, drills 130, class training 130, community service 36, fundraising 149, total man hours for the month 69, four ambulance calls, in the Town of Orange no fires, Town of Bradford one fire call, four ambulance, one aid to Wayne. Still have two in EMT class, I think that is done in June. We have three people waiting to be in BOF class. We have gotten three to four new members the last few months. We are up to 33 members. We are just waiting for the Counties to do classes.

Monterey - Mel Horton - Busy, 15 calls for the year, we did have a structure fire across from the Sutryk at Craig Decamps place. The only damage was to the front and outside of the house. With just some smoke damage inside, but they are going to be able to fix that up no problems. Two are in BOF, one just finishing up IOF, it seems like every meeting we have someone new putting in an application. Duane Rinker has been a big help over there, and one of our newly added. Banque is Saturday night, and we are looking forward to seeing you all there at 6 pm. We are working on the paging system out here, we use that to reach out to our members to get them to calls. Right now they are hit or miss, the texting system they have in place may not work, but we are looking into it. I need to see what can be done on the siren, we need some way to tell everyone we have a call. I talked with Curt Smith about a siren that they have and that they might not be using it, and we could possibly use it, but we are just talking for right now. Kelly just got back from a conference and she has a lot of useful information that will help us towards our goals.

NEW BUSINESS

Contract with Soil/Water - Grant - Joanne - They have picked their engineer to do the project, and it is Hunt Engineering. They would like me to sign this contract, so I have given each board member a copy to review. This is a normal contract that everyone gets to conduct business with

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them. After reading it myself I did not find anything that looked weird. It mainly talks about them doing the and getting paid within 30 days of completion. We as the town are responsible for \$398,153.00 of the total expense of the total of the project. We do have to pay 15% of the bill which brings us to \$419,109.00 are the projected cost. We have grant money for this, and they do the work, submit a bill through Soil and Water, we have 30 days to send it into New York State to get repaid from the grant. So this will not be coming out of the towns money, only the 15% if they go that high. Jerry did not think it will go that high, so the total amount of the grant is \$419,109.00 and if we do not have bills to match that, they keep the balance. Can I have a motion that says I can sign this contract?

RESOLUTION #30

On the motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Nancy Whipple to approve the Supervisor to sign a contract with Soil and Waters to hire Hunt Engineering to do the work on the Sexton Hollow Bridge.

ADOPTED                      AYES                      4                      NAYS                      0

Town Attorney - Joanne - Is there any problem with me contracting John Mustico to be the town attorney out of Horseheads?

Jocelyn - How much is he?

Joanne - \$150 per hour, but he is a municipal attorney. That is who we need to represent us at the bank. I did call him today, but did not get a chance to talk to him. Once I do talk to him, I will see if he can come to our May meeting next month just so everyone can meet him. While starting the paperwork to get this grant moving with the bank. I just want to make sure everyone knows what I am doing.

Help Wanted Ad (HEO) - Joanne - I just wanted to let everyone know that it is out in the paper. If anyone wants to know what is an HEO(Heavy Equipment Operator) you can look at Schuyler County Civil Service. We posted the ad in the Shopper and the Hi-Lites and will run it for a period of time. What we are going to do is have them on a six-month probation period where we have the right to let them go, but to really see how they will work for the town. Starting pay is \$18 for the first 30 days, after that to \$19 for 30 days, and then \$21 for the end of the probation period, but this is also pending on the union contract and how that turn out next year.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy Against Discrimination & Harassment - Joanne - A few weeks ago when we were reviewing old laws to update. NYMIR said we should be looking at this as a town policy to have on the books. I would like to have you look at it one more time and see what needs to be added or thought you might have.

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Wendy Veley - Hey it is April everyone, and we are starting our mowing seasons. This year we are doing things differently. We will be removing things if they are broken, glass, ratty, etc. to help make the cemetery look better. We are not looking to throw away people things, we are just trying to make it look better so there is not much blowing around or broken. If it is fine it will be left and maybe fixed or adjusted.

Al - Is there any way we can fix old headstones?

Joanne - The only way to fix the old headstones is to put sand down and lay them down.

Jon Olin - What happened at the extensive session at the end of last meeting?

Joanne - It was just a discussion on workers, and no decision was made, no ruling on anything, just a discussion because we cannot use the term personal matters it's not legal.

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick the meeting adjourned at 7:52PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

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A regular board meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, May 13, 2019 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:32PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Joanne Randall, Supervisor

Rick Hendrick, Councilman

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman

Norma Burris, Councilwoman

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Olin, Carol Rhoades, Wendy Veley, David Bronfenbrenner, Duane Rinker, Larry Baker, Jon Olin, Rich Hurley, Harold Mattison, Sam Mattison, John P. Mustico, Jeremy Abby, Highway Supervisor, Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

AUDIT BILLS

RESOLUTION #31

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick the General Fund Vouchers on Abstract #005 in the amount of \$14,244.27 were paid.

ADOPTED                      AYES      4                      NAYS      0

RESOLUTION #32

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison the Highway Fund Vouchers on Abstract #005 in the amount of \$64,114.48 were paid.

ADOPTED                      AYES      4                      NAYS      0

RESOLUTION #33

On motion of Rick Hendricks, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison the Trust and Agency vouchers on Abstract #005 in the amount of \$2,487.20 were paid.

ADOPTED                      AYES      4                      NAYS      0

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Building Code Officer - Al Buckland was not present, and no report given.

Justice Report - Joanne Randall - For the month of March, \$1,218.00. The state will get ahold of us to tell us how much theirs is, and we should know by the next month meeting.

Highway Supervisor - Jeremy Abbey - Hauling in more gravel. We got the grader and excavator serviced. We put a pipe in on Sexton. Donovan Hill, we did a pipe change, we also hauled some gravel up there. We are just waiting to grade as of right now, then we can get some mowing done too.

Town Clerk Report - Thomas Peer - A lot has happened in the last six weeks; all the taxes are done. I am just waiting to give the town one last check, for the service and fees that were collected. I wrote a check to the county and got all squared up with them and they are now going after the taxes that were not collected. I would like to say thank you to the town board and the community for allowing me to attend my town clerk conference up in Syracuse over the last week, and for changing to board meeting tonight. I took a lot away from the conference, but mostly from talking with other town clerks and see what they are doing in their office all across New York. Trying to work with the state and the changes that are coming can be a challenge but keeping up communications with other clerks help keep me at the forefront. One thing that is changing is the DEC and how hunting and fishing licenses will be sold and what needs to be done. Now I am trying to get back in the groove of things, and hopefully by the end of the month or began on next I will find out about the grant I applied for.

Nancy Whipple - If you turn a copy into a digital copy, then can you throw away the paper copy?

Thomas - So, they just passed a law saying that the digital copy to be the final copy. Now we are not going to get rid of paper because that just cannot happen yet, so some things will be in the paper form, but most of the documents will be in a digital form. Most historical value documents will be kept as well, but all will be in a digital form for keeping the document health. After all that then all forms will be searchable in the system that will be managing all that information. Again, I am hoping to get the grant.

Supervisor report - Joanne Randall - In March, the Highway Fund has a balance of \$175,785.44 because the tax money has not hit the account yet. Increase of \$273.29 which was an overpayment check I got back. Decrease are the bills we paid last month. In the General Fund we have \$212,340.19. We took in an increase of \$105,848.90, and we spend \$19,897.99 which is payroll, health insurance, union dues, etc.

RESOLUTION #34

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On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to approve all of the official monthly reports.

ADOPTED                      AYES 4                      NAYS                      0

Environmental Management - Rich Hurley - I do not have too much to add. I missed a meeting and attend the next one which no one told me it was canceled.

Fire Department Reports -

Joanne - Okay, everyone got a fire department report from Monterey. Total man hours 500 for the year, no fire calls, one downed powerline, one mutual aid call, and two EMS calls, and man hours for the month are 250 hours for training and 50.5 hours for calls. Mel dropped the report off because their meeting is tonight. Mel talked with me and is doing so tonight with his group on doing a 50/50 cost share on a digital sign to put up. He stated that the total cost could be \$5,000 with \$2,500 coming from each. He stated that the old highway barn could be a good place. He and I just wanted to the town board to have this on their radar and that this could come up again in the future.

Thomas - Can I add something to that. At my conference there was talk about making every town have a digital sign board, so this could possibly may need to be done in the future. Which will be an unfunded mandate placed on the town. The conference as a whole was not for this because this is so costly to small town like our self. I think that cost share would be nice for our town.

David Bronfenbrenner - Couldn't a website serve as that?

Thomas - No, because the idea is to replace the bulletin board that used by the town clerk with the digital sign. As for all notices are placed on the bulletin board, the digital sign would just take its place. Also by law placing something online does not count as a notice so far, but is being talked about because there is no time stamp on the posted item. That can be changed if you know what you are doing with the time stamping.

Norma Burris - Was there or do you know of any grant money out there that can help us buy a digital sign?

Thomas - I am sure there is but finding it and get it is the battle.

Planning Board - Carol Rhoades - Handed out a report on the Planning Board meeting held on May 13, 2019. Current members are Carol Rhoades, chair, Larry Baker, Harold Galusha, Skip Harrison. New members are Rick Hurley, Maggie Coffey, Calvin Coffey and Tria Tyler-Bronfenbrenner. Items discussed at the last meeting was play equipment, lights, pavilion, and cameras. Main emphasis was the fund raising of \$5,000 as part of the community part of the grant. We did talk about a veteran board of some kind. This is to have something else there to show how some service their community. Also, the placement area of play equipment and how the cameras will be with comparison of the lot size. We talked about lighting for the park and we

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are going to need to add some. The lot is less than 10,000 square feet, so we are not working with a very big area. But with placing things right we can try to use as much space as possible. We are meeting again tomorrow night and will be working on it more; we are also looking at July to get started. The ground is just too wet right now to do anything. We also need to get some bids from a few places as well.

Jocelyn Harrison - What time is your meeting at?

Carol - 6 pm.

Nancy Whipple - You sent the letter to both Painted Post and Watkins Glen Walmart?

Carol - Yes, I did. I sent out a few letters overall. We are trying to think ahead as much as we can. We talked about the fencing around the park. How we should fence the back and not the side or the front that faces the road. Working with a small space we do not want to completely enclose the park for easy access.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduce John Mustico, Town Attorney - Joanne - Introduced the Town Board to John. John hearing everything is there anything that needs to be added?

John Mustico - From what I have read and heard, that the only thing you need from me is a title opinion for the property.

Joanne - Yes, that is what we are waiting on.

John - The only question being is that you got it from the county, not sure if they provide any kind of abstract of the title.

Joanne - They just took it for taxes and asked if we would like it.

John - Then we might have to do a title search on that for buying it. We would search for the last 40 years for a warranty title. The county took it for taxes, so someone owned it, you might know.

Joanne - The Gulsha owned it for a while.

John - We can see who owned it, but it says here that it was last owned by Lee Kizer.

Joanne - Yes, when the Gulsha house burnt down, Lee Kizer bought the lot.

John - Maybe I can do an abstract and that could run in the range of \$250 to \$500 to do that. I do not go to Schuyler County Clerk's office, but I will get a hold of the Assessor to see what they have. I just want to make sure that I can find a warranted deed. Now onto the bond, you are not doing a serial bond because you have a grant. We can use it to do what you want. This is only

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good for a year, as she stated before, but it is renewable for up to five years. So if things get delayed then you can renew the bond. Has the public hearing be held yet?

Joanne - No, we were waiting to get an attorney involved. Right now Hunt Engineering is in the process of engineering the project. Which will be a concrete box culvert. Then there are only sometimes during the year that we can get in the water to place the box culvert in because it feeds into Mead Creek, which is a Trout Stream. Plus with the water as high as it is who would want to be in it now. I think this might last two years if not more. That is what Jerry at Soils and Waters was thinking as well.

John - All that would be done is getting the loan with the bank settled up soon. Why don't you add it to your agenda tonight to set up a public hearing on a bond anticipation notes for the bridge being built for your next meeting, and I will put together the notice and get it to the town clerk as soon as I can.

Joanne - Okay, I think our next meeting is June 3rd. It is the first Monday of the month.

John - Okay, I can work on putting together the resolution and notice and get the other documents to the bank for review. Before I leave, I am going to leave you with this, it is an agreement with the town that I work for. I don't want to be appointed as the town attorney, all through you will call me the town attorney at sometimes. Just because people like to hear town attorney. But in reality, I will be the attorney for the town not the town attorney. It is just very simple, and it outlined in the agreement. My normal billing rate is \$250 per hour, for town and things like that I charge \$150 per hour, so you know that the comparison is. So whatever bill you get is what you own at that time, and just pay for it and we should all be good and caught up to date, sometimes I lose track of my time.

Set date - Clean Up Day - Joanne - It will be a Saturday, 8 am till Noon, so what day would you like Jeremy?

Jeremy - The second Saturday.

Joanne - So, the June 8th is good.

Jeremy - Yeah.

Carol - What kind of stuff are you taking?

Jeremy - Normally we take everything, we just charge for tire. I am sure it was \$3 last year.

Joanne - Do we want to stay with \$3 or up it? I think we made good last year doing at \$3.

Rick Hendrick - How many tires can one person get rid of? I have a friend who has a few hundred he might bring over. What was the time again?

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Joanne - Well, I guess they can not take a lot over there, we need to leave some room for other people. Ask if he can come at a later time during that day, so not to fill up too much. It will be 8 am to Noon.

2019 Agreement - Highway Funds - Joanne - With the sum of \$357,077.54, which includes \$165,005 of CHIPS money, \$137,072.54 that was rolled over from last year's CHIPS money. \$55,219.00 of local budget money. Improvements to Hornby Road from Chambers Road 1.89 miles to Town of Dix town line will not go over \$300,000 with a binder base and topped with asphalt seal coat. Barkley Road off of West Lake road to the Town of Tyrone town line .51 miles should not go over the sum of \$40,000, oil and stone double coat. The remaining \$17,077.54 will be spread across the remaining 63.19 miles of road in the Town of Orange. Myself and the board members must sign this document to approve of the work. Any question?

Joanne - While you are looking at that I will tell you about the Council of Government meeting that I attended at the end of April. The county is passing a bill that would ban all plastic bags to be sold in the county. You will have to five cents per paper bag, and two cents of that will go to the county. They are working on the wording now and should have something out later in the year. Why are also working on bail reform. So class-D felonies will not carry near the amount of time they would have to serve before. Watkins Glen last year had a summer program that cost them \$32,479.41, they have a list here of how many children attend from each town, our town had none, seeing that we already have our own program, but they were asking for a donation of \$2,500 per town. They did not have this program in 2018 because they did not have enough money. They will not have it in 2019 because of money problems, but in the hope that they can have it if all the town donated money towards the program in 2020. Last thing that they talked about there was the sales tax in the county was flat.

MEGA Municipal & Gas Alliance/Benchmarking Requirements - Joanne - So this is a program that the town can get signed up for to lower the cost of electricity for the municipality. If we went further, we could extend the savings to the town residents as well. Each resident then could have the choice to opt-in or opt-out of the program. At our next meeting we are hoping to have someone here go over more what they are about and how they can bring the savings to our town. They have been all over talking about this.

Thomas - I would like to add that what the main goal is to create more options for the consumer to choose in their power needs. In the end there will be three ways this can look. One being you stay with NYSEG or opt-out of the program. Two and three, stay in the program, because as a NYSEG customer you will be placed in the program automatically, but can choose to have a mixture of 100% renewable or mixed energy supply. All of which you will still get a bill from NYSEG, just some parts of the bill will change.

Joanne - We are trying to get someone to come down to talk more about this in person.

Norma - Is this different from the Benchmarking?

Thomas - They are two different things. MEGA would be helping us buy the power, while the benchmarking will help us get grants to improve the builds for energy efficiency.

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Joanne - How do we know if we will save money in both programs?

Thomas - We could save money with both. MEGA will help lower the cost of what we are paying for electricity now. While benchmarking can save us money by making our builds better by replacing old equipment, new windows/doors, etc. anything that can make the builds more efficient.

RESOLUTION #35

On motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Nancy Whipple to

ESTABLISHING ENERGY BENCHMARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR  
CERTAIN MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

**WHEREAS**, buildings are the single largest user of energy in the State of New York. The poorest performing buildings typically use several times the energy of the highest performing buildings—for the exact same building use; and

**WHEREAS**, collecting, reporting, and sharing building energy data on a regular basis allows municipal officials and the public to understand the energy performance of municipal buildings relative to similar buildings nationwide, and equipped with this information the Town of Orange is able to make smarter, more cost-effective operational and capital investment decisions, reward efficiency, and drive widespread, continuous improvement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to use Building Energy Benchmarking - a process of measuring a building's energy use, tracking that use over time, and comparing performance to similar buildings - to promote the public health, safety, and welfare by making available good, actionable information on municipal building energy use to help identify opportunities to cut costs and reduce pollution in the Town of Orange; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to establish procedure or guideline for Town of Orange staff to conduct such Building Energy Benchmarking; and

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that the following specific policies and procedures are hereby adopted;

**Building Energy Benchmarking POLICY/procedures**

**§1. DEFINITIONS**

(A) "Benchmarking Information" shall mean information generated by Portfolio Manager, as herein defined including descriptive information about the physical building and its operational characteristics.

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(B) “Building Energy Benchmarking” shall mean the process of measuring a building’s Energy use, tracking that use over time, and comparing performance to similar buildings

(C) “Commissioner” shall mean the head of the Department

(4) “Covered Municipal Building” shall mean a building or facility that is owned or occupied by the Town of Orange that is 1,000 square feet or larger in size.

(5) “Department” shall mean the Town Board.

(6) “Energy” shall mean electricity, natural gas, steam, hot or chilled water, fuel oil, or other product for use in a building, or renewable on-site electricity generation, for purposes of providing heating, cooling, lighting, water heating, or for powering or fueling other end-uses in the building and related facilities, as reflected in Utility bills or other documentation of actual Energy use.

(7) “Energy Performance Score” shall mean the numeric rating generated by Portfolio Manager that compares the Energy usage of the building to that of similar buildings.

(8) “Energy Use Intensity (EUI)” shall mean the kBtUs (1,000 British Thermal Units) used per square foot of gross floor area.

(9) “Gross Floor Area” shall mean the total number of enclosed square feet measured between the exterior surfaces of the fixed walls within any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy.

(11) “Portfolio Manager” shall mean ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, the internet-based tool developed and maintained by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to track and assess the relative Energy performance of buildings nationwide, or successor.

(12) “Utility” shall mean an entity that distributes and sells Energy to Covered Municipal Buildings.

(13) “Weather Normalized Site EUI” shall mean the amount of Energy that would have been used by a property under 30-year average temperatures, accounting for the difference between average temperatures and yearly fluctuations.

**§2. APPLICABILITY**

(1) This policy is applicable to all Covered Municipal Buildings as defined in Section 2 of this policy.

(2) The Commissioner may exempt a particular Covered Municipal Building from the benchmarking requirement if the Commissioner determines that it has characteristics that make benchmarking impractical.

**§3. BENCHMARKING REQUIRED FOR COVERED MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS**

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(1) No later than December 1, 2019, and no later than December 1 every year thereafter, the Commissioner or his or her designee from the Department shall enter into Portfolio Manager the total Energy consumed by each Covered Municipal Building, along with all other descriptive information required by Portfolio Manager for the previous calendar year.

(2) For new Covered Municipal Buildings that have not accumulated 12 months of Energy use data by the first applicable date following occupancy for inputting Energy use into Portfolio Manager, the Commissioner or his or her designee from the Department shall begin inputting data in the following year.

**§4. DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION OF BENCHMARKING INFORMATION**

(1) The Department shall make available to the public on the internet Benchmarking Information for the previous calendar year:

(a) no later than February 1, 2020 and by February 1 of each year thereafter for Covered Municipal Buildings; and

(2) The Department shall make available to the public on the internet and update at least annually, the following Benchmarking Information:

(a) Summary statistics on Energy consumption for Covered Municipal Buildings derived from aggregation of Benchmarking Information; and

(b) For each Covered Municipal Building individually:

(i) The status of compliance with the requirements of this Policy; and

(ii) The building address, primary use type, and gross floor area; and

(iii) Annual summary statistics, including site EUI, Weather Normalized Source EUI, annual GHG emissions, and an Energy Performance Score where available; and

(iv) A comparison of the annual summary statistics (as required by Section 5(2)(b)(iii) of this Policy) across calendar years for all years since annual reporting under this Policy has been required for said building.

**§5. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS**

The Department shall maintain records as necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Policy, including but not limited to Energy bills and other documents received from tenants and/or Utilities. Such records shall be preserved by the Department for a period of three (3) years.

**§6. ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

(1) The Commissioner or his or her designee from the Department shall be the Chief Enforcement Officer of this Policy.

(2) The Chief Enforcement Officer of this Policy may promulgate regulations necessary for the administration of the requirements of this Policy.

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(3) Within thirty days after each anniversary date of the effective date of this Policy, the Chief Enforcement Officer shall submit a report to the Town Board including but not limited to summary statistics on Energy consumption for Covered Municipal Buildings derived from aggregation of Benchmarking Information, a list of all Covered Municipal Buildings identifying each Covered Municipal Building that the Commissioner determined to be exempt from the benchmarking requirement and the reason for the exemption, and the status of compliance with the requirements of this Policy.

**§7. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This policy shall be effective immediately upon passage.

**§8. SEVERABILITY**

The invalidity or unenforceability of any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase of the aforementioned sections, as declared by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase, which shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED                      AYES 4                      NAYS                      0

OLD BUSINESS

Policy Against Discrimination & Harassment - Joanne - I know we have been talking about this for the last few months, so now it is time to accept this new policy outlined by the New York State.

RESOLUTION #36

On motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to approve to accept the Policy Against Discrimination & Harassment outlined by the State of New York under the guidelines that NYMIR has put out.

ADOPTED                      AYES 4                      NAYS                      0

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS -

Jeremy - Yeah, that guy needs to come back and look at his work. There are some cracks that have formed on the side of the building. We paid a lot not to have this.

Joanne - Okay, I will call him.

Larry Baker - Question for Jeremy, are there any plans to fill potholes this year on Hornby Road?

Jeremy - We want to get started, but this rain. Our plan is to get out and start working as soon as the rain lets up. We were hoping to be grading right now.

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Wendy Veley - Cemetery notice not out, but there was some clean up done. Most people did not clean up. There are some trees that should come down soon, I can not do that, but you should look into having them looked at. There is a bench in Sugar Hill Cemetery that needs to be removed, not sure if you can get a hold of the family about removing it. It is just broken and needs to be removed because it is starting to blow around. With all the rain we can not start mowing, so that is making it hard for us.

Sam Mattison - What is the deal with the microwave that I am hearing about?

Joanne - The deal is that they got the most expensive 1100 watt microwave from CBC at the cost of \$359. Now I have a microwave that is nowhere near as expensive as that. The Highway budget is only meant for road repairs and building of roads. I am not sure how this one got in there. Not sure if it was bought by the insurance company after the fire after someone brought one in from home. So, the town did not buy the microwave for the Highway Department and it is not on the town inventory list.

Sam - Are we paying late fees?

Joanne - No, I have talked with Matt Smith, President of CBC. He stated that he would wave the fees for the town while we would on fixing this issue. Right now, they own \$301 to CBC, because we overpaid something else.

Jeremy - Microwave is on the town inventory.

Joanne - I am not against them having a microwave, I am against them spending \$359 on a microwave. CBC sells microwave for much less. Why not get one for less.

Jeremy - CBC will not even take the microwave back. Why not take the money out of my tool account.

Joanne - I cannot do that. Your money is only for road repair and road building.

Mary Olin - Why not have the town pay \$150 and then the guys pay \$150 would that be far?

Carol - How about we just pay the whole bill for them?

Jeremy - I did not think \$359 was a lot of money for a microwave. I am sorry I bought one that cost that much. Just pay for it.

Joanne - Jeremy I cannot pay for this prior to the Comptroller of New York says I can not pay it. Your money is only road and road building.

Thomas - I just feel that it is hard to justify \$359, when there are taxpayers who have tax bills around the same amount, and they have a difficult time paying a bill like that. It seems like we are outside of our means.

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On the motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Nancy Whipple that the meeting be closed at 8:13 PM

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

**PUBLIC HEARING ON SEXTON HOLLOW ROAD BRIDGE AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, JUNE 3, 2019**

A public hearing on the Sexton Hollow Road Bridge and a regular board meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, June 3, 2019 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:10PM with the following members present:

**PRESENT:** Joanne Randall, Supervisor  
Rick Hendrick, Councilman  
Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman  
Norma Burris, Councilwoman

**ABSENT:** Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** David Bronfenbrenner, Audrey Pane, Mel Horton, Monterey Fire Chief, Julia Weber, Margaret Coffey, Al Buckland, CEO, Cameron Spicknall, Linda Spicknall, Judy Smith, Donald Paris, John Herbert, Stephens Caparco, Pamela Capurco, Laura Lynch, Wendy Veley, Carol French, Rick French, Gary Grey, Jeremy Abby, Highway Supervisor, Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

**SEXTON HOLLOW ROAD BRIDGE**

Joanne Randall Town Supervisor - Thank you for being here tonight for our public hearing on the Grant anticipation bond for the repair of Sexton Hollow Bridge. We are borrowing money from Community Bank of N.A., but we are not really borrowing the money. We have arranged an anticipation note from \$419,109.00 at the rate of 3.11% interest. So, we need your input as for the Town of Orange will be going into debt for this temporary basis of money exchange between the State of New York reimbursing us the money for the grant award and paying the note back to Community Bank of N.A. We have figured it would be about \$150,000 for Hunt Engineering to engineer the bridge, after we get the bill. We will send it into the state, then wait till the state send back the reimbursement to then pay the bank back. Here is the resolution for the bond authorization:

**GRANT ANTICIPATION NOTE**

No. 1 \$419,109.00

**STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF SCHUYLER COUNTY] TOWN OF ORANGE**

**GRANT ANTICIPATION NOTE FOR SEXTON HOLLOW RD., BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION**

The Town of Orange, in the County of Schuyler, (the "Town"), a municipal corporation of the State of New York, hereby acknowledges itself indebted and for value received, promises to pay to the bearer of this Grant Anticipation Note (the "Note"), or if it be registered, to the registered holder, the sum of Four Hundred Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Nine and No/100 Dollars (\$419,109.00) on June 3, 2020, together with interest thereon from the date hereof at the rate of

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3.11% per annum, payable to maturity. Both principal and interest on this Note will be paid in lawful money of the United States of America, at Community Bank, Town of Orange, NY.

At the request of the holder, the Town Clerk shall convert this Note into a registered Note by registering it in the name of the holder in the books of the Town kept in the office of such Town Clerk and endorsing a certificate of such registration hereon, after which both principal of and interest on this Note shall be payable only to the registered holder, his/her legal representatives, successors or transferees. This Note shall then be transferable only upon presentation to such Town Clerk with a written transfer of title and such Town Clerk shall thereupon register this Note in the name of the transferee in his/her books and shall endorse a certificate of such registration hereon. Such transfer shall be dated and signed by the registered holder, or his/her legal representatives, and it shall be duly acknowledged or proved, or in the alternative the signature thereto shall be certified as to its genuineness by an officer of a bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in this State. This Note is the only note of an authorized issue, the principal amount of which is Four Hundred Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Nine and No/100 Dollars (\$419,109.00).

This Note is issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York, and the bond resolution adopted by the [Governing Body] of the Town on [date], authorizing the issuance of Serial Bonds for the [describe project] within the Town and the Certificate of Determination executed by the [City/Village Treasurer or Town Supervisor] on [date]. This Note has been designated by the Town as a qualified tax-exempt obligation pursuant to the provisions of section 265 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

The faith and credit of such Town are hereby irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on this Note according to its terms.

It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, acts and things required by the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York to exist, to have happened and have been performed precedent to and in the issuance of this Note, exist, have happened and have been performed, and that this Note, together with all other indebtedness of such Town of Orange is within every debt and other limit prescribed by the Constitution and laws of such State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Town has caused this Note to be signed by its Supervisor and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and attested by its Clerk and this Note to be dated as of June 3, 2019.

Joanne - Okay after reading that we the Town Board need to hear what the community has to say about the note that we are getting bonded, because we are going into debt over this whole grant funding process.

David Bronfenbrenner - How long do you think this debt will be for?

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Joanne - Well the state says within 60 days of submission of any kind of bill.

David - So the debt will only be very little.

Joanne - Yes. This note is only good for one year. But Jerry with Soil and Water said this could last up to two years. Depending on how fast things move. So, we might have to renew this next year, and the bank said they are willing to do that as well.

David - So, the grant money is there, but we do not have the upfront cash to pay right now.

Joanne - Yes, so we need this note in order to make this work.

Margaret Coffey - So the grant only pays for the engineer. Not the whole project?

Joanne - No, the grant will cover the whole project, but Jerry said that the first he expects us to get is the \$150,000 or so for the engineering done by Hunt Engineering. We just don't have that kind of money lying around, so we need to go to the bank for help. Then he said the next amount could be the making of the box culvert which could be another \$300,000 or so. The note is for the whole project, but will be taking it in parts, and not all a one time. After 60 days we will pay back the bank, if the state holds up on its end. We all know how the state can be when it comes to paying out money. The grant money is coming from Bridge New York.

Margaret - Joanne, what do you see the real cost is here to the town?

Joanne - 3.11% of the money borrowed for 60 days. I have not sat down and looked that deep at the numbers, because it is hard to guess what some of these bills could be and how long the turnaround is. We could be looking at doing this up to three times. Another hard part is when our town workers can be in the creek, I think May to September, Jeremy?

Jeremy Abbey - Yes, something like that.

Joanne - And it is feeding into Mead Creek, as a trout stream does affect when our town workers can be in the water as well. If we can not get this done by September of this year then the bank will just hold on to the money for next year. I think they will charge interest if they are just holding on to the money. It is when we take the money away from the note.

Audrey Pane - Well what about when they will be shutting it down, how about emergency services, etc. when is all that discussion going to take place?

Jeremy - It should only be shut down for a day or two.

Joanne - Yes, that is what they have been saying all along.

Jeremy - When we find out the culvert is coming in is when we will tell people about what to expect. Mostly when they call it will be last minute but should be done within a day or two. They drop it in within a day and patching over it is just building it up and making sure it is safe to travel over.

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Audrey - What about the water, do they need to wait for it to go down?

Jeremy - No, not with a box culvert. They just drop it in and the water just pass through it.

Joanne - One thing Jerry is not sure of yet is getting easements if they were to need as pass around. So, not sure about land easements and right always.

Julia Weber - So, wait are they not talk about put a bridge in for a day or two?

Joanne - No, they would just have to go around for a day or two. It would cost more to do a temporary bridge, and more work, so in the end it would take longer.

Audrey - So, is it going to be Jeremy running the show here?

Joanne - No, I think it might be someone from Hunt Engineering. Jeremy?

Jeremy - Yes, the engineer will be there to talk more on how the traffic will be affected. Also at the same time I will be the point man on the town side of things.

Joanne - Plus Jerry from Soil and Waters. So, board I need a motion and a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #36

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GRANT ANTICIPATION BONDS FOR THE REPAIR OF SEXTON HOLLOW ROAD BRIDGE

WHEREAS, Town Board of the Town of Orange applied for and has been awarded a grant from the State of New York for repair of the Sexton Hollow Road bridge from the State of New York; and

WHEREAS the Town Board has accepted said grant; and

WHEREAS, that in furtherance of said grant the Town is required to pay for the costs of design and construction of the bridge in anticipation of receipt of the grant; and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor has arranged for a loan from the Community Bank in the amount of \$419,109.00 to be secured by a notes in anticipation of the receipt of the grant upon completion of the project; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on June 3, 2019, the Town Board held a public hearing regarding the grant and issuance of grant anticipation note, which was duly advertised and all parties wishing to speak were heard; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has duly considered the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Orange (the "Town"), Schuyler County, New York, as follows:

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Section 1. For the purpose of repair of Sexton Hollow Road bridge, the Town Board hereby, pursuant to the provisions of New York Local Finance Law, hereby authorizes the Supervisor to issue grant anticipation notes in the sum of \$419,109.00 to Community Bank at the rate of 3.11%.

Section 2. The faith and credit of said Town are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same, respectively, become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said Town a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 3. The validity of such bonds may be contested only if:

- a. Such bonds are authorized for a purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or
- b. The provisions of law, which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution, are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication, or
- c. Such bonds are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call Vote:

PRESENT: Rick Hendrick, Councilman Ayes  
Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman Ayes  
Norma Burris, Councilwoman Ayes

ABSENT: Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

ADOPTED

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AUDIT BILLS

RESOLUTION #37

On motion of Rick Hendrick, seconded by Nancy Whipple the General Fund Vouchers on Abstract #006 in the amount of \$6,233.19 were paid.

ADOPTED                      AYES      3                      NAYS      0

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RESOLUTION #38

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Rick Hendricks the Highway Fund Vouchers on Abstract #006 in the amount of \$21,190.26 were paid.

ADOPTED                      AYES      3                      NAYS      0

RESOLUTION #39

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Rick Hendricks the Trust and Agency vouchers on Abstract #006 in the amount of \$1,490.00 were paid.

ADOPTED                      AYES 3                      NAYS      0

TOWN OFFICIAL REPORTS

Code Officer - Al Buckland - Three building permits, 23 construction inspections, 24 hours, 234 miles.

RESOLUTION #40

On motion of Rick Hendricks, seconded by Nancy Whipple to approve the Code Officer monthly report.

ADOPTED                      AYES 3                      NAYS      0

Justice Report - Joanne - April \$989.00, and the state will take \$585.00 of the amount collected.

Highway Supervisor - Jeremy Abbey - So we are getting set up for the pavement of Hornby Road, because we just got a call the other day and Suit-Coat said that they would be here in a week. We had planned for mid-June, but they are ready now, so we have to take it. Randall Road and Donovan Hill Road each lost a pipe due to the rain washing them out. Expect to see some overtime in the next few days, there is going to be a lot of work preparing that hill.

Joanne - Is it going to be ready by then?

Jeremy - It is going to have to be, so overtime hours will be turned in with this weeks' time sheets.

Town Clerk - Thomas Peer - So, I have three checks. One, from the tax collectors account for the fees and service charges collected over the season in the amount of \$3,954.28 leaving a balance of \$5.00 in the account just to keep it open. The second check was for the sluice pipe permit fee that goes to the highway account, payable to the town supervisor. I should have just combined it with the third check for Joanne. So, we are getting the Summer Swim Program ready for the year. I am waiting for the state park to send the permit for us to swim there. So far they have only sent me the bus permit. I meet with someone one the benchmarking and will be filling out the online information about the town's energy use. So we can then look at ways to cut the cost. I

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had a meeting with the Chemung and Schuyler County Municipal Clerk Association and we gave away two scholarships each at \$500. Other than that nothing else happened.

Joanne - Next month at our meeting MEGA will be here to present on the energy saving cost of being a part of the group.

Supervisor - Joanne Randall - As of the end of April we have a balance of \$501,721.41 with a 9 cent interest on the account. This is an increase because of the Tax Collector Check clearing. We spend \$42,511.37 that was all the expenses we paid all last month. In the General Fund \$179,840.18, \$175,000.00 was the tax collection and recycling money, clerks report, etc. We spend \$124,560.65, payroll and bills paid last month, which include a \$102,000 for the fire contracts. So, the balance in the General Fund is \$192,802.04. The balance in the Highway Fund is \$623,366.08.

RESOLUTION #41

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Rick Hendricks to approve the Highway Supervisor, Town Clerk, and Supervisor monthly report.

ADOPTED                    AYES 3                    NAYS                    0

No Planning Board

No Rick Hurley

Fire Department Reports

Monterey - Mel Horton - 29 calls this year so far. We went to Harrisburg a few weeks ago for a pumper and looking a making our truck bay bigger because while we were down there. We noticed that fire trucks have gotten bigger and our truck bays can not support them. So, we may need to look into building an addition at some point. Not this year, but we are trying to set goals and make plans for growth. Mostly like we are going to expand two bays out ten feet. We ordered four more sets of turnout gear, and we are doing truck nights once a week. Please keep your ear open on some fundraising ideas to help build our funds.

Audrey - How do you get your information out? I do not have Facebook, do you put it on the radio, TV, etc?

Mel - Mostly Facebook right now, we have put something on TV about some of our events. We have talked with the town about getting an electronic sign board, but we are still working out the details.

Joanne - Yeah, we have looked into and so far they are up and around \$10,000. Where to place it is another topic as well.

Audrey - True, because I normally do not make it down this way, and the only reason I am here tonight is because I read it in The Shopper.

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Mel - And if the town and the fire department shared the cost it would not cost each other much. Also Jon Olin has been working on a baseball field out back of the fire hall. He wanted to do this for a long time, I even remember there being one when I was a kid.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion - Changing Propane Dealer - Joanne - This young man stopped in when I was working one day and asked if we would consider changing propane dealers. We currently have Griffith Propane, and he was from Countryside. He stated that we could get it for a \$1.64 per gallon for the first year. They are out of Campbell, and I told him I could not do anything without the board approval. So, back to 2018 and checked the last price we paid \$1.15 per was the least and the most was \$1.67, and 2019 in January we paid \$1.69 and February we paid \$1.67, and in April we paid \$1.63, but there are also fees that we paid on top of those charges. Just not sure if we are getting a deal. Or does the board want to wait after this energy audit.

Rick Hendrick - Lets wait till after the audit is done.

Nancy Whipple - Yes, wait.

Population Trends/ Tim O'Hearn - Joanne - Read aloud an email from Tim O'Hearn. The topic was population trends in Schuyler County regarding the population trends between 2010 and 2018. Stating that the Village of Watkins Glen is the only part of the county that has growth, while all other parts of the county are having little to negative growth. This is not to discourage the county, but to highlight some of the efforts we are making to make our county great and to motivate us to work harder to bring people to live here. The Town of Orange has gone down 12.1% from 1,609 residents to 1,415 residents in that time period. Our was the highest, and I say it is because we lost the camp in town. Everyone else was around 4.2% to 1.1%. The next town below us was 6.8%. Well and here I am thinking they are putting all that money into Watkin\s vs spreading it around.

Jon Olin - Well we have the most dirt roads in any township.

Joanne - Well I do not know who else would have the same amount.

Approve August Board Meeting Minutes - Joanne - Has everyone read them, any questions?

RESOLUTION #42

On motion of Rick Hendricks, seconded by Nancy Whipple to approve the August of 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

ADOPTED                      AYES 3                      NAYS                      0

OLD BUSINESS

Cemetery Signs - Joanne - We were going to have the County Highway Department make the signs for us, but they are too busy, so I got a hold Multiply Media and they will make the sign for

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us that are 18"x24" and eight of them for \$325.01 and the \$25 is a charge for a layout design. So, should we order the signs? I do not think we should wait.

Nancy Whipple - We Should order the signs.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS

Audrey - Who is our Assessor now?

Joanne - Caitlyn Brown is the Assessor. She works at Schuyler County Real Property, and she will be here tomorrow because it is grievance day.

Jon - How many townships is she working, if she is not working here why do we have an office here. Why should other towns have her for three or four hours when we can not even get her for two hours.

Joanne - I am not sure, I have been asking the same questions at the county level. Tom Bloodgood is not on speaking terms with me right. I was hoping from her tomorrow when she is here.

Cameron Spicknall - Not sure if this is the time to be talking about this but Huggins Road is a mess, not sure if you have been down it in a while, but there are potholes all over the road.

Stephen Caparco - Even if we can get some gravel down there, I can put it the holes myself. I have a small tractor. I even plow it in the winter, and I have lived there for 30 some years now and each year it seems to get worse and no one cares about it. I have spent about \$300 myself buying gravel and filling the holes myself. We really need some help over there. They sweep and oiled the intersection a bit but could not bring some gravel over to fill some holes.

Jeremy - Well we only have a small window of time to get things ready for oil and stone. Shared Services has only a small window that we work in for being a small town, we do not get to call some of those shots.

Stephen - Well they only did about three houses, and there are about 2 miles of road and 30 residents that did not get anything, yet this town still collects the taxes.

Jeremy - Its 8/10th of a mile that the town owns. We did not know the town owned that far down, I think I talked to you before and we did bring some gravel down early on.

Stephen - Yes, you did early on, but nothing after that and it's been about a year. As soon it went on the road it was gone.

Jeremy - This year so far with four guys, with 63 miles of road, and with all the rain we are getting there is nothing I can do. There are potholes everywhere, and we can not grade when the road is wet. I have lost two roads in the last storm, we are trying to fix all the roads, and the plans change. We have \$218,000 of pavement coming in early, yeah we are going to change the work plan. We can not wait because if we pass, who knows when the next time will come around, and

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who knows what we will be doing then. We just tore apart the road and now we can not do anything about it because we pasted on the pavement. It will cost the town more money in the end.

Stephen - I do not understand what the problem is about putting gravel over on Huggins road.

Jeremy - When I am using everyone to work other roads how can I bring it over. I need to keep up with the workload. We have roads that have four-foot trenches with pipes gone, trees down all over, Doug is coming in and it costing us overtime to do these things and still work him a normal day. Where do I find the time. Next week we have a guy off and I am down to three guys and we have not done any mowing yet.

Rick French - Okay, I want to talk about my road, Yawger Hill Road. I need ditches, all that water comes down right into my fields. I could not do anything with that field, is there anything you can do? I am not here to yell at you but, we need you help.

Jeremy - I know we have made a round up there and it seemed okay, but we will do some ditching when we get some work caught up.

Rick F. - Well now the water is running right down the road.

Linda Spicknull - Well my question is there a schedule to do Huggins Road?

Jeremy - We just do it in the spring because it is so wet down there because of the mash land. We loop around the town starting with roads the barn and build off from there. That is when the schedule is planned out, and with Suit-Koat right now and the CHIPS Sealing it has kind of changed everything because of the foreseeable rain.

Linda - Is there a schedule?

Jeremy - Once we start grading, we will know more what the current schedule, and the road has trees on both side with some parts of the road being nine feet wide. We think when the road was taken over by the town it should have been widened to 12 feet wide. It was not done right when the town took full ownership of the road.

Cameron - Well you are talking about 50 or 60 years ago.

Jeremy - This just happened in 2016, am I right Joanne?

Joanne - Yes, before that only 8/10 of a mile was owned by the town years ago.

Jeremy - Now it to the "T" then to the right going to Tyrone Townline, and once you get into the woods you can not turn around.

Laura Lynch - Yeah, but is there some kind of plan to build up money to do that.

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Jeremy - We are working on projects all over town. That is why we talked about the bond note for the Sexton Hollow Bridge. There are other roads that are bad like Huggins, if not worst. We just dropped the grader blade last week, and I just wish the weather would just work for us. The other problem is if I drop gravel in those potholes right now, they will blow out in twenty minutes.

Laura - So, you will get to us sometime sooner than later.

Jeremy - Most likely we are to be working over on that side of town, and push our way back this way.

Al - I am just surprised that most of Huggins Road is not owned by the town, I have done building permits down there a lot over the years.

Cameron - Well what was not done full right a few years ago?

Jeremy - That was a private road and in order for the town to take ownership of the road must be within today's standard.

Joanne - But was it done right?

Jeremy - See that is the problem, we are not sure if the town took ownership of something it should have not. We need to see what the State and DOT have on record to know for sure and see what and how it became that way. It was on the town road inventory and the map in the shop does not show it on there either.

Cameron - Is the map a legal document?

Jeremy - Yes, the map is legal today standard. We are a loud a few years within a printing time.

Cameron - Are there other town maps?

Jeremy - Are there any other maps?

Joanne - Well there is that one right there (Pointing to the map on her left side of the room)

Jeremy - The state never came out and check the work, and the town board took the word of Jeff Sutton and voted to take the road. It was a shady deal, and should have been done the right way. The whole road is not up to code and never done the right way.

Cameron - Right now the whole road is bad, and Steve and myself have been out there filling the potholes when we can when we have gravel, but we can only do so much.

Jeremy - The mash does not help either we can not do anything on that side of the road.

Stephen - Well Jeremy is doing a fine job, but it is hard to keep up with the road care, and everyone asking what I am going to do next.

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Joanne - Only think about if you are doing all the roads in the Town of Orange.

On the motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Rick Hendrick that the meeting be closed at 7:25 PM

ADOPTED

AYES 3

NAYS 0

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, JULY 1st, 2019

A regular board meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, July 1st, 2019 at 6:35PM in the Town of Orange Town Hall with the following members present:

PRESENT:

Joanne Randall, Supervisor

Norma Burris, Councilwoman

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

Rick Hendrick, Councilman

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT: Carol Rhoades, Chair Planning Board, Al Buckland, Code Enforcement Office, Jeremy Abbey, Superintendent of Highways, Mel Horton MFD Chief, Doug Barton, Judy Smith, James Heffner, Linda Spicklnall, Cameron Spicknall, Laurie Beem, Sam Mattison, Donald Pairs, Mary Olin, Armana Dabbract, Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

Doug Barton - MEGA (Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance) - I am the Public Relationship Officer for MEGA. It is a non-profit that started in the early 2000's. New York State decided to deregulate electricity. Two counties got together, Tompkins and Tioga to wonder if they combined their electricity needs and went out for a bid. They got a better price if they were to buy power on their own. What I am mainly going to be talking about tonight is only for municipal and how they can become a part of this program. So, they formed this alliance, and went out and got bids to get a better price on municipal power. So, they went back to the state and said that they would like to organize a non-profit to start reaching out to municipalities to see if we can bring them together. Their bid process is to New York State bid standards. So we gather all of the municipalities, which is about 300 right now, all towns, counties, villages, cities, some school districts, some public housing, but mostly towns, counties, and villages make up most of our organization. When we get the bid back, we accept the bid, and the bid is accepted by resolution through a county. For example, the last bid we did was through Genesee County. The reason it is accepted through the county is that any other municipality, like the Town of Orange can just say they would like to be a part of this program, and piggyback on that bid. You do not have to worry about the bid process because they are followed by the county overall. What we have done is create this group made up of a board of directors, and three part time people. Who are all retired government people. I have worked for Tioga County before I retired, one person works up in Albany area, and one person in Oneonta. We are trying to be spread across the state, so when we have a meeting like this, we do not have to have other people travel far. We are very conscious about our expenses, of all the aggregates we are the largest, and we are the cheapest. Meaning that we have to cover our expenses, and we add on 1/100% per kilowatt hour paid for by the energy supply company that represents the bid, so there are no extra expense once you receive a bid. One of the sheets before each of the board members is an authorization for a

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pricing proposal. You would have to submit one electric bill per building you want in the program, and from there you can ask for a bid. The request for a bid is not binding in anyway, and it should take about a week to hear back about what the bid is maybe a little longer. The proposal back to you could be used to compare it to your bills right now. The current program we are in now ends next year, and what will happen at that point is we will just roll you into the next program and contact all partners in this and state what the new bid is. From there you can decide if you want to keep going or to end it. It is not like the folks who call on the phone and give a great offer for the first six months, then jack up the price after that. We do not do anything like that, so when we go into the next contract and see if all our partners want to continue or not. We had an audit done two years ago from a firm in Chicago, and from the contracts and the money saved over the last 18 years was about \$17 million dollars over time, and we only work inside New York State. The power is still delivered by NYSEG, but the power supply will be different. They are still responsible for all the lines, poles, and all that is involved. If anything goes down, they take care of it. This is just the supply we are talking about. We do not affect the delivery charges, and we can not bid on the delivery charge. Questions?

Joanne Randall - There are a few villages signed up for this in Schuyler County?

Doug - Schuyler County right now is Montour, and Montour Falls went with another program we offer. There are a few, and I can get them to you.

Joanne - So if we opted into this, we would join with them and Schuyler County, and they can help us with this.

Doug - Yes, but I am not sure you are going to need much help. You have your bills in front of you, and you get a price from us. Then you just make the comparison, then you can just make the choice to join or not. It is truly that simple.

Joanne - But there is an option that we can give our residents that same opportunity?

Doug - Well, see that is a new program that was just started. Which is the Community Choice Aggregation, that really is the child of our current program. What that means is the state found out we are saving people money and is a good program. Then said why should only municipalities only be able to use this, maybe there are some help that could be used towards the residents of the town or village. Counties cannot do it as a whole, only just single municipalities. What we have done there is going out and we gather the 22 municipalities that started our program, which represents about 35,000 residents. So, we went out to get a bid for that, and came back with the bid and what is happening now is each community member got a letter that stated that they are about to be entered into the Community Choice Aggregate. If you don't want to be then you can just make a phone call to not take part or sent a postcard back, but on average we are able to save about half a cent per kilowatt hour. You are not going to buy a new car with the savings, but current electricity prices are low, and this price will be fixed. NYSEG's rates are variable rates, meaning they go up and down each day. Someday it will be lower than the bid price and someday it will be higher than the bid price. Very hot summer can cause rates to

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double, easier years like this year can create low demand for electricity. NYSEG buys their electricity daily, so that can lead to rate changes which you only see month to month. If you sign up with our program you can have a fixed rate for up to two years, which could lead to saving vs. rate changes month to month. The gamble can truly be made in your favor.

Cameron Spicknall - Has anyone presented this to Bradford School? The lights are always on.

Doug - I am not sure if someone has, and not sure if they are on our list, but again I can get back to you on that. I know school districts are a large consumer of electricity, so we could reach out to them.

Carol Rhoades - So did I hear that right, the town needs to be signed up before residents can start signing up?

Doug - No they don't. Sometimes the town is not signed up for the program. They are separate programs. Two different programs. Also, Bradford is not on our list. I think they should be, a lot of the school district get their power through BOCES, and the problem is that each school does not know what their power needs are.

Linda Spicknall - How long of a commitment would the town have to make to join the program?

Doug - Well, next year we go back out to bid, so they can join then or now under the current bid. Which is still a good deal and is only a 16 to 17 month commitment.

Linda - What is it normal?

Doug - Our next contract will be a three year bid. Because the reason we did this is because the rates are low now. The energy companies know this as well, so both sides are taking a gamble in this contract. The energy market is always changing, so this time next year energy prices could be double, and you would be paying more, but not if you join the program because of the fixed rate.

Mary Olin - Would that be the same amount of time for the residents?

Doug - No, with the residents when we go out to bid, we ask for a two, three, and four year rate contract terms, and we found out that the two year price is the best for residents. With the residential ones, those people can opt out at any time with no charge. The only thing being is that they cannot come back in until there is a new contract. We do not want people playing the game of price hopping.

Joanne - What we would like to do is have a bigger meeting with the residents over to the fire department to educate people about this program and what it has to offer them.

Doug - When you are ready, we will put you on a list and you must pass a public law with a public hearing on the law. What it would say is that MEGA is your Community Choice Aggregation administrator for the program. We move ahead with what needs to happen after that.

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Audit Bills

RESOLUTION #43

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison the General Fund vouchers on Abstract #007 in the amount of \$9,639.18 were paid.

ADOPTED                    AYES                    4                    NAYS                    0

RESOLUTION #44

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick the Highway vouchers on Abstract #007 in the amount of \$38,247.90 were paid.

ADOPTED    AYES                    4                    NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #45

On motion of Rick Hendrick, seconded by Nancy Whipple the Trust and Agency vouchers on Abstract #007 in the amount of \$5,869.84 were paid.

ADOPTED    AYES                    4                    NAYS                    0

Joanne - The only reason this is so high is the Foreign Fire Tax was sent to the three fire departments.

Building Code Officer - Al Buckland - N/A - Joanne - Al is not here tonight, he just had a new pacemaker installed and is recovering. Five building permits, three occupancy certifications, 14 construction inspections, one building without a permit, a total of 26 hours and 224 miles.

Justice Report - Joanne - Took in a total of \$879 for the month of May, the town will keep \$350, and the state get \$529.

Highway Supervisor - Jeremy Abbey - N/A - Joanne - Jeremy is not here tonight because of a sick child. We do not have his report and will get it next month.

Laurie Beem - Do we know when the ditches will be mowed?

Joanne - Depends on what road you live on.

Laurie - County Road 16.

Joanne - Well that is a county road. You will have to contract them, but most likely won't be done until before the NASCAR Weekend.

Town Clerk Report - Thomas Peer - Here is a check to the Supervisor for \$675.50, most of this money is Al's job, he just brings it to me. I did issue one timber harvesting permit for Chamber Road, Hornby, Coon Hollow area, did not get the insurance and liability form, so I did have to call and get them to fax it to me. In the past we would issue the form and have their insurance company fax over the form, just needed to remind them about sending it to me. The grant I

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submitted for back in January, I did not receive the grant funding. So, I am working with the grant writer and BEIL's to see what we can do from here. We are looking to resubmit this grant, we are just waiting to see what the review was of the grant we just submitted and hope to see that sometime next month. We are thinking about nearing the scope of the project to see what we can do with less and hope we get it in the next go around. One highlight being the state did not like the floppy disk price at \$75 per disk and there being about 200 of them, so the cost to convert them into readable documents will have to be done in house. The state said we scored in the 40 percentile, not sure what that means for us now, but that could be a base to start when rethinking our project. Our plans are to start in the fall again and start rebuilding our request for funding. The Board of Assessment Review letters have gone out to the individuals that grieve their assessment. I have the town copies which will be stored on file with the clerk. The Summer Swim Program is getting ready to start next week, and Misty Simms a PTO member and community member will be the Program Director who will oversee the chaperones and the children. She has really pushed hard before we got started to get the word out, mostly at the Bradford school because that is the largest demographic we are trying to reach, but we also placed ads in the Hi-Lites and Shopper stating that this is open to children 6 to 16; as well as, the whole community at large, so if you want to get together with some friends and not drive to the pool on Mondays and Wednesdays. We also got signed up for a summer lunch program through Catholic Charities which is hosted by the Watkins Glen School District. So, this will help with the family who cannot send their children with money or little to eat will get meal before they stop at the pool. The benchmarking is done for our buildings, so far, the information is following the idea of why we are doing this. The buildings themselves are not energy efficient and are losing energy. We hope to use this program to reach out and get help bring the cost of the energy needed for the builds to go down. I.E. new lights, windows, doors, and other various construction needs. NYSEG has also finally fixed some streetlights in the town here, some people have told me about this, and we have been on their case for it. Lastly there are maps in the lobby of all eight towns and the four villages. All maps have the hiking trail mapped out, so please feel free to take them and enjoy the hiking around Schuyler County.

Supervisor Report - Joanne - This is for the month of May. The Highway fund has \$623,371.69, took in a sales tax check of \$28,464.41, and also got a refund of \$33.57. All the money spent on that account was just the abstract bills and payroll. The General fund has \$192,803.75 as of May. That has all the reports from the Justice, Clerk, recycling monies, refund from IRS, and AP&G rebate of \$10.98. The money spent out of that account was the abstract and payroll for May.

## RESOLUTION #46

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick to accept the reports from the town officials.

ADOPTED                      AYES      4              NAYS      0

Planning Board - Carol Rhoades - Just to go over it again, we got a grant for a little over \$18,000. We need to come up with \$5,000 in donations as a community part of the project. Then

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we need to have at least \$6,000 in volunteer hours, we currently have about \$405 towards that amount already because the Planning Board is only working on the park. So, we can count all that towards the volunteer time at \$11.10 per hour. Towards the \$5,000 we have about \$1,000 in the account right now. We do have some offers for gift cards, we are not sure how we are going to handle them right now. In my report I am handing I, I have summarized what we have talked about in our last few meetings. We have laid out how we would want the park to look like. We are looking at getting four swings, slide, pavilion, and some kind of play climber, bike rack, branch. No trash can at this point, it will be a carry in and carry out park. Now we are just waiting on a clear title for the land and then we can continue on after that, then we can send everything to the state, after that we get a contract number, so we can go out to bid after that. This grant has a five year span, so if we need to use all that time we can.

Carol - Side note on July 8th there will be a Democrat Caucus meeting at the Monterey Fire Department at 6 PM. So, if you know anyone who would want to run in the State and Local Elections as a democrat can attend this meeting.

Rich Hurley - Environmental Management - N/A

Fire Department Reports

Monterey - Mel Horton - Well we did the chicken BBQ, and we sold all but 31 chickens out of 200. We provided EMS to the gathering until 10 pm, and good thing we were there. There was one incident and we reacted like we should and did what we needed to do. We have people coming in to do the pump, hose, and ladder testing. Our side-by-side was taken to Spencer to get the EMS kit put on it, and we should have it back by the end of the week. Everything is going really well. Kelly did not give me any financials report for this month, so we will get it to you when we can. We are going to start doing more chicken BBQ to help raise money. We want to bring back the Home Days, I think I talked about this before a few meetings ago. We really want to try to bring back what the fire department did in the past. Jon Olin has been working on our baseball field and should be done soon and ready for the bases to be placed. He has been a great help with the project.

New Business

Approve the minutes - Thomas Peer - September, October, Budget Workshop.

RESOLUTION #47

On motion of Rick Hendrick, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to approve the minutes for September, October, and the Budget Workshop for the year of 2018.

ADOPTED                      AYES      4              NAYS      0

Training Day - Sexual Harassment/Discrimination - Joanne - It is being held at the fire department on August 10th, it is a Saturday at 5 pm. This is for anyone who receives a paycheck from the town must attend. This will last about an hour, so please plan accordingly.

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Mel - Have you looked at did it online?

Norma - Yes, but we are going to do it as a group and those who do not attend can do it online. We are trying to get everyone done at the same time so we as the town knows who has taken it and who has not. We are also trying to make our more active vs. just sitting in front of a computer.

Mel - I am only asking because it is hard to get everyone to show up at once, so if I can tell my members who wish to take it online can I do that?

Norma - Yes, but we do need proof that they have taken it. I think they can print off the certificate and just turn it in at the town to be on file.

Mel - Yeah, and it being a Saturday in the middle of summer, it is hard to get people together, so if they can take it on their own, they might.

Joanne - Yes, our Highway Department is taking it when Schuyler DOT is doing their training, because if our guys come in on Saturday, we would have to pay them overtime hours for four hours. Schuyler County gives this once every month. So, there are other options.

Norma - One question, is the town willing or can provide coffee and refreshments for the training? For all that come to take it.

Joanne - I feel that only an hour training and the taxpayers should not cover that.

Mel - The fire department can provide all of that, no need to worry, we have coffee and water. I am sure we can get a light snack too.

Dog Control Contract - Joanne - Not sure if anyone watches WENY, and how they talked about the other day Schuyler County Dog Control. They covered saying that six of the eight towns in Schuyler County signed a contract to opt out of the current contract, and to have a new dog control person. I signed the contract with the Humane Society only because we are still sending money to them and we could not legally hold the money and not give it to them. Our contract is good until December 31st. Our plan is to hire a dog control office who will not work for the Sheriff Department, but rather for the towns. Mainly because our current contract is for only dogs, while our new one will include all animals. We do have a lot of unlicensed dogs in the Town of Orange, so we really do need someone who is willing to take the time to look for those dogs. Before leaving office as the Town Clerk, I did a dog census and sent out about 500 letters to full time residents of the town, 235 some homes did not respond at all, and nothing has been done as far as I know to look into seeing if they have dogs. So something needs to be done, otherwise our tax dollars and not being used to the fullest. This was a waste of time on my part putting together that information and nothing happened. Our old contract with the Humane Society read that 75 cents a dog will be reimbursed to the town for every dog the census brings out, but the Humane Society says that is too high. We currently send them 70% of every dog license sold, so we offered to reduce the amount of the percentage and let the town keep some more money, and there is no need for reimbursement for the census. They said no and would not

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give in to the offer, which made all the Town Supervisor mad, so that is when we went out to find a new animal control officer. The guy they hired is currently doing it for the Town of Big Flats, and he is willing to take the percentage as the pay that the Humane would have gotten. He would issue tickets and do all animal control, not just dogs. Tim O'Hearn is upset with the towns because one included him in, but it's not true. I feel we will make out better in the long term because of more dogs getting licensed. So, on July 15th, there is a meeting I plan on attending so we can work this deal out. What you heard on TV was true, six towns have signed up with an outside dog control, and that only the Town of Cayuta and Orange signed with the Humane Society and is good until the end of December. Then we will be switching, because I think it is in our best interest.

Carol - Do we pay them any other money, other than the dog license fees?

Joanne - No we do not. Any other money they get is on their own. Other Supervisor have tried to explain that the Humane Society would make more money if they did not pay the towns back for the census.

Old Business -

Huggins Road - Joanne - So, do we have people here from Huggins Road? Looks like there are a few of you here from that road. If anything would you all like to talk about on Huggins Road?

Linda Spicknall - Do you know what the final 2019 Highway Budget is for road maintenance?

Joanne - The overall budget?

Linda - Yes, for 2019.

Joanne - I do not have everything with me to answer that. I think it was \$600,000 sum, but that includes equipment, medical, payroll, everything is included in that amount.

Linda - Does it include the fund for CHIPS, Extreme Weather, and Pave New York funds that are just given out in June?

Joanne - We did not get any of that Extreme Weather fund money this year.

Linda - Yes, you did. It is in public record. In June the town was awarded \$37,674.99 in Pave New York money, and \$32,472.18 in Extreme Weather fund. That makes over \$70,000.

Joanne - Where did it go? I did not get a check or notification.

Linda - In June that town was awarded it. Whether you got recorded it or are aware of it I am not sure. But it is a public record.

Joanne - Public record from where?

Linda - The state budget.

Joanne - From the state budget?

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Linda - It was just awarded.

Joanne - See we got a letter telling us we did not get this funding at the beginning of the year. The letter stated that it was over the state not funding the program anymore.

Linda - Yes, but it was reinstated.

Joanne - We got no letter on reinstatement, but that is the state for you.

Linda - Maybe some of that money could be used fix Huggins Road. While I do appreciate the Highway Department coming and scraping the road so we can currently travel it, but only half the job is done. The edges are higher than the road causing the water to collect in the road and not run off. This creates hazardous conditions to travel. On April 3, 2017 the Town Board voted to accept 1.73 miles of Huggins Road, and take on any responsibility need to care for the road. There are forty property owners who travel this road and would like to see it properly crowned and ditched.

Joanne - See that is the problem right there. When that resolution was passed, Jeff Sutton swear that road was up to code before taking that resolution to DOT.

Linda - I have no idea on any of that. All I know is that the Town Board accepted that road on their road lists. My issues about Huggins Road is that the refusal of care for the left branch of the road. Being that my family has lived on this road for 60 years, there was no notification given to anyone on the road being town property. So, we need to see a resolution stating that the town has abandoned the left branch of the Huggins Road. My final issue is that minutes are not up to date, and the Town Board must be aware that the minutes are due two weeks after the meeting for review, for they are public records. I would to see the up to date meeting minutes at the next board meeting be available. Every time I have attended the board meeting each time, they have been confrontational and disdainful. Would you please enter this letter into the minutes.

Linda Spicknall Letter was submitted to the Town Clerk and will be recorded in the Clerk's Office.

Joanne - I do not know if you all were here when Delta Engineering was here doing a road study program. When all the gas wells were being put in, they took samples of the roads and tested them. They gave each town a list of what roads are the most traveled. So, I got out the binder they left for us, so I can review what they had to say about Huggins Road. This road is not even listed as a road that has heavy maintenance and is not considered a through road. The only people traveling on that road were people who lived there. But Jeff Sutton went around taking parts of roads that the town did not want anymore and started bringing them back onto the road list without it being up to grade. DOT in Hornell, states that the road was done by satellite measurements, and that cost thousands of dollars to have done. Never in the history of the town have we paid to have anything satellite measured. Hornell has on record that the pavement was changed as well, and we all know that did not happen, with two lanes of travel.

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Linda - Well according to the minutes the town has agreed to take on this road. Every one of the board member signed it.

Joanne - I am not sure if you knew Jeff Sutton and all that he has done in this town over his time here. Because there are a lot of things that happened under his watch as his time as the Supervisor of Highways.

Cameron Spicknall - If this study was done and they said our road was not traveled much because it being a dead end, is the study even done right?

Joanne - Well the only road to get on the list are the most traveled roads. Which include all the school bus routes, delivery routes.

Linda - Well what does their study have to do with our road?

Joanne - Well, what I am trying to say is that a road study was done, and your road is not traveled much for jobs need to be addressed right now.

Judy Smith - Okay what do we need to do to get the town to have this road be on their list of roads to work. The left hand fork is bad, and needs some work done to it. In the whole time my family has been down there the town has done little to nothing with the road, and like Linda, my family has been down that road for 60 plus years.

Joanne - With talking with DOT, and if the town does not feel that part of Huggins Road should be on the town's road list, we can take action to remove the road off our list. A new resolution can be passed to override the one made in 2017. I am sure that the Town of Orange should own that part of the road because it was not up to code to vote on.

Nancy Whipple - If the road was brought up to grade, would the town be able to use some of their property to build the new road?

Linda - There is no need to take property, you are working on the road to the cottages.

Judy - The grading was fine after they just did it, but the water right now just stays on the road, and they need to finish the work so it can stop.

Linda - It needs to be ditched as well.

Rick Hendrick - Well see there are some wetlands over there that the town can not touch due to the state protecting it. And with the grader having a hard time getting down it is not easy to scare fire the road. The rain is not helping at all.

Joanne - I can not talk for Jeremy, but I will talk with him about the issues you have brought up tonight. He is the Supervisor of the Highways and is in charge of everything that is going on with the road work.

Cameron - Do you not over see him?

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Joanne - No, I am the Town Supervisor, and we are both equal in our positions. We are both elected by the same group of people and we answer to the people.

Rick - The only way to change that is to have the position be appointed. We can only do that by the people voting for the change to happen.

Cameron - Can you please talk with him.

Joanne - I will, I am not sure what road he is working on right now. But I am sure he will get to it soon. Jeremy is very easy to talk to. Yelling at him is not going to help. Talking and asking him when the work will be done on the road.

Judy - Does he have to file an annual plan on what he is going to be working on?

Joanne - Yes, he has already done that.

Linda - I have called him and thanked him for what he did on the road and asked when he could come back to finish up the crown and ditching. His comment was that we are on the schedule, and spent some time yelling at me, but I did thank him for his time.

Judy - What is the process of making an elected position to an appointed position?

Joanne - There would have to be a public hearing of some kind. This could be hard, they tried it one time and it got on the ballot and was voted down by the whole town.

Mary - They might vote for it now.

Rick - They might.

Judy - What about a subcontractor? Even with an elected position?

Joanne - Jeremy would have to hire the subcontractor. I would not know anything about that stuff. I am not qualified to do road work; I just drive on them or can't.

Cameron - So, with that said what is Jeremy qualifications?

Joanne - He came here from DOT, working for the state. Working on state highways.

Cameron - So, that is all paved roads, most of our town is dirt, he is not an engineer so who is to say he is qualified?

Joanne - Well it is better than some of the other Highway Supervisor had for qualifications. Some had no idea what to do with road construction. It is hard to get an elected person to do that job we are asking them to do. It is a thankless job, even as an appointed position it still will be hard. I am sure that talking with Jeremy can get this problem fixed in no time. He is working all over this town trying to all he can with what he has.

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On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison that the meeting was closed at 8:20 pm

ADOPTED

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Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, AUGUST 5, 2019

A regular board meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, August 5, 2019 at 6:38PM in the Town of Orange Town Hall with the following members present:

PRESENT:

Joanne Randall, Supervisor

Norma Burris, Councilwoman

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

Rick Hendrick, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Harold Galusha, Wendy Veley, Doyle Waters, Heather Waters, Gary Dann, Curtis Nichols, Cameron Spicknall, Linda Spicknall, Calin Coffy, Margaret Coffy, Audrey Pane, Jane Lesesing, Larry Baker, Rick Hurley, Carol Rhoades, Dan Watson, Thomas Peer, Town Clerk.

Entereo Solar - Dan Watson - Joanne Randall - Dan Watson is here today to talk about a large solar farm that would be built on County Road 16, not to far up the road. I have been talking with them for a while now, along with Al Buckland our Code Officer who has received a lot of material that has been handed out to the Town Board to review prior to this meeting. There are maps and plan of each description of each step they are going to take while building this solar farm.

Dan Watson - Entereo Energy, Lodstar Energy is mine company out of Texas, are working together to form the Northeast Solar Company. We do projects in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York. We are a local small ten person company, and we do a few projects a year. Curt is our engineer with this project, with Delta Engineering who has made the plans here. This is about a 33 acre solar farm, there will be road access off of County Road 16 where County Road 22 meets. There is a three phase line connection there that we can use to feed the energy into the lines. Construction is driving steel posts into the ground, and the soil will have little to no upset. After we are long gone the land can be converted back in agriculture use again. Very low impact to the soil. Construction take three to five months to complete, and we are looking at starting sometime next year, might not be able to do if before the snow hits. Our plans so far have followed what the town has outlined in their local law, and we have some state process to go through. We are mainly here to answer any questions you might have.

Carol Rhoades - Did you buy the property?

Dan - No, we are leasing it as of right now.

Carol - How many acres again?

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Curt Nichols - 33 acres. The site is 100 acres but is mostly wooded with a hill. There a 200 foot set back on the sides that face residential property that is outlined. We are planting trees as well on the 200 foot set back in between the fence and the people's property.

Margaret Coffy - Compared to the one in town now, how big will this be compared to the one here now?

Curt - This project is much bigger.

Dan - The equipment will last for 30 years or so. Our lease agreement is for 30 years, we are mostly to replace and update the equipment over time. The decommissioning will happen under our watch as well.

Joanne - Yes, that is part of what the board has in front of them right now.

Carol - How is this going to work with taxes?

Dan - So, we are looking at entering a 20 plus tax agreement with the town.

Joanne - Our town attorney said we should create some kind of host agreement with them, but what it looks like, yet I do not know.

Dan - I have not done one of those, it is not part of what I do, so I cannot add to that. But I have heard of it.

Joanne - That is what they did in the Town of Catlin. They have a Host agreement vs a Pilot program. I still do not know what the difference is between those two things.

Wendy Veley - Who is the energy going to?

Dan - To NYSEG right now, but this is a community solar project. What that means the community can have first access to the energy through programs. They are free to sign-up and a small percentage will be placed on your energy bill cause the price to go down. The state is trying to get the solar savings to the communities they are in.

Carol - So, just 10% of the energy used not the supple charges.

Dan - You can see about the average person saving \$10 to \$15 per month.

Carol - Do people need to buy into it?

Dan - No, there are no upfront cost to be part of. Other community project might be like that, but this one will not.

Rick - How does the leasing work? Does the property owner pay the taxes still or do you?

Dan - We would pay on the 33 acres and the landowner will take care of the rest.

Larry Baker - Is there going to be a fence around it?

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Dan - Yes, eight foot tall around the whole solar farm.

Doyle Waters - How far off the ground are they?

Dan - I think the max height is 12 feet. More than likely it will be like ten feet or so.

Doyle - Will you mow around them?

Dan - We will mow two times a year.

Doyle - Livestock under them?

Dan - We have seen some developers do that, is all in who wants to do it or not.

Wendy - Why mow only two times a year?

Dan - Because we want to make sure the grass does not cause a fire hazard to solar panels.

Wendy - It does not seem to be enough.

Dan - We could like into doing it more if it calls for it.

Joanne - That is better than the solar farm that is in our town now. Al has talked with them but it seems to be going nowhere.

Harold Galusha - What about the snow?

Dan - The snow tends to fall off of the solar panels easy. We did look into this before coming here.

Carol - Why is this area attractive to you?

Dan - The Town of Orange does have a solar local law that allows for it, and not every place has a local law like this to attract companies like our here. The access to electricity is here and not hard to reach. We can't buy land in places where it costs too much to build on, and electricity is not costly up here so the cost to produce electricity is low.

Carol - What does zoning have to do with it? And the fact we do not have zoning.

Dan - Not sure why that would affect us.

Rich Hurley - Have you work with other towns in the area, like Tyrone?

Dan - No, not much but a landowner did contact me over there. I am just not sure why we did not go over in that area. There are only a few areas that make sense into where we as a company place our solar farms.

Rich - Tyrone might have a moratorium on solar farms that is why I brought it up.

Dan - Like I said we are a small company. We are working on six projects right now for this year. We are not like the big guys and are all over the state. We look into a few areas and see if

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they are willing to work with us on making our solar farm. We like to make projects that will last for a long time, every project needs to be successful for our company to make it.

Rich - What are the benefits for the town?

Dan - Increase in property taxes, just on that property alone. Community solar project and talking with residents on becoming a part of this project. They get first choice for it being here. Lastly, to have something be an off taker for the project, meaning that they get a large chunk of the energy being made. This could be a school, hospital, waste facility, etc. The community side would be about 60% of the energy made, and 40% would be the off taker.

Joanne - That might be something that I will call over to the Bradford school about to see what they can do.

Dan - I think the next set is to do a Seeker review for this project, and that the Town Board request to be lead agency on this project.

Joanne - Okay we should be talking with you soon.

Schuyler County Youth Bureau - JoAnn Fratarcangelo - Here with me is Adam Lotton, our program youth organizer. Every year we do a recognition of some kind of youth program, person, or event that takes place in our county that helps get youth active. This year the Town of Orange got the award for their Summer Swim Program. This is the Community Builder Award that we would like to present to the Town of Orange. Correct me if I am wrong, but I believe your summer swim program has been going on for the last 40 years.

Joanne - Yes, it has been.

JoAnn - Tom O'Mara and Philip Palmesano has sent a proclamation from the New York State Legislature honoring the program and the Town of Orange. Our ceremony was June, but Joanne could not make it, but we wanted to make sure that Joanne and the Town of Orange got the award and recognition you all deserve.

Audit Bills

RESOLUTION #47

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick the General Fund vouchers on Abstract #007 in the amount of \$9,500.40 were paid.

ADOPTED	AYES	4	NAYS	0
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RESOLUTION #48

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Norma Burris to table the payment the Highway vouchers on Abstract #007 in the amount of \$231,513.39 until clarification.

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Thomas - I think our website is easy to get to now. I really want to reach out to the company and see what they have to offer.

Carol - See it hard to find sometimes.

Thomas - I understand, but we need to understand what we have before we can make changes. We just got the bill for our website and it is for \$850, that is cheap compared to what is out there. This company is geared towards those who are government group vs. non-government groups websites, and they only work inside New York State.

Jon Olin - I feel it would benefit you to attend that meeting in Syracuse.

Thomas - Yeah, that is why I am asking to board if it is okay for me to go. I have talked with the company before over the phone, but it would be nice to be face to face and see what it is all about. I feel that I can learn better and help if show it in person.

Carol - What is the cost to going to Syracuse?

Thomas - 58 cents per mile, that is what state rate is.

Carol - Oh, it is a one day thing?

Thomas - Yes, I would drive up in the morning, attend all day, then return in the evening. It is from 10 am to 3 pm on a Friday, no cost to attend, just the travel cost because I am using mine own car. If I can sit with a web developer up there it might help expand what we can do here.

Nancy Whipple - I think you should go.

Norma Burris - I think so too.

Thomas - Okay, with all that being said, that is my report.

RESOLUTION #50

On the motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick to approve the Town Clerks report.

ADOPTED	AYES	4	NAYS	0
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Supervisor - Report - Joanne Randall - The Highway fund has a balance of \$542,179.12, the increase are \$523.65 which was a returned overpayment from 2017. The decrease are \$36,216.72 which is the abstract and payroll. The General fund has a balance of \$177,711.74, increase of \$16,534.72, which is a mortgage tax check, recycling money, money collected for tire recycling, justice funds, and Town Clerk money.

RESOLUTION #51

On the motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Nancy Whipple to approve the Town Supervisor report.



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Joanne - Well, they would have to attend school, if they do not have it already, and that can be costly. That is also something that needs to be done yearly. Also, there are the administration fees, like mailing, paper, maps, etc. all of that can add up and it could cost us more than \$20,000 or sum. But we can look into, and I'll talk with Tom Bloodgood.

Next Board Meeting - Joanne - Labor Day would be our next board meeting, do we want to change it? If we move it would you like it on the 9th of September?

Jocelyn - It should be next week a lot of people go away for the weekend.

Joanne - Okay, so we can move our meeting next week. Same time at 6:30 pm.

Carol - Okay, that being said our Planning Board will hold our meeting on September 10th.

MEGA - Electric Supply Cost - Joanne - So, I gave all the board members the reply back from MEGA to review. I just have a hard time trying to see what we pay now for the supply cost of electricity, but they are saying from September 20th of 2019 to September 19th of 2020 we can get the supply cost of the electricity to be .04717 per kilowatt hour, at a fixed electric rate. Or we can go out to September 19th to September 2022 to get the supply cost of .04852 per kilowatt hour. We are currently paying around .11769 per kilowatt hour through NYSEG, so my question is does the board want to sign up for the MEGA program for all the town builds?

Nancy - Let's try it for a year.

Norma - I agree with her on that. Just to try it out and see what it really can do in terms of savings.

Jocelyn - Yeah, I like that we should see what a year looks like and try to look at the savings next time when we renew the contract.

Joanne - Okay, I will call them tomorrow and let them know we will take the one year contract with them.

Approval of Minutes - Thomas - Any question or comments to approve the minutes.

RESOLUTION #52

On motion of Rick Hendrick, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to approve the minutes for November Public Hearing on Cold War Exemption and Budget Hearing and Board Meeting, December Board Meeting, Year End Meeting for 2018.

ADOPTED                      AYES      4              NAYS      0

Joanne - One other thing I would like to bring up is that we got a Letter from Williamson Law Book. The letter states our support contract is going up next year by 2% starting in January of 2020. They sent this to us, so we can plan ahead for budget time.

Old Business

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Joanne - I really did not have much under old business but does anyone else having anything to bring.

Nancy - I know we have talked about it in the last few months, but I feel we should talk about making a resolution tonight because we have people here who would weigh in on this. A resolution to have an appointed Highway Supervisor rather than having an elected one. That way the Town Board can have more say over the highway department. Now I was told this was talked about years ago. The town people at that time voted it down because they felt they would lose a say in who they are appointing vs electing. So, I would like to get a feeling for what everyone would think.

Linda - I think it is a great idea, simply because there is no control over there or accountability.

Nancy - That is what I am talking about.

Audrey Pain - Maybe we could hire someone outside of the Town of Orange.

Nancy - I think that should be part of the resolution, or even outside of Schuyler County as well because we are so close to the county line.

Joanne - It would have to be a referendum on the ballot. So, I do not know if we have time to put it on the ballot for this year. I may have to be on next year's ballot.

Nancy - And creating a large area to pick from could help us find someone who know what they should be doing. That is my feeling.

Linda - We have such a small pool to pick from right now. This could help find the right person we need.

Nancy - You are right, even trying to hire our last worker. We had a hard time trying to get people to apply, and we only had two people.

Norma - I think there is a higher interest in the community to do this now, so trying to place this on the ballot could not be a bad thing.

Carol - I think we talked about this five years ago or so. There was not interest then either a that time.

Jon - I am sure the public was unaware of what was going on anyways.

Joanne - I think we need 150 to 180 Days prior to placing it on the ballot and I think we need to hold a public hearing on this as well.

Nancy - I think a public hearing would be nice to have on this topic to see how much people would feel about having this position change to elected to appointed.

RESOLUTION #53

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On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to have the Highway Supervisor position be placed on the ballot for 2020 as a referendum on the position being appointed by the Town Board or remain an elected position.

ADOPTED                      AYES      4              NAYS      0

Privilege of Floor/Public Concerns

Audrey - What is the status on the Sexton Hollow Bridge?

Joanne - Jeremy had a call from the engineer and had to meet with them, as far as that I do not know much at this point, but it is being worked on. They did say that this Fall we would get an engineer, then we still would have to wait on the manufacturing of the box culvert.

Audrey - It still is going to take two days?

Joanne - I do not know that answer, they have not told us yet what the time frame of placing the box culvert in position. The people on Sexton Hollow should know before the rest of us because they should ask for easements or right of ways to cross the properties, so someone on Sexton Hollow would know before the town. But this is looking like it will be next year.

Doyle - Are we in an agricultural district? Right to farm, and all that stuff?

Joanne - Yes.

Doyle - So I am a farmer and I bought some land so I can farm it and have been for a while. I planted my corn, and it gets mowed down. I understand that there are easements or right a ways on the roads, but this has been farmland forever. I am trying to use it and make it better, but my corn gets mowed down.

Carol - Who's mows it down?

Doyle - The Town. My thing is that 16 feet was taken on mine side of the road, and the other side where there is brush. There was little to nothing mowed back and only went 6 feet. I see other fields that are right next to the road and they do not get mowed back. My question is, yes it close to the road, and it would have been cut before the snow, but like this corner close to here. This town better be careful. I just put all my money into my corn, and just sprayed it, and it gets cut down. I do not know if there is anything, I can do about this, there might not be anything I can do, but I felt the Town Board should know because I was never even asked to cut it myself. It was Jeremy by the way, who mowed the ditches that day, because no one else would do it. There was no communication on the corn being so close to the road and me having to take care of it myself.

Heather Waters - Yes, It would be nice to have someone to talk to, before putting all the money into spraying it just to have it mowed down.

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Jon - I am just shocked that all this mowing is happening all over and some places are not even getting touched. It seems like they do not know when they need to mow. There is a state law that says when the roadsides need to be mowed by.

Sherry Templar - I live on Templar Road, and nothing seems to get down on that road at all. There is dirt and dust all the time. Potholes everywhere, and I have called three or four times, and nothing still has not been done. Thomas has been a great help, but that is the only part that has been done right. I feel like I am being ignored, and it is not just my road, there are other roads around me that are being ignored as well. When is anything going to get done, November?

Joanne - I do not know Sherry.

Sherry - Why is not the Highway Supervisor not here right now?

Joanne - He is on vacation this week.

Jon - I even have a picture of your road, not with me, but I do.

Sherry - Someone is going to get hurt up there, and there are going to be problems.

Norma - Have you sent anything in writing to the town? Send something in writing and the town has to do something by law because it is on record as a defective highway.

Joanne - There are forms in there on Thomas counter if you would like to fill one out.

Sherry - Okay, I can do that after the meeting.

Linda - I have been to the last two meetings, and submitted a letter, is there anything going to be done with our road. What about the \$70,000 sum you got from the state.

Joanne - I looked into it and we do not get that money until 2020.

Linda - So, is there anything to be done to Huggins Road in 2020, so you ditch and crown our road.

Joanne - I have no idea.

Linda - This road is becoming more unpassable by the day.

Joanne - I have a map of Huggins Road, and there are 15 properties on that road. The section we are talking about because that is a private driveway. The Town of Orange does not take care of that part of the road.

Linda - But the road is not taken care of to the point of the first property on that road meets the private driveway. We are asking the town to take care of the road to that point. With ditching and crowning done.

Joanne - But that is where he graded down to, and then stopped.

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Linda - He only grade the first 8/10 of a mile. He did nothing else, no ditching and no crowning it was just a straight run and back. There was nothing done to build it back up. The side of the roads are so high that there is about two inches of dirt on either side of the road. Anytime that it rains now the water stays on the road and is not going into the ditch.

Joanne - I am really not sure what to tell you because Jeremy is not here right now.

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison that the meeting was closed at 8:25 pm

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

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A regular board meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, September 9, 2018 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:37PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Joanne Randall, Supervisor

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

Rick Hendrick, Councilman

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman

Norma Burris, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Switala, Dan Compitello, Ed Perry, Douglas Barton, WC Nichols, Beverly Frost, Harold Mattison, Mary Olin, Wendy Veley, Sam Mattison, Harold Galusha, Carol Rhoades, Laruie Beem, Audrey Pane, Rich Hurley, Linda Spicknall, Judy Smith, Tom Bloodgood, Caitlyn Brown, David Bronfenbrenner, Al Buckland Code Officer, Jeremy Abbey Highway Supervisor, Thomas Peer Town Clerk

Tom Bloodgood and Caitlyn Brown - Real Property Tax Office - Presented a contract between the Town of Orange and Schuyler County Real Property Tax Office, and this agreement will run from October 1st, 2019 to September 30th, 2025. This agreement can be found on file with the Town Clerk, and the following discussion happened during the contract being read allowed.

Tom Bloodgood - We are here tonight because Joanne asked us to come and talk with the Town Board and the residents at tonight's meeting. We are here presenting the contract that if signed would affect the Assessor roll for the Town of Orange from 2019 to 2025. We are here to answer the main question that always seems to come up, "what does the town actually pay for when the County sends the bill." What are you getting. What I have here is a copy of the contract that we are asking you to consider. What is covered and has no limited to, charges for mileage, telephone, photocopying, postage, and other similar charges. They look at building permits, filing the tentative roll, sitting down with taxpayers, grievance day, filing the roll, and being there in person or over the phone during tax time for school taxes, or January for town and county taxes, exemption status, could sum up what a whole year looks like for an assessor. The County is doing the same thing during that time, so why not have shared services to lower the cost to the taxpayers. The County acts as a vender and the Town is a customer, and it is up to the County to keep the Town happy under the terms of the contract. I have done some writing over this contract, and would like to go over those areas. Like paragraph one, the County provides assessment services in the manner under Real Property Tax Law, Section 1537. Caitlyn under that law will be acting as the assessor for the time being, but she is the town assessor and is being paid by the county. Number six, the County agrees to be solely responsible for all administrative expenses. Number seven, local office hours to the Town at their request. I know when Vicki was here, she was here every Monday morning. I think that was over kill, there was Mondays she was here with nothing or nobody here. I know that sense Vicki has been gone and retired, we have

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not been here much, and we owe you more. To be here and help people who are in need to see the assessor. We will need to work on that more, I do not think it needs to be every week, but to be here more would help right now. Number ten, this is the real cost saving right here, because in the contract we are agreeing to maintain the assessments at 100%. Without this, having your own assessor could run a cost in the \$10,000s. The cost for this year of 2019 is \$20,014.35 or \$16.05 per parcel at 1247 parcels, and that is at a full-time assessor, and Caitlyn is going to be working for us part-time. So for 2020, you could see a rate of \$14.81 per parcel at 1241, bring it to a total of \$18,379.21. A \$1,635.14, or 8% in savings because of that move to full to part-time assessor, and that would be for next year. I have talked with Joanne and Caitlyn, because the idea of Caitlyn solely working for the town. The figures for that would be about \$10 per parcel at 1241, bring that to a total of \$12,410. Which could be said for the going rate of an assessor salary, but then there is the other contractual costs that go with it, mileage, postage, training costs, etc. Then if you add in the cost of a revalue of the town, and do that over a period of four years. You are now looking at the cost would equal the same if you are to go with the County. We are just asking if you would go with the County contract, but you do not have to by any means. I think it compares really well with Caitlyn and either option should fare well with the Town of Orange. Caitlyn if you have anything to add go ahead.

Joanne - Tom one question, if we hire our own assessor how would that affect our 2% tax cap and our assessment cap with Tyrone?

Tom - When you day tax cap and assessment cap with Tyrone, they are two different things. The tax cap in on your levy and would have no effect on that. You have been with Tyrone long enough that breaking the cap will not affect each town at all.

Joanne - Okay, but it would affect us if we dropped below 100% assessment as to the aid coming back or not.

Tom - The you would have to do a reassessment and there would be an added cost to that.

Joanne - Okay.

Tom - As of right now we are not planning on doing any reassessment of the Town of Orange in 2020. We would then do Orange and Tyrone in 2021 together.

Audrey Pane - Is Caitlyn the Assessor for the Town of Orange only?

Caitlyn Brown - No, I am the Assessor for Orange, Tyrone, Reading and Town of Dix.

Al Buckland - You do that Part time?

Caitlyn - I am part time in the office, then I have a few other towns in a few other counties, so I work remotely, but yes I am part time.

Tom - We are paying her for two days a week, and one is on site and the other is remote. We are talking with the County Administrator, and the plan is to increase that from two to three days, with two on site.

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Audrey - Where is her home office?

Caitlyn - Homer, New York would be my home office.

Audrey - So, if we needed to talk with you we would have to call up there?

Caitlyn - Yes, I have a different phone line there that we can talk on.

Tom - You can call the county as well, and we can help you as much as we can.

Beverly Frost - I have been trying for years to get an address change and it does not happen. I have talked with the school district and the county.

Tom - You mailing address?

Beverly - Yes, I am not a resident of Florida, but I still own property here. I have problem each year trying to get my taxes paid on time.

Tom Bloodgood took Beverly information to fix it on the county end.

Caitlyn - I know I have met a few of you already, but here tonight to show my face off more. Like Tom said, I do plan on being here more next year by having some set office hours here. Tom, Joanne, and myself are still working on finding that time out. We will try to keep it the same and if will be mostly every other week I will be here. You can always call the County to try and get a hold of me, email always works as well to reach out to me.

Audrey - Have you done this kind of work before?

Caitlyn - Yes, I have another township I assess for, and I clerk for two other assessors who each have nine town each.

Tom - She has a number of years of experience in the business, and came to us meeting the general requirement that an assessor would have to have. Which is very rare for us for when we are looking for assessors. In the past we would have to train and teach someone to be able to meet the general requirements to be an assessor. This has worked out great for us so far.

Al - It seems like she has her hands full to be doing all of this.

Tom - I think we all do, and you know it about looking at our program and I think we have made some adjustments in terms of the reassessment activities we do. We were running ourselves ragged trying to reassess all of our towns every year. Then we looked at a four year cycle, and pear it down to doing different groups each year for the next four until we repeat, so that knowing every four years this is going to happen. The parcels alone are too much to do, when Vicki was here. She was doing over 7000 parcels per year, do that has made things suffer. You can tell by us not being here during normal office hours. The Town of Tyrone pointed that out, this past year has not been the same, and we hear and understand that, and are taking steps to change.

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Delaware River Solar - Proposed Solar Farm - Ed Perry Property - Dan Compitello - I am here tonight with Robert Switala our engineer, and the landowner Ed Perry. Our company is named after the Delaware River, which borders New York and Pennsylvania, in our office in Callicoon New York. What we do is build community solar farms across New York State, and we get local people to subscribe to our service to sell the solar energy to anyone local. Any NYSEG customers can take part in the subscription, and NYSEG tell us how much power you are using from our solar farm. Then we know how much our solar farm is producing on demanded, then do some math to see how much power each person is using from our solar farm. This is new to New York State, and right now we have about 40 solar farm systems around the state. We are looking to triple this number in the next year and a half. Build and own and operate these systems, so we are using a portion of Eds land to build our solar farm, and we are using about 11 to 13 acres of land. We will own the farm for the whole life time of it being there, and we are expecting to get about 30 years or 40. At that point it could be outdated or needs to be decommissioned, which we have provided a plan for that. We have been working on this for a while now, Ed has shown us the land, and use the North side of the property that faces County Road 16. This is a great place to put our farm, we just placed one in the Town of Dix nearby. The natural tree line there will help shade the farm for the residential property around the proposed site. We are aware that Ed plans to put a campsite on the land as well, so we have built our solar farm in might for that construction project. We looked at the old plans and made some changes that would allow his campsites to be placed in. The road will need some work to build up, but has a good base to start from. We will enlarge the road way, so later on when the campsites are place they can use the same road to get in and out of the land. There will be a gate and fence around the solar farm to protect it and people from being harmed. We use more of a livestock fence, it bends more in with the community, and will be 8 feet tall. There will be room to add on to the road, but we are only building one to the gate and side leading to where they could do just about anything for the campsites entrances. There is a stream that runs on the land now, and under the driveway. We are not looking to add additional stream crossing, so we are going to improve what it there. Most likely we will be placing a bigger pipe there. We visit the solar site about six times a year for ground maintenance, and other things as well. We also use sheep to keep the ground maintenance low. The solar panels stand about eight feet tall, and will face South on a fixed tilt. Which are just post driven into the ground no concrete used. We have about 500 subscription space we are going to be selling. If you are anyone who is under NYSEG you can subscribe to our community solar project. You could see a savings of around 10% of you bill, and this will only be coming off of the electricity supply, not delivery fees. People in the Town of Orange will have first pick on the subscription space, then it will be opened up to NYSEG customers. There are no buy ins to take part in this program, it will show up as a credit on you NYSEG bill after you have spoken with our customer service people. You will have two bills to start with, but after a year it will be one bill. This only happens because of how the laws are written right now, and as a community solar project we follow what they say because we are selling energy credits. The state is working on changing it, so NYSEG could just send one bill. The farm itself will produce about 2 megawatts. We are mainly here because the Town of Orange has a solar law that would allow us to build within the town limits. This shows us that the Town of Orange is

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committed to allowing solar farm projects to have an impact on your community. Our community solar project is a state fund program to expand power all over New York, to make our power grid stronger and reach our goal of a 70% renewable energy produced in state. We are working with Joanne and the town attorney to create some kind of pilot program or host agreement with the Town of Orange, so we are trying to create a community program. So that the board knows, in the packet you are going to find: cover letter, NYS Unified Solar Permit, full AIF, lease agreement, project memo, and decommissioning plan. All are required by town law, so if there is anything else please reach out to us. What we would like from the Town Board is to start the Seeker process and take the roll of Lead Agency and do a coordinated review of parts two and three. It normally takes about 30 days to hear back from other agencies, and from that we can start our next step. In hopes to start construction next Spring.

Al - I would not have a problem with anything they are doing, I have looked over Ed maps and information and it looks like a good project. I have met with these guys at 5 pm today and it all seems really good to start moving ahead with the next steps.

Robert - We can not take any actions tonight, but what we would like is the town to take action of 239 for the County to start what we need to with them. You know, get it out to county planning, and then declare Lead Agency tonight, and not have to say any actions for that, but declare that it start the process.

Joanne - What does the board think, should we do this tonight, or wait till we go to class tomorrow.

Nancy - Well I think we know we are going to be Lead Agency, so I have no problem with it.

Robert - Yes, and 239 is to only make sure we are meeting the County's next meeting. By declaring that and deferring to them we can get that taken care of and out of the way by the next time we come back to meet with the town board. After that we can finish up Seeker end of it, we can at least get the ball rolling.

RESOLUTION #54

On motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Rick Hendrick to be the Lead Agency and to refer to the County under 239 by County Planning Board for Delaware River Solar.

ADOPTED                      AYES 4                      NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #55

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Norma Burris to be the Lead Agency and to refer to the County under 239 by County Planning Board for Entereo Solar.

ADOPTED                      AYES 4                      NAYS 0

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Doug Barton - Community Choice Electric - Joanne - Not sure if there are people from last meeting here, but Doug Barton is from MEGA and we are not getting our electric just the kilowatt per hour at .04717 and it starts September 1st, but as long as the town is sign up. We can get our community choice program started, so you can get a reduced rate and see a savings your electric bill. This could take a year to complete this project.

Doug Barton - I am with MEGA, being here tonight has been interesting and hearing all this solar talk because this program fits in nicely with solar projects. If you are signed with a solar company, the remaining power usage may not be able to provide you with all of your needs. The remaining power you need to fill that void in could come from our program. This Community Choice Aggregation, it is a part of MEGA, and what we do is go out and bid on power demands for large groups of municipalities and get a better price on electricity. We started this in about 2001, and now the state said we can allow residents to be apart of this program. We gather a group of towns and villages to bid out power for over a little 30,000 customers. I was here a few months ago and there was an interest in this program, so what we do is take you energy bill supply and get that price to be low, we can not do anything on the delivery charges, we are only talking about supply. The only binding thing that will be signed by the town is an agreement for a CCA, if someone else come in you can not sign with their CCA because you are with MEGA. The most important thing about this project is that up to the very last day we give you a price, and that day only, you can say no to the program. So, we are going to come back at some point and say here is the fixed price for that next year for your residents, and if you do not like that price you can say no, and we are all. This does not cost anything to do, other than the time we have to work with attorneys with some of the paperwork, we supply all the templates for the resolutions for a local law, which will need to be passed authorizing the CCA, but again after authorizing the CCA you do not have to use that local law, but it does need to be done that way. So it takes time, then there is education. The state says this must happen before we start the program, then you pass the local law, after that there is more education sessions, we will work with you on that. Then being in the newspapers, or public meetings, or some places have them in the school or fire hall so more people can come. Anyone who is getting their supply from NYSEG can take part in this program in the Town of Orange, if you have anything else we can not help you with that, for that we are sorry right now. Each customer would get a letter stating that they are going to be taking part of this program and would be given the opportunity to opt-out, with has to be the biggest complaint we have because those people need to take action. We make this process easy to opt-out, you get the letter and it says if you do not want to be a part of this program, call this number, or there is a post letter you send back, or do it online and opt-out. You can do this at anytime as well, and there is no fee after that, but you can only opt-in once. So, if you leave and say hey that was not so bad lets do that again. You can come back, but you can not go in and out, we are not in this to have price watchers. The price we give is good for twelve months. In our program it is only one bill, and that is coming from NYSEG, and our price is a fixed rate vs NYSEG being a market rate price, which means it is driven by the market price for the day. We can say that we can beat the average rate that NYSEG offered in a year. There will be some points where NYSEG will be lower than our rates, but sometimes where they will

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be much higher than our rates. NYSEG last year was a rate of 5.265 and our rate was 5.092 per kilowatt hour, so we beat the average. Prices right now are low, and it is the cheapest it seems in the longest time, but the other thing that it does is help people who are on a fixed income. With people who do not have spikes of electricity demands will see their overall costs go down. What I am going to do today is to leave this agreement with you Joanne, on the second to last page is all the milestone that need to reach in this program, so we need this administration agreement signed by November 13th, and take a look at it. This is only what the state would like to have done, but by signing this agreement you are saying that you are willing to investigate a Community Choice Aggregation Program in the Town of Orange, and a month later if you do not feel you like. You can say no and end it all right there, at this point there is no cost at all. This whole thing is risk free.

Joanne - Thanks for coming.

Monterey Fire Department - Jeremy Abbey - 54 calls so far this year, Mel just got his CIC certification so he can start teaching EMT classes, they have four or five people starting in January EMT training.

Highway Department - Jeremy Abbey -

David Bronfenbrenner - Any word on the Sexton Hollow Bridge? Are we looking at the Spring as a start time?

Jeremy - Well the engineers are still working on the drawings. When they are done Jerry from Soils and Waters will get ahold of Joanne or me on when they are planning on making the box culvert. Then we can see when it will be finished, then start looking at dates for installations. Plus we can only touch that bridge during some times of the year due to our union contract, and it being a trout stream.

David - So, next summer could be possible as well.

Joanne - Yes, Jerry did not want it to be like this for two years, but it is looking like it because of the state involvement.

Jeremy - Also we have a beaver problem up on Hornby Hill, and it is costing us \$200 a day to send two guy to keep busting up the blockage, we have a permit to get rid of them by DEC, but Harold has his trapping license and has not renewed, if the town pays for it. He is willing to do the trapping during town hours to get rid of the beavers.

Joanne - He would have to come in and see Thomas, and he can sell him the license if he has the certifications, it only cost \$20.

Jocelyn Harrison - Wow, just \$20.

Thomas Peer - It will cost the town less because of the commission that is taken off. I will be here tomorrow night if he would like to stop by.

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Mary Olin - Have you been hauling gravel and sand for the winter. I have been seeing a lot of trucks driving back and forth on my way to coming, and that is about three times a week.

Jeremy - Yes we are hauling a lot,. We just 4000 tons of sand for the winter and the gravel is for road repairs. We are building up some of our stock piles, and see what else we need.

Mary - I just see two trucks running all the time.

Jeremy - I would rather seeing us hauling the stuff than another company.

Mary - What about dust control?

Jeremy - Suit-Koat is going to get back to me this week. They have been busy and behind all the time because of this rain.

Linda Specknall - Is there a road maintenance schedule for 2019?

Jeremy - For 2019?

Linda - Yes, it should have been put in October.

Jeremy - You mean the Summer work plan? That was handed in May, but that was the expenditures.

Linda - Well I was wonder, sense you got \$32,000 in Weather Recovery Funds, and I know it must be spent from the town before getting it back from the state. You might be able to put a few \$1,000 in Huggins Road, and ditch, crown the road.

Jeremy - I do not know where you want me to start with the ditching problem. It has water on both sides, not sure where it will be ditched too. There is a swamp on both sides with water, and most of it is protected by DEC.

Linda - Well it has been ditched in the past.

Jeremy - We went through and graded that road like you guys can here and asked us. I do not see what the problem is now the road look beautiful.

Linda - Yes the road is beautiful, but it has been graded down and the dirt left on the side the water is just going to stay on the road and not run off forming a cup.

Jeremy - It was crowned, but it was wet and got pushed down and back out.

Linda - Well if it was ditched it would not be so wet.

Jeremy - We are going back to the state, and really see how that road was taken over. Because it was not done right and mostly illegal.

Linda - What you are talking about is the right fork, but the first .8 miles of road and down to the fork in the road needs to be taken care of.

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Jeremy - In 1954 that road became part of the town road system, and that road is still only meant to be a driveway. There is a sign at the fork pointing to the left that is a private lane. Our whole road inventory is through the state and not the county.

Linda - Our road is just simply not being taken care of. It has not been mowed, ditched, crowned.

Jeremy - You can not mow trees.

Linda - There are other things than trees.

Jeremy - You can not ditch water. There is a swamp on each side.

Linda - There are sides that can be ditched.

Judy Smith - I think there is some confusion going on right now. We are talking about from State Route 226 down to the fork. It looks like a bowling alley, and the water can not jump.

Jeremy - There is a null on one side of the road that can not be ditched, and I can not ditch a bank. I will meet you down there and we can talk about the whole road.

Linda - Great that sounds good just pick a time.

Jeremy - Sometime later in the day, how about Wednesday at 4 pm. We will meet at the fork.

Linda - Okay.

Judy - Okay.

Doyle Waters - Jeremy how come my corn got mowed down?

Jeremy - It was in the right of way for the road.

Doyle - How come the corn on the other side of the road did not get cut back. It was four feet off the road.

Jeremy - Yes, four feet and not six inches.

Doyle - Okay, so why did you go 16 feet into my field?

Jeremy - Well it was 12 feet, and the corn was blocking a road sign because the corn was growing around it. If soy was planted there it would not be a problem.

Doyle - What can I plant there?

Jeremy - Soy or thing that stays low.

Doyle - I can not plant soybeans year after year. I can plant it one year and rotate.

Jeremy - But you can not plant seven foot corn on a blind corner.

Doyle - What about over here on the county road?

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Jeremy - Well that is off the road, pass the ditches and not up on the roadside.

Doyle - But it is hard to see around that corner.

Carol - Well that is a county road.

Doyle - Still can not see.

Jeremy - Well it is our right of way for the town and we have to right to cut the corn for safety.

Doyle - Why did you not stop and talk with me.

Jeremy - I stopped and talked with Heather.

Doyle - No, why didn't you stop and talked with me. Because I could have done something with mine corn instead of wasting \$400 in corn.

Jeremy - We talked about this last year, when we put in the pipe in that field. I let it slide last year, but this year I cut. You can not block town signs.

Joanne - Okay we would like to get along with our meeting.

Norma Burris - I have one question for Jeremy, Why does that overhead door stay open when no one is over there?

Jeremy - There is always someone over there.

Norma - No there wasn't. Rick and myself where there, and no one was there and the door was open. Why is it open, there are tools in there that could be taken.

Jeremy - Let me ask you a question, why are you guys in that town shop unattended.

Norma - Yes.

Jeremy - So, are you behind the bar in the bay and the paint on the floor? Well that is bad because you do not fall under as a town employee and is a cause for safety.

Norma - Well we were looking for someone and could not find anyone.

Jeremy - It is no different from anyone in this town who does not work for us. You can not just walk anywhere in that building. There are signs all over that say where you can and can not go in that shop, so I am not sure why you are there. You could get hurt and sue the town.

Norma - Any kid could have walked in there and gotten hurt, or anyone could walk in and take stuff. You are responsible for the towns stuff and equipment.

Jeremy - Well the town is responsible for you after you pass the paint on the floor unattended.

Norma - Well we are looking for someone to help us.

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Jeremy - It does not matter. You can not walk anywhere in the shop. But we will start locking everything up. Man door and all.

Jeremy left the meeting at this point.

Audit Bills

RESOLUTION #56

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick the General Fund Vouchers on Abstract #009 in the amount of \$27,673.83 were paid.

ADOPTED                      AYES 4                      NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #57

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Nancy Whipple the Highway Fund Vouchers on Abstract #009 in the amount of \$48,001.71 were paid.

ADOPTED                                      AYES 4                                      NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #58

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison the Trust and Agency Vouchers on Abstract #009 in the amount of \$1,490.00 were paid.

ADOPTED                                      AYES 4                                      NAYS 0

Building Code Officer - Report - Al Buckland - Ten building permits because Thomas added the last two that I submitted. On your paper it shows up as eight. 13 inspection, 21 hours worked, and 223 miles traveled.

RESOLUTION #59

On motion of Rick Hendrick, seconded by Norma Burris to approve the building code officer report.

ADOPTED                                      AYES 4                                      NAYS 0

Justice - Report - Joanne - We have two this month. For June, \$989 was collected and \$514 will go to the state. For July, \$568 was collected and \$293 will go to the state.

RESOLUTION #60

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to approve the justice report.

ADOPTED                                      AYES 4                                      NAYS 0

Town Clerk - Report - Thomas Peer - I did \$2,154.65, most of it being Al bring in the money. I sold some hunting licenses, two culvert permits, the town is getting a check for \$1,683.76. There is a new piece of legislation on Marriage Licenses, this is to waive the fee of active duty military

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personal, which translated to is a \$22.50 fee taken off of the cost of the license fee. The town has the choice to waive the fee on their end as well, which translated would be \$17.50, but the town does not have to waive the fee here. This is added to the older law for active duty military personal and that was to extend the time the license is active, so if they get deployed that do not have to get a new license. Just do not know what the town is thinking on this.

Joanne - Have we ever done one for an active duty military person?

Thomas - I have never, not even sure you have Joanne in your time being the clerk. This is something we need to talk about because this is about to be signed into law. I have gotten little to nothing on information for this. I only heard about this through my Town Clerk network that I have created. Adding to the marriage discussion, I got a letter telling me to cease and desist on the selling of marriage license, not sure how to take this either, but my other clerks feel that this is something coming from a nonresident of this country, and this should not be taken seriously. I have call DEC three times this month and it see their system is doing poorly, but we are working around that. Later this month I will be attending the Digital Towpath annual meeting, this meeting is mainly to see what is going on with our town website. I go the letter back o my grant, they highlight all the strengths and weaknesses it has, and I will be working with all parties to make this grant better for the next time we submit it. Norma was also talking with me on SCOPE and the 17 hours that they have for our town to use for grant writing. I know that this time is limited, and I do not want to use them if the board has other plans for those hours. Another set of eyes wouldn't hurt to have someone else look at the grant to review.

Joanne - I do not believe we are planning on using those hours this year.

Nancy - I do not thing we are going to use them this year either.

Thomas - Okay, I will share my grant stuff when I get the changed updates. One last thing, some hours were affected by the power going out. The power was off one day, and another day I was here and it powered off half way into my office hours.

RESOLUTION #61

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Norma Burris to approve to waive the town fee of \$17.50 on a Marriage License for all active duty military personal.

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

Supervisor - Report - Joanne Randall - The Highway Fund has \$480,233.61 as of July 31st, 2019. We had a sale tax check of \$38,052.74. In the General Fund has \$163,099.85 as of July 31st, 2019. We have revenue of \$104,710.92, and we spent out \$119,322.81. So, looks like a lot of money, but \$480,233.61 needs to last us until March of 2020.

Planning Board - Carol Rhoades - We did not have a meeting this last month, but we do have a contract number now. We will be going out for open bids, and at this point there will be nothing on that lot until Spring of next year. We can get started on putting everything together for the

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Spring though. We are going to be doing a Fall Fest on October 19th with Fire Department, so we each can raise some funds. That is all I have for the park, but I want to bring something else up to the board. This business with the solar farms, should the town think about how many solar farms we should allow in the town limits. We are right to become a solar mega place, and do we want to become that, or do we want to regulate the number going in each year. After these farms get put in do we want to have some kind of moratorium. This could last six months to a year, just so we have a little more time to have action and cut down on the presentations. I would just hate to see 15 solar farms around me, one is close already, but how many more can this town support. They maybe adding a new substation in order to accommodate more solar farms, I would think that the board could think about this and come back at the next meeting.

Rich Hurley - Environmental Management - Report - I heard but have not read the report yet. About a white substance that was on the surface of Lamoka Lake, and I believe there is something going on with the water down in Montour Falls, Watkins Glen, and along the lake sides. This could be a real problem if it gets into the water supply, but this is just stuff that I am hearing right now. But here are all the minutes from last few meetings council meeting. We need to look at development and the impacts that it might have on our environment.

Carol - Would there be any grants that we can get on water testing on all this private wells? To test and see if there are a high rate of disease in one area or other things that could be in the water.

Rich - There is a high rate of disease right now. Watkins Glen is really high in cancer rates and other diseases. There are high rates of chemicals in the ground and water in that area. If we are not careful, we could see something like that here.

Carol - Could you keep an eye open for grants like that. Maybe we as a planning board can take that no next year.

Rich - Yeah, I could keep my eyes open, I do not have the equipment to do it myself, but we can look for help in that area.

Carol - Yes, we are more or less liking for the grant to test water for people.

Rick - Rich I was wondering if you would like to be part of the committee that helps put the chemical into Lamoka and Waneta Lake.?

Rich - No I would not do it, because I am against the use of chemicals to balance an ecosystem, and that is against my green.

Rick - I only wanted to ask because of your knowledge of chemicals.

Rich - I would not be productive on that committee because that all have agreed that chemicals are the best way to treat the lakes and I do not agree with that.

New Business

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Appointment of Assessor and Discussion - Joanne - So, do we want to appoint Caitlyn as the Assessor, or do we want to hire our own Assessor?

Nancy - Can we just stay the same?

Joanne - That is what I am asking. We have to either appoint Caitlyn again because her term is up, or should we hire our own assessor?

Jocelyn - How much would we be paying her if she just worked for us and not the county?

Joanne - We would pay her \$12,500 a year, but we need to buy her a laptop, pay mileage, postage, training, etc. She only will work eight hours a month, and she will do the assessment for the first two years, and then not for another five or ten years. There we would not maintain 100% assessment, so we would lose state aid.

Al - She is doing to many things for the time she should be doing the job here when she is elsewhere.

Joanne - We would still get here if we went with the county, but I told Tom that she would need to be here in the town more next year. Due to her not being here at all this year, and the mail she gets here at the town was not really getting to her in a timely manner.

Approve Minutes - January Reorganization Meeting and February Board Meeting - Thomas - If you have any questions or comments

RESOLUTION #62

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick to approve January Reorganization Meeting and February Board Meeting.

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

Old Business

Resolution approve CHIPS Budget Ledger Entries - Joanne - When I made the budget adjustments to the CHIPS fund to cover that bill that no one would sign last month. Then I went and got the information for the CHIPS fund and placed it in all of your mailboxes. We only had \$165,000 in the budget and that was the only notice I got, and we had \$137,072.54 in roll over funds from 2018. Then they approved Pave New York Funds at \$37,674.99, and then Extreme Weather Recovery Program at \$32,472.18. So, that has the modified budget at \$372,224.71 for our total CHIPS funding for 2019, so Jeremy has already spent \$9,955.20 in crushed gravel and then I have not closed the \$214,000 voucher for that was not approved because we did not know if we had the funding.

RESOLUTION #63

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick to approve the CHIPS budget modification.

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ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

Privilege of Floor and Public Concerns

Doyle - Well I would like to thank the town for mowing my corn again. They only took one row this time. Jokes on them it is growing back.

Mary - I was not at the last meeting, but was there talk on having the Highway Supervisor be appointed rather than being elected?

Joanne - We are going to put it on the ballet next year.

Wendy Veley - I have one meeting this year, and then we are done for this year, but in April we will start mowing if the weather is good. If we can not mow we will at least start picking up around the cemeteries.

Mary - What about taking away branches? I see there are a pile of them in Maltby cemetery near my house. Why don't you take them away, that is part of the cleanup.

Wendy - The get left because of decomposition, and it forms a real nice fertilizer, so we can use it to start growing grass.

Mary - But these branches are huge.

Wendy - We are still working on that pile because they fell off the tree, and we just placed them there because we just saw some there before.

Mary - I was just wondering.

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick the meeting adjourned at 9:14PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, OCTOBER 7, 2019

A regular board meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, October 7, 2019 in the Town of Orange town hall at 6:36PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Joanne Randall, Supervisor

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

Rick Hendrick, Councilman

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman

ABSENT: Norma Burris, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Groves, Frank Affronti, Mel Horton Monterey Fire Chief, Sam Mattison, Harold Mattison, Haley States, David Bronfenbrenner, Al Buckland CEO, Carol Rhoades Chair of the Planning Board, Luarie Beem, Larry Baker, Darold DeCamp, Heather Waters, Wendy Veley, Rich Hurley, Thomas Peer Town Clerk

Audit Bills

RESOLUTION #64

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick the General Fund Vouchers on Abstract #010 in the amount of \$7,062.63 were paid.

ADOPTED                    AYES 3                    NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #65

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison the Highway Department Vouchers on Abstract #010 in the amount of \$22,035.65 were paid.

ADOPTED                    AYES 3                    NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #66

On motion of Rick Hendrick, seconded by Nancy Whipple the Trust & Agency Vouchers on Abstract #010 in the amount of \$1,571.60 were paid.

ADOPTED                    AYES 3                    NAYS 0

Building Code Officer - Report - Al Buckland - No building permits, 23 inspections, 23 hours, and 230 miles traveled. We have three new houses being built in town, they are on Sugar Hill, Bud lane, and the last being on Warmers property. I pick up some filing cabinets and dropped them off September 3rd, and I see they are being used already.

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Justice - Report - Joanne Randall - For August they took in \$238 and the state will take \$110.

Highway Supervisor - Report - Jeremy Abbey - Not present, no report.

Haley State - He will be here.

Town Clerk - Report - Thomas Peer - Busy month, I sold a few timber harvestings permits, doing a lot of dog licenses, then did about \$700 worth of hunting and fishing licensing. Just that time of year, and people are getting ready for hunting season. I just want to thank the board again for allowing me to go to Syracuse last month, to attend the meeting for our town website. I think it is a very successful organization, we took the plot out the next five years' worth of budgeting. In a span of five years it was not looking good and could lead towards bankruptcy, but not because of poor investments. They are looking at adding another employee, while one will be retiring within that time frame; as well as, equipment upgrades. There is just some overlap of the two staff members in the five year plan. Look further ahead you can see the budget balancing again. They house our server on a BOCES campus, and are looking to expand their resources there. This will allow us to use more storage space on the server, and process more information. This will help when we digitize the town documents, they are adding more cloud space, and we will not be limited on space in the cloud either. They did increase the price for the service they are providing to us. We pay \$850 now, and the price increase brings it to \$875, so not really much of a change, but the cost value of the service is in the ballpark of \$1100. We did get a lot of tips on our website to make it easy to use, and on things we should be doing and considering updating as well, so I will be working with the board at a later time on those changes. We have been a member since 2010, and can say that our money and tax dollars are being spent well. I also talked with the grant writers on taking out some parts of the grant to focus more on what really needs to get done, not saying that it all needs to be done. By doing this we are going to be asking for less money to hopefully show that we do not need a lot. The big part being taken out is the floppy dice, the state did not like how much we are going to spend on those. We are just trying to make this a better pitch. Also talking with other clerks, I might have found another way to get grant funding for our building by working with the court clerk. They have court grants that can do a 50/50 cost share if the court and town use the same space to conduct business.

Supervisor - Report - Joanne Randall - In the Highway Fund we have as of August 31st, \$273,302.38. We spent \$244,983.55, and that was mostly to Suit-Coat and work on the roads, gravel, etc. In the General Fund we have as of August 31st, \$249,868.34, and we spent \$224,028.31 being payroll, vouchers, etc. We took in money from recycling, mortgage tax check, and refund check for overpayment. This money needs to last us until March of 2020, but we will get another sales tax check before the end of the year. That will go into the highway department. I am working on the budget, and it is not going well and we can only raise it 2.03% according to our tax cap. I have only gotten to the General Fund part, because we are still in union negotiation with the highway department, and we do not know what the wages are going to be for 2020. We needed to double our elections funds because of next year in it is a presidential election, and it will have to be \$5,000.

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Jeremy Abbey enters the meeting.

Highway Supervisor - Report - Jeremy Abbey - Well we are hauling in sand, Suit-Coat is coming, but the rain right now is not helping. We have a lot of oiling and stoning to do, and then we are getting ready for Winter.

Carol Rhoades - What happened with you meeting with the Huggins Road people?

Jeremy - They are talking about the private lane, not the road leading to the lane. You know the fork to the left.

Joanne - There is nothing you can do there.

Jeremy - That is what I told them, and they still think I should fix that part, but I will not.

Joanne - But at least you got them to back off for a while.

Jeremy - Yeah, but they still wanted me to ditch the swamp.

Joanne - Yeah I do not think Soil and Waters would not like that.

Nancy Whipple - I have a question, is my road still on the list to get fixed?

Jeremy - Yes, it is.

Nancy - Any idea?

Jeremy - When the rain stops. We are trying to get things buttoned up.

RESOLUTION #67

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick to approve all town officials monthly reports.

ADOPTED

AYES 3

NAYS 0

Planning Board - Carol Rhoades - We want to ask the Town Board if we can use the road that are in front of the Monterey Fire Hall for our Fall Festival. I believe it is Orchard and South Street.

Kelly Groves - Here is an update on the Fall Festival . If anyone would like to donate anything for the silent auction, someone will be at the station every night this week. As we are working to get stuff finished, and everything is going well so far. We sent out ads for the event to the news channels everything today. One of our members will be on the news for this event trying to get people to attend. We have a chili and apple pie contest can sign up now, and we would like more than what we have right now. This is happening October 19th, 1 pm to 6 pm which is a Saturday. We are sharing the money with the Friend of the Park, and we are trying to reach a goal of \$3,800 for the completion of the park. It will be in the HI-Lite and Shopper, so we are trying to push this really hard. Thomas made us copies of the flyers to hand out to people. There will be activities for the kids and a band will be playing music. Bradford Fire Department is helping us

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out with tables and some people. The vendor's will inside the building and a little sitting area. It should be fun and we hope it is a good turn out, so please tell everyone to attend and help us build a park in this town.

Rich Hurley - Environmental Management - Report - No meeting in September, but here is the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

Fire Department Reports

Monterey - Report - Mel Horton - We are about 60 calls for the year so far. We had a fire department up in Buffalo donate six sets of air packs, frames, masks, and they are in service now. Next year we are looking at getting a new EMS vehicle, and we are looking to replace that. Starting November 4th, I am teaching EMT classes at our station, and we can teach this class to anyone who needs it. I do have one in EMT classes right now, and one in IFO, and BFO is coming up later this month. Financially here is where we stand.

Kelly - So, this year we have had to replace a lot of stuff. Our fuel cost was \$3,000, utilities we paid out \$4,814, fire equipment \$14,927.81, we got a side-by-side for \$10,470.84 after we got the basket put on, training we are at \$3,404, building maintenance is \$3,349, fundraisers we are \$2,673, misc. stuff is \$955.51, donations are \$320, office supplies are \$1,497.69, with a balance of October 10th, 2019 is \$32,972.03.

Joanne - Do you have any idea what you would like for next year?

Mel - We do, but we would like to sit down and have a meeting together.

Joanne - We have to do it soon, so we can get the budget done. Maybe sometime next week, but we will let you know.

New Business

Discussion of SEQR and Entereo & Delaware River Solar Projects - Frank Affronti - I am here to speak on Entereo behalf today. We are doing about 30 acres of solar farm, and it is currently a farming field. It would produce around 11,000,000 kilowatts of electricity a year, which would be about \$165,000 in savings in energy if it was used locally. Someone could see about 15% in savings in their electric bill, by signing up with our company. Are farm will have a 20 year lifespan, and we have a decommission plan to remove the farm after we are done, and the land could be used for farming again.

Carol - Does Entereo have a bond? And for how much?

Frank - Yes we do, and it is for \$135,000.

Rich - Who makes the solar panels?

Frank - Samsung. I can send over the make and model number for the panel after tonight, but we are not finalizing them yet so it can change.

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Darold DeCamp - What kind of benefits are we getting from the one in town now?

Joanne - Currently nothing, we were not a part of the project, so we did not have a say, but now we do because of our local law. We are also talking about having a host agreement with them, so we would benefit more.

Frank - What we are asking tonight until we have the SEQR approved we can not move forward in the timeline.

David Bronfenbrenner - 15% in savings is lot.

Frank - Well we can say it roughly if you bill does not have spikes in it.

Dennis Fagan - What is the total assessed value of the project, and what will you be paying on taxes?

Joanne - I do not think they know yet because the have not started building yet.

Dennis - Well they should know.

Frank - I can not speak on those numbers yet either.

Al - I think it will be about \$6.5 million project.

Frank - I am not sure about that either.

Rich - What is you timeline for this project start to finish?

Frank - At least five month of construction.

Joanne - We are almost done with the SEQR right Rick?

Rick - We have both are being talked about Thursday night at the County Planning.

Joanne - But John said that the county has nothing to do with our part. All they do is the site plan review. It is my understand that Eric want us to hold a meeting on October 11th to finalize this thing. By then we should have heard back by all recipience. How does the board feel about that?

Jocelyn - What time this Friday?

Joanne - I am not sure yet. How about 3 pm on Friday?

Nancy - Sure.

Jocelyn - Sure.

Thomas - You know I will not be there.

Joanne - Yes, we will take minutes. Are there any questions on this solar stuff?



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Privilege of Floor and Public Concerns

Dennis - I am the Chairman of the County Legislature for Schuyler County. I am here to give you an update on the budget for 2020 because it impact all taxpayers. The good news is that the tax rate is \$7.40 per \$1,000 assessed value, and will decrease by 20 to 25 cents. The bad news is that 80% of our budget is used to deliver state mandated services, and they continue to rise. For example, the state is passing criminal justice reform, and due to bail reforms, that impact our jail. The same time the state says we must hire three new personal to oversee the jail, and with no problems in that jail or reported incidents. They are trying to tell us to spend more, and keep passing laws to reduce the inmate count, but increase personal cost to run the jail. These effects have impacted our district attorney as well. On the 1st of June the state passed internet sales tax, so we are now collecting new form of money. Now that Albany did that, the counties will not cover the towns AIM Program funding and will cost our county \$100,000, but the state gets an increase but will not cover it. I just want you to be aware of what is going on right now in the county.

Laurie Beem - What is up with all the new poles on County Road 22?

Joanne - They poles going up, they are for the new power lines.

Rick - I was talking with Judie Carrie and she says they might be for the new broadband towers they are putting in, and we might want to consider passing a local law on that.

Joanne - They have been working on that all Summer.

Rick - If anyone wants to look at this, but Captain Bills is getting renovated to help improve lake access, and make it look better. I got this from the County Planning Committee.

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison the meeting adjourned at 8:02PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

SPECIEAL MEETING TOWN OF ORANGE, FRIDA, OCTOBER 11, 2019

A special meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM to approve the SEQR and Site Plan Review for Entereo Solar Farm a.k.a. Lodestar Energy LLC with the following members present:

Present: Norma Burris, Councilwoman

Jocelyn Harrison, Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman

Richard Hendrick, Councilman

Joanne Randall, Supervisor

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman

Others Present: Gary Dann, Sr., Eric Crisler, Al Buckland

Discussion followed on getting approval of project so the solar company can move forward with its plans against deadlines.

A meeting had been held by the Schuyler County Planning Board on Thursday night reviewing the site plan review. They had to give their approval, recommendations or any other information because the project is directly off County Road 16.

RESOLUTION#70

On motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Rick Hendrick the SEQR portion of the process was approved by the Town of Orange.

APPROVED                      Ayes    5                      Nays    0

The site plan review was prepared in accordance with Environmental 8 Conservation Law and approved by Schuyler County Planning Board who gave a verbal okay. They said the Town of Orange can go ahead with permitting processing at Thursday nights meeting.

RESOLUTION#71

On motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Nancy Whipple the Town of Orange gave Entereo the approval to proceed with the solar farm. Al Buckland will issue the permit necessary today.

APPROVED                      Ayes    5                      Nays    0

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick the meeting adjourned at 3:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Supervisor

SURPLUS HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT MEETING, OCTOBER 25, 2019

A meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM on Friday, October 25, 2019 to declare the following Highway Equipment surplus so it can be put on Auctions International website,

with the following members present.

PRESENT: Jocelyn Harrison, Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman

Rick Hendrick, Councilman

Joanne Randall, Supervisor

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman

ABSENT: Norma Burris, Councilwoman

When called it takes two (2) weeks for Auctions International to come and get pictures and descriptions of all the equipment to get onto their website.

The equipment to be declared surplus is as follows:

2000 Truck #5 with plow & Sander

Attachment Broom

Crack Sealer with blocks

Polyurethane Large Bin

Funnel for Salt Brine

2 V Plows

Old Plow Wing

One way Plow w/wing

20 ton equipment Trailer

1 Army truck

Other Misc items they have found buried in the weeds when cleaning up the parking lot and area around the highway garage.

There is also a school bus but Jeremy suggested we should take it to Swarthout's as it would probably be worth more for scrap.

RESOLUTION #72

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Nancy Whipple the above items were declared surplus.

ADOPTED

AYES 3

NAYS 1

October 25, 2019 Surplus Highway Equipment Meeting 2

At this time Rick Hendrick declared the meeting for being illegal because it was not advertised and open to the public. However, the door was not locked and it was a short meeting notice of about three (3) days due to the fact the time needed to get Auctions International on site to get ready for the auction.

It was also mentioned that it is close to the end of the year and budgets are running tight and if bad weather comes no one wants to travel to pick up the equipment. Our Highway employees usually help load the purchased equipment and they could be out snow plowing or sanding.

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison the meeting adjourned at 3:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall Supervisor

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, NOVEMBER 11, 2019

A regular board meeting was held on Monday, November 11, 2019 at the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:35PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Joanne Randall, Supervisor

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

Rick Hendrick, Councilman

Norma Burris, Councilwoman

ABSENT:

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Compitello, Ed Perry, Robert Switala, Kirk Smith, Kent Thurston  
Beaver Dams Fire Chief, Thomas Peer Town Clerk

Audit Bills

RESOLUTION# 73

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick the General Fund Vouchers on Abstract #011 in the amount of \$5,324.05 were paid.

ADOPTED                      AYES 3                                      NAYS 0

RESOLUTION# 74

On motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison the Highway Department Vouchers on Abstract #011 in the amount of \$101,039.81

ADOPTED                      AYES 3                                      NAYS 0

RESOLUTION# 75

On motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Rick Hendrick the Trust and Agency Vouchers on Abstract #011 in the amount of \$141.00

ADOPTED                      AYES 3                                      NAYS 0

Building Code Officer - Report - Al Buckland - Not present - Joanne Randall - Al is not feeling well and will not be here tonight. He had two building permits, ten certification of occupancy, 23 inspections, 32 hours and traveled 289 miles. He was checking new house and working on the solar farm permits.

Justice - Report - Joanne - We got a check for \$516 and of that the state will get \$221.

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Highway Supervisor - Report - Jeremy Abbey - Not present - Joanne - I am sure he is out checking roads right now.

Jocelyn Harrison - When I came down he was heading up on Switzer.

Town Clerk - Report - Thomas Peer - So a lot of what I did was from AI this month. Not too much going on, did some hunting licenses and dogs as well. The town will get a check for \$527.66. I have a meeting on Thursday with the Tax Collectors in the county, Tom Bloodgood, and County Treasure. We are going to talk about the upcoming tax season, we are within the 60 day window of this starting. I am still going through these records and seeing what we have, so we can get this grant. I need to thank Jeremy for cleaning up the highway department for the rabies clinic we had last week, and think about 54 pets came through, and it all was free to the public. I think they also raised a few hundred dollars, so it helps support the program itself. At my last Chemung and Schuyler Municipal Clerk Association meeting I was voted in as the vice president for the next two years. They really liked that I was the acting president for the year after someone retired, they voted back in, and fun fact I was the first male to be president in the 40 years of them being a group. Men had been a part of the group before, but none took a roll in the leadership of this group.

Supervisor - Report - Joanne - In the Highway Fund there is \$2273,304.83 as of September 30th. The General Fund is balance is \$249,869.56, the income is from the interest on the account, and general fund from recycling, justices fees, clerks fees, and that was \$3,009.11 for the month of September.

#### RESOLUTION #76

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick to approve all town officials monthly reports.

ADOPTED

AYES 3

NAYS 0

Planning Board - Report - Not present

Rich Hurley - Environmental Management - Report - Not present

#### Fire Department Reports

Beaver Dams - Kent Thurston - Well I was talking with Laurie Beem and was not sure if you wanted to do a one or two year contract, so we put it down like that. We are on a three year with the Town of Catlin, and the Town of Dix is on a two year contract. The only part of this if you go with a two year is that the Worker Comp Share is not a fixed cost and could change. The Town of Dix has told us through our rate going to stay the same, so they could be a fixed cost for right now.

Joanne - Can we get some kind of report from you monthly, it in the contract. Financials and number of calls you are doing. It just kind of stopped. Dix or Catlin do not ask you for one.

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Kent - We do for Dix, and Catlin we do once a year.

Joanne - You do not have to come to every meeting, the old fire chief would fax it to us. We would just like some idea on what we are paying for.

Kent - Okay, I just need the number.

Thomas - Here is my card, my email is on that too.

Kirk Smith - When is the public hearing on the budget?

Joanne - We want to set it tonight. Monday would be nice if the board agrees to be here; even though, we will not have it in an ad long enough to let the public know. Can everyone be here on the 18th, and we need it to the county by the 20th.

Norma Burris - Are we going to see if before the meeting?

Joanne - It is in you packet of things. That is just what I thought, but we can change anything.

Rick Hendrick - What time?

Joanne - Most likely 6:30 pm. The problem is that they changed the print time for the Hi-Lite, and it comes out on Saturdays not Mondays. So, it will be Monday night.

New Business

Resolution - Opt out RPTL 487 - Joanne - This is New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 487 and you can see how it reads by looking in your packet.

**A RESOLUTION ELECTING TO OPT OUT OF SECTION 487 OF THE NEW YORK STATE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW**

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law §487 provides that solar or wind energy systems are exempt from real property taxation for a period of fifteen (15) years; and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo signed into laws Chapter 336 amending Real Property Tax Law 487; and

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2018, Real Property Tax Law 487 will further provide that certain micro-hydroelectric energy systems, fuel cell electric generating systems, micro-combined heat and power generating equipment systems and electric energy storage equipment and electric energy storage systems projects will be exempt from real property taxation for a period of fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law 487 permits a municipality to adopt a resolution providing that the exemption under Real Property Tax Law 487 shall not apply within its jurisdiction to such energy system projects which begin construction subsequent to the effective date of such resolution; and

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WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Orange desires to adopt a resolution opting out of the tax exemption under amended Real Property Tax Law 487.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Town Board reaffirms its prior resolution that the tax exemption under Real Property Tax Law §487 shall not be applicable within the boundaries of the Town of Orange with respect to any solar or wind energy systems.
2. The tax exemption made available by Real Property Tax Law 487 shall not be applicable within the boundaries of the Town of Orange with respect to any micro-hydroelectric energy systems, fuel cell electric generating systems, micro-combined heat and power generating equipment systems and electric energy storage equipment and electric energy storage systems constructed subsequent to the date of the Resolution.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Certification

I, Thomas Peer, Town Clerk of the Town of Orange, do hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Orange held on ----- and it is on file and of record, and that the said resolution had not been altered, amended or revoked and it's in full force and effect.

Dan Compitello - Is it my understanding that the town wish to opt out of this section of the tax law. Have you talked with John Mustico about this?

Joanne - Yes, and he has informed us to do this we could still do a host agreement.

Dan - I do not think it is written that way.

Joanne - Well our County is opted out of 487. I have a copy from the County Administrator, they have done this in 2006. They told us to do the same and opt out.

Dan - If you opt out then you can not enter into a pilot program with us because of how the tax code is written.

Joanne - See that is not how they explained it at the county.

Norma - See the host agreement is different from the pilot program.

Dan - I think the way the IDA's enter tax exemption, you might want to talk with John about that. They go hand and hand you can not opt out and get the pilot or host agreement.

Norma - I am agreeing with Joanne, we do not need a pilot, but our host agreement will be our deal with you.

Joanne - John is working on one right now for the other solar project.

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Dan - Maybe we should check again and make sure that we are right, we do not want to make mistakes.

Joanne - Our school district is out of 487 as well. Bradford school district, and all other towns are moving to opt out as well.

Norma - I think more research is needed because two of us are saying one thing and one is saying another.

Dan - Well take whatever action you are going to take tonight do not let us change you mind, but by opting out you are saying that you wish to tax a solar or wind energy systems at 100%, so that being said you would not create a host agreement if you are already taxing at 100%, why would you ask for less.

Joanne - From what I heard I did not understand that, so I am not sure what to do.

Norma - Well from what I was told opting out is the way to go, and that is what Joanne was doing tonight which is what we should do, then we can talk about a host agreement.

Joanne - Yes, all the other towns are talking about opting out because the county showed everyone that it is the way to go. That is why I have a copy of the county here. I know at the NYSERDA meeting I attend early in the year. They said to opt out there as well, and it is in there book.

Dan - NYSERDA says to stay opted in.

Joanne - Well not at that meeting they where not, we spent some time going over opting out. The whole thing was confusing because it though we were talking about real property taxes.

Dan - No, you would tax a full value if you opt out, so why create a host or pilot. Any group can opt out by taking up this resolution, the way the state set it up was to create the exemption program. Opting out says you will tax a full value.

Joanne - I did not understand that.

Norma - So, do you want to put it on hold to wait, and talk to our respected people.

Dan - I do not think so, you can go ahead and move forward with the resolution, but I think you would still have time to talk to the IDA. I do know that NYSERDA does say to stay opted in, and to seek a community agreement or pilot program.

Joanne - John did not say anything to me like that, so I am not sure what to do.

Norma - Maybe we should wait till Monday the 18th.

Joanne - I know you can opt in and opt out at any point.

Dan - We just want to be clear that this project will only work if we can enter some kind of agreement, so that is where we stand with our project.

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Joanne - Okay we will wait till Monday.

Jocelyn - Okay, I am fine with that.

Approval Delaware River Solar Project - Joanne - So, do I really need to read this whole thing out loud all 10 pages of that everyone has a copy of. The full environmental assessment form of all the things we looked at. I was told I should read the whole, but it seems redundant.

Robert Switala - From my experience if that is part two, you should read it out loud. SEQR are something that people always challenge. I know it is a pain, but it should be done to cover it and talked as a board.

Joanne read aloud part two of the SEQR for the Delaware River Solar Project. This can be found on file with the Town Clerk in their office.

RESOLUTION #77

TOWN OF ORANGE - TOWN BOARD

RE: NY Orange I, LLC

Preliminary/Final Site Plan, and Special Permit

2100-2102 County Road 16, Orange, NY 14891

Tax Parcel Number: 83.00-1-20

WHEREAS, Delaware River Solar LLC (DRS) and its affiliate NY Orange I, LLC, (Project Company), submitted a Site Plan Application and New York State Unified Solar Permit for the above referenced actions on September 9, 2019 for Final Site Plan and Special Use Permit approval to construct a Solar Farm at 2100-2102 County Road 16 in the Town of Orange; and

WHEREAS, DRS and the Project Companies have received approval from the Schuyler County Planning Board on October 10, 2019, and;

WHEREAS, a notice for Public Hearing was made by the Town of Orange Town Board for the purposes of hearing the public on the applications on November 11, 2019, and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Orange Town Board, as Lead Agent under SEQR, issued a Negative Declaration under SEQR on November 11, 2019, in accordance with Title 6 NYCRR Part 617, and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Orange Town Board issued approval of the Site Plan, and Special Use Permit on November 11, 2019, and;

THEREFORE, upon consideration by the Town Board, of all written and oral submissions and testimony by the Applicant and following public hearing on this matter, held on November 11, 2019, and the Town Board having given this matter due deliberation and consideration; it is

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby grants approval of the Site Plan and Special Permit, subject to the following conditions the Town of Orange Town Board shall approve:

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. DRS and the Project Companies have submitted Decommissioning Plans and Agreements, as required, which must be agreed to by the Town of Orange Town Board; and
2. Decommissioning plan and associated costs shall be acceptable to the town attorney, and;
3. That such approval is conditioned upon the posting of a bond consistent with the Decommissioning Plan and Agreement, which bond shall be posted as required by a conditional Special Permit for the System;

The within Resolution was moved by Town Board Member Norma Burris seconded by Town Board Member Jocelyn Harrison and voted upon by members of the Town Board as follows:

Joanne Randall, Supervisor, Voted: Present

Norma Burris, Councilwoman Voted: Ayes

Rick Hendrick, Councilman, Voted: Ayes

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman Voted: Ayes

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman Voted: Absent

Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. MOTION CARRIED

Adopted by the Town Board on November 11, 2019

Budget Public Hearing and illegal meetings - Joanne - Well we talked about this earlier so we don't have to talk about it again.

Norma - Well I have a question, are we going to have an ad for that?

Joanne - Yes, Thomas will put it in the paper tomorrow night, but with the Shopper and Hi-Lites having their print time. They will not be posted for the right amount of days.

Thomas - There will be a notice on the front of the building.

Joanne - Well we need to get the budget to the County by the 20th.

Rick - We made good faith trying to get the word out.

Norma - Okay, thanks. That is my question Rick.

Thomas - Yeah they will most likely ask me for the budget on Thursday, but I will tell them about the public hearing.

Approve Minutes - Thomas - I have minutes for March 25th, April 1st, May 13th, and June 3rd.

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RESOLUTION #78

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick to approve the March 25th, April 1st, May 13th, June 3rd meeting minutes.

ADOPTED

AYES 3

NAYS 0

Old Business

Dan - We just need to know how the town would like us to move forward with the decommissioning plan, whether we get a bond or note. We just need to know what the town would like us to have for that time. Then we just need something that would show that we intend to post with a bank.

Joanne - Okay, I think Al and myself talked about it before.

Dan - Okay great.

Joanne - That is something I will talk to John about that plan for decommissioning plan and the bond or note being set aside.

On motion of Rick Hendrick, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison the meeting adjourned at 7:44PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

BUDGET WORKSHOP, TOWN OF ORANGE, NOVEMBER 18, 2019

A budget workshop for the Town of Orange 2018 Budget was held on Monday, November 18, 2019 at the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:34PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Joanne Randall, Supervisor  
Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman  
Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

ABSENT: Norma Burris, Councilwoman  
Rick Hendricks, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Skip Harrison, Rachel Thurston, Kent Thurston, Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

Joanne Randall - Okay has everyone had a look at the budget before tonight. If so, are there any questions? I gave all the important people raises, I did not give a raise to the Town Supervisor or the Town Board members. I gave a \$200 raise to the following: Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Building Inspector, Justice, Court Clerk, and Highway Supervisor. We are doing this slowly to get the wages where they should be to match other positions in other towns.

Nancy Whipple - That seems fair.

Joanne - CHIPS \$147,000.00 is the left the same. Raised the building permits income on page eight from \$2,500 to \$5,000. This was after talking with Al about the increase of building in our town. Raised the Fine and Forfeiture because they seem to collect more than what is normally in the budget, so that increased a little. Overtime last year was 200 last year and will be 200 this year at this point it is just a guessing game.

Thomas Peer - On page two under the Town Clerk Contractual is see there was no change to that. I did ask for a \$500 increase in that line item. I would have liked to see it at \$3000 because my conference expenses are going up; as well as, my travel costs.

Joanne - You did not get it? I thought I did change it, but I could not have done that. You also have \$500 in your equipment funds that could be used for that increase. You could also use some of the money under that tax collector funds. They are interchangeable as far as I am concerned.

Kent Thurston - So am I reading this correctly, the \$16,247 is that with or without the \$1,500 added?

Joanne - No, you have the \$1,500 already, so you should be at \$17,747 is the total of what the contract would be. We are still looking at the one year contract for now, until we can talk with other fire departments, we would like to keep them all the same.

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Kent - We did that because we have two other towns with two year contracts and they seem to like it for planning out the next few years.

Joanne - Monterrey for the last three years or more they have been at the same rate of \$83,000, so Mel is asking for \$88,085.00. Bradford did not submit anything, so they are staying the same at \$19,500. I was also able to reduce the fuel cost because our fuel cost this year so far is \$7,919 in fuel.

Nancy - Are you talking about the fuel for the trucks?

Joanne - Yes, and by doing our own hauling and keep control over the pumps, we are not spending out more than we did with Jeff.

Nancy - Plus the fire department is now using their own fuel now, so that cost is now not a factor.

Joanne - Year to date right now we have only spent our snow fuel account at \$20,230.79, so we are most likely to use the \$40,000 again. In 2018 we used \$39,912.93 in snow removal fuel. Our sand and salt are down as well. The total raised in the Highway Fund was about \$8,000 and the General Fund total raised was about \$7,000.

RESOLUTION # 79

On the motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Nancy Whipple to accept the 2020 budget for the Town of Orange.

ADOPTED

AYES 3

NAYS 0

On the motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Nancy Whipple to end the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, DECEMBER 9, 2019

A regular board meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, December 9, 2019 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:36PM with the following members present.

PRESENT: Joanne Randall, Supervisor

Norma Burris, Councilwoman

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

Rick Hendrick, Councilman

Nancy Whipplel, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT: Alice Ford, Edward Perry, Mary Olin, Randy McDonald, Sam Mattison, Dan Compitello, Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

Audit Bills

RESOLUTION #80

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick the General Fund Vouchers on Abstract #012 in the amount of \$16,940.02 were paid.

ADOPTED            AYES            4            NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #81

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison the Highway Fund Vouchers on Abstract #012 in the amount of \$42,169.06 were paid.

ADOPTED                    AYES    4            NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #81

On motion of Rick Hendrick, seconded by Norma Burris the Trust and Agency Vouchers on Abstract #012 in the amount of \$1,966.20 were paid.

ADOPTED            AYES            4            NAYS 0

Building Code Officer - N/A - Joanne Randall - Al is not here, and the last we knew he was in the Geneva Hospital with pneumonia and other problems. We have not seen or heard from him in weeks.

Justice Report - Joanne - September and October. September report is \$516.00 and the October report was \$381.00. We will keep \$221.00 for September and \$156.00 from October.

Town Clerk - Thomas Peer - Report - I not do to much last month, just a lot of catch up work that needed to be done. The meeting minutes being the most important. \$632.00 was done for the whole month and a check for \$231.00 for the town. Thursday I was sworn in as the Vice

President for the local Clerk Association for the next two years. The last thing I wanted to talk about was the Town Board able to look at the agreement letter for Rotella Grant Management to write the grant for the town. They are the same group that wrote the grant last time, and I am wanting to use them again. It is \$300 cheaper than the first time, so now it is \$1,500. We would pay them \$750 now and \$750 when the grant is submitted.

Joanne - What does the board thing about that?

Jocelyn Harrison - If we can try to get the grant we should. It would be nice to have the documents archived.

Joanne - Does someone wants to make a motion to do this?

#### RESOLUTION #82

On the motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to sign the letter of agreement with Rotella Grant Management.

ADOPTED                    AYES                    4                    NAYS 0

Thomas - One thing I will say that if we do not get this grant I might do this whole thing in house and ask if the board would pay for the large print to be done, but if we can just scan these documents it might just take more time. We might need a scanner or look into how we can use what we have already, and we just build a little each year until we can have something to work with. Starting with the most important documents first. I do not want to say that all my eggs are in one basket, but I just hope we get it this time.

Joanne - Would you need another computer to scan the images?

Thomas - I kept the old computer, so we might be able to use it to scan to, because we will be uploading it to the electronic management system through Digital Towpath. The living document would still be in the building, but the backup will be the online one.

Randy McDonald - Thomas, question: what is the grant for?

Thomas - The grant is for taking the town records and turning them into a digital copy to help preserve the document itself. Some have not been stored in the right conditions, and so we need to do what we can to make sure that they last longer. Touching some of the documents without gloves can also be damaging, because we have documents from the early 1900's to present. We will be working with three companies: BEIL's, Rotella, and Digital Towpath. BEIL's is the company who is scanning the documents all at one time. Rotella is writing the grant to submit to New York State, and Digital Towpath is a group we belong to who manages our website and has an electric management system we will use to store the information. We applied the this last spring and did not get it because the state did not want to fund the floppy disk, so we had to rethink the whole project by subtracting at and some other small details.

Supervisor - Joanne Randall - Report - In the Highway fund balance as of October 31st is \$232,850.50. We had an increase of \$51,373.56 and which is a deposit of sale taxes. Decrease are payroll and abstract which is \$37,446.40. The General fund balance as of October 31st is

\$206,169.13. We had an increase of \$3,692.53 which was recycling money, justice fund, town clerk. Decrease are payroll and abstract which is \$13,900.62.

### RESOLUTION #83

On the motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick to approve the Justice, Town Clerk, and Supervisor report.

ADOPTED                    AYES                    4                    NAYS 0

### NEW BUSINESS

Trail Race - Joanne - We got an email about a group that would like to host a race through our town on the state land, and they need permission from each municipality to do so. Jason Dworsky was the one who sent the email, and they have not stated what kind of race it is yet, but want it to take place on the Finger Lakes Trail. The race will be roughly 25 miles, and will all take place on the Finger Lakes Trail. I replied to him stating that he needs to come to a town board meeting, and that he should let me know which one he will be attending. We just have some questions for him.

New Solar Farm - US Light Energy - Joanne - I got a phone call the other day from this company, I talked with a man named Brendan McCormick, this company is outside Albany. They want to put this on 53.22 acres of land behind Sutryk trailer court. They will use 17.58 acres of that total land. I told him we are considering a moratorium on solar farms, and he said I could help you with that, not sure what he meant. But he will be at one board meeting in the future because they are starting the project at the first steps.

Approve Minutes - Joanne - I put this on here, but I do not think anyone has had a chance to read them. So, we can wait on that until the end of the month to approve them.

### OLD BUSINESS

Delaware River - Dan Compitello - Thank you for having me back tonight, we thought it would be good to see how much we could close out by the end of the year with all the paperwork in order. We have sent a copy of a Community Host Agreement to John Mustico and the Board.

Joanne - Yes, and I sent some things to John and he has never gotten back to me yet. So, we are waiting on that. But with talking with Judy Cherry, she says the County, three School Districts, and someone else I can not remember has opted out of RPTL 487. So, I want to wait and hear back from John so see what he is going to think this could affect our host agreement. Judy would also like to get together to go over the PILOT would look like, but I have not heard from her this week.

Dan - I sent an email to Justin Miller from the IDA. After the last town board meeting where he was not sure on the or how the opting out would look like. Then Justin explained on how that would work.

Joanne - See I was under the impression that John would be drawing up the agreements.

Dan - He very well could be working on one right now. In the emails we are talking about sending a draft of what we would like to have done and John could very well change that. It is at least a starting point for John and the IDA. There are another three things we would like to ask the Town Board. One, to see what the form of the bond the town would like to have for the decommissioning plan. We have supplied this already to the town in our application, but we need to verify what type of bond we should get.

Joanne - Again we are waiting to hear back from John too, I have no idea from one bond to another.

Dan - On page seven of nine, you would just need to sign and state which bond type you would like us to use. John can sign that on the town's behalf. Second, the confirmation of land approval.

Joanne - If that was the thing you emailed me, I signed it and it is in the mail heading to your office because you did not really say where to send it, so I sent it to you.

Dan - Good, thank you. Third an approval of Resolution. Our legal counsel has provided this one here if the board would like to review it and ask questions that I can answer. What the resolution is stating is the steps we took to get here today all in one resolution as record of it taking place.

Thomas - Okay, this could take place of Resolution #77 and #78.

Dan - Correct, I just did not know that vote count off hand so I left them blank.

Thomas - Okay, yes Nancy Whipple was not present, so if you could send this to me I can edit it into the minutes, if the board is fine with that.

Norma Burreis - The one question I have is on the second WHERE AS, the Town of Orange Town Board received comments and recommendation for approval from the Town of Orange Planning Board. We did not get anything from the Planning Board, so we just need to read Schuyler County. But I would take out the whole line because our law does not need comments from Schuyler County.

Dan - Nice, I can change that and send it back to Thomas. Can I get a signed copy of that too?

Joanne - Yes, send it back with the edits and Thomas can sign it and send it to you with the Town Seal on it.

Dan - My last question is, anyone a notary?

Joanne - Thomas is.

Dan - Okay, Ed and I need to sign a few things after the meeting if you don't mind. As for the town I think we have dotted all the T's and I's that we could do this evening.

Thomas - Yes, I can do that for you after the meeting.

Resolution - Opt Out RPTL 487 - Joanne - We are wanting to opt out of this because the County and Schools Districts in our town have done the same thing. We talked about this last month, and let's see what we are going to do.

RESOLUTION #84

On the motion Norma Burris, seconded by Nancy Whipple to opt out of Real Property Tax Law 487.

ADOPTED                    AYES                    4                    NAYS 0

Year End Meeting Date - Joanne - This is so we can pay all the bills that are due for 2019, so we are not taking them away from our 2020 budget. Would the Board like to stick with a Monday night? Which would make it the 30th of December, or pick another night? Needs to be close to the end of the month, so we can pay as much as we can.

Nancy Whipple - Weather permitting, I could be back in town before the 30th.

Norma - What about a Tuesday?

Thomas - I work Tuesday nights here.

Joanne - He can't take minutes and work at the same time. The 30th a 6:30?

Thomas - Okay, I can put an ad in the papers.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS

Rick Hendrick - I while back ago we voted to have our Highway Superintendent to be appointed versus elected. We need to get this going if we are to meet that deadline.

Norma - Right, we need to have a public hearing on that. We need to plan a date.

Joanne - I have talked with Board of Elections, and they said they would send us some kind of basic outline of how this proceeds, but I have not gotten anything from them.

Randy McDonald - You can't do it Rick.

Rick - Why is that?

Randy - You can't appoint a Highway Superintendent. It has to go in front of the public for a vote, and why would you want to do it?

Rick - I know we can't just do it, but we need the people input.

Randy - Are you out of your mind. Are you happy with the service?

Norma - No.

Randy - Why would you do it Rick?

Rick - Because I am not really happy.

Randy - He is trying to make it better than it was before. Who is telling you this? Who is telling you to put this up for a vote.

Rick - No body. People who have come and visited the Board are not pleased with what is happening.

Randy - Who, can you name one?

Rick - Not off the top of my head, but I will look.

Randy - You are going to have to find someone who lives here to say that in this town.

Norma - To have the Superintendent of Highways appointed.

Randy - It went up for a vote like 15 years ago and was voted down.

Joanne - Yes, and it did not pass.

Norma - But here is the thing Randy. You and I have talked and we are not happy with what is going on here because we can not get good people to run. If we sent it up to appoint we could tap into other areas near our town.

Randy - It is not going to happen. Not in the Town of Orange. It is not going to happen.

Joanne - I see if we go down this road, it is going to cost us more money than what we are paying already. Someone is not going to come in here for \$41,000.

Randy - No, you will pay him what you want to give them.

Joanne - Yes, but for someone who is appointed, who will come for that kind of money? That is what I am saying.

Randy - Yeah, if you appoint a nobody.

Joanne - Yeah, but who is to say that the service would not be the same.

Randy - You just need to let this play out. The next term, you will have him for a total of four years.

Joanne - But Randy think about it. The whole town has never been happy with any Highway Supervisor.

Randy - No.

Joanne - Right, no one we have ever had did a good job. According to some people.

Randy - But appointing is not going to fix this problem.

Joanne - I do not think so either.

Randy - It will not be the fix that needs to take place.

Rick - Town of Catlin has that and they are fine.

Randy - Catlin is different than here.

Rick - So, what is the difference?

Joanne - They have a lot more money than we do.

Randy - Here another question, how come we are training people who have permits for CDL's? We are not teaching them to drive a \$285,000 plow truck. Is this true? Can you answer me? Why?

Rick - Yes, it is true.

Randy - \$285,000 plow truck, running down the road weighing 80,000 pounds, and you put someone who does not know what they are doing behind the wheel. He hires his girlfriend and his little buddy there to drive the trucks, why are you listening to him?

Joanne - It was not Jeremy's idea to hire people who are willing to train.

Randy - Who hired Haley, and who hired that kid to work there?

Rick - We don't even know. We never knew she was hired either.

Norma - No one told us anything. We had to hear it through the grapevine.

Randy - Who hired them, who writes the checks?

Joanne - I write the checks.

Randy - You wrote a check for Haley?

Joanne - Yes I have.

Randy - And you wrote a check for the other kid?

Joanne - No I have not.

Randy - So he is just hanging around cruising in the town trucks. Without a drug test or CDL. How can this happen?

Joanne - Yes, I have gotten a drug test on him that was done by Schuyler Hospital.

Norma - Did we get everyone?

Joanne - Yes, all negative.

Randy - You are all going down. Everyone of you.

Joanne - Randy, it was recommended that we add that line where the town could train someone to do the job we are asking. We could not find someone to fill any positions we posted for CDL drivers.

Randy - Do you want to know why? You use the Hi-Lites and The Shopper, and it only comes out once.

Joanne - We paid \$229 to run an ad in the Leader for three days. It was on ziprecruiter, NYS Department of Labor website.

Randy - Thomas, I want to see that. I do not believe these lies you are saying.

Joanne - Okay fine.

Randy - You are paying Haley to work at the Town of Orange for what?

Joanne - She has her permit.

Randy - So, you need a CDL Class B, not a permit. She has been seen driving big trucks, and it was an oversized load. You need someone who knows what they are doing behind the wheel.

Rick - Our current contract is in place and they are doing what we are asking of them.

Joanne - Well it does not matter for Haley because she has gotten a new job working for Guthrie.

Randy - Good nice to hear that, that the boss girlfriend gets to drive the trucks around town.

Mary Olin - This meeting you are going to have on the appointment or elected. This that not just so the public knows what is going on?

Joanne - Yes, it's a public hearing, but I just want to form an opinion, and an outline by the Board of Elections. What do we do first, public hearing, the ballot submission, I am really not sure. This needs to be done by June to have it in November.

Jocelyn Harrison - I would think April or May to have the public hearing.

Joanne - I will call the County and see what they can give us for help on this matter.

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to close the meeting at 7:25 pm.

ADOPTED                      AYES                      4                      NAYS 0

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

YEAR END MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, DECEMBER 30, 2019

A year end meeting was held in the Town of Orange Town Hall on Friday December 30, 2019 at 6:51PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Joanne Randall, Supervisor

Norma Burris, Councilwoman

Rick Hendrick, Councilman

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman

ABSENT:

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #85

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Rick Hendrick the General Fund Vouchers on Abstract #013 in the amount of \$10,336.96 were paid.

ADOPTED                      AYES              3                      NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #86

On motion of Rick Hendrick, seconded by Nancy Whipple the Highway Fund Vouchers on Abstract #013 in the amount of \$118,850.99 were paid.

ADOPTED                      AYES      3                      NAYS              0

Joanne Randall - Now I just want you to read these very carefully. These job descriptions for a Municipal Worker and a Labor. Take it home and read it. I hope to talk about this next Monday. I can not do anything with Civil Service until we do something about the position opening. We need to pass a resolution to have this take any effect.

Rick Hendrick - What does the Union have to say about this?

Joanne - They call him a Labor. I talked to her about it today.

Rick - We don't need this coming back on us.

Joanne - I know, but I just don't understand how Civil Service has gotten so much power, but they did.

Norma Burris - I did not even know we are looking for a Labor. No ad or nothing was put out there. I thought we only did it for an MEO.

Joanne - Grey could possibly retire in March, so we need to get someone ready to take over. Then we would be back looking for a CDL driver again.

YEAR END MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, DECEMBER 30, 2019

Norma - But he is a Labor.

Joanne - Yes, but he has his permit for CDL and is training to take over.

Norma - Okay, between now and then what are we paying him to do?

Joanne - He is being paid \$11.10 per hour and is driving the little truck, cleaning and sanding intersections, and other sections of roads. He helps work on trucks and other equipment and also with other things around the shop. Jeremy is the one telling me all of this. They have been cleaning up around the building as well, not sure if anyone has seen them doing it.

Rick - They sure are, they are blocking my view of their back lot.

Joanne - You know what they found in the weeds? Tires, roofing. They took out two loads of tires out of there. They also found new culvert pipes over there as well. He also wants to get rid of the other old school bus over there. It is packed full of stuff. After that we want to level the whole back lot to look nice, so they can pull trucks around the salt and sand storage.

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Rick Hendrick the meeting adjourned at 7:08PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk