

REORGANIZATION & REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, JANUARY 6, 2020

A reorganization and regular board meeting for the Town of Orange was held on Monday, January 6, 2020 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:32PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor

Rick Hendrick, Councilman

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman

Norma Burris, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT: Gary Dann, Gary Gray, Rodney Hoad, Bradford Fire, Mary Olin, Sam Mattison, Bill Huey Jr., Megan Ehart, Jason Dworsky, Jeremy Abbey, Highway Supervisor, Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #01

On the motion Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Nancy Whipple 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 \$24,409.45, 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, the appointment of a Town Attorney to be John Mustico, appointed as Building Code Officer to be tabled until one is found, 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 Doug McCann 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 Hi-Lites and Southern Tier Shopper will be the official newspapers for the Town, the mileage rate for town business will be \$57.5 cents 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 Caitlyn Brown was appointed to handle all dog inflicted damage, the return check fee of \$18.00 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 McIlwain, 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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ADOPTED

AYES 4

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to Al Buckland was appointed as Building Code Officer -

Nancy Whipple - I would like to say something about that. We should consider a new Code Officer. We could talk to other towns, and see who they have, and if they are willing to do the job for us.

Joanne Randall - Just because he is sick?

Nancy - No, I do not think before he was sick, he was not doing his job.

Rick Hendrick - Is he even get certified?

Norma Burris - No he refused.

Rick - Well that should be cause there.

Joanne - What certification?

Norma - For Solar permitting and SQER. He would not take the class. They even offered to do it one on one. He told them no.

Nancy - I think that is a problem.

Norma - It is a problem.

Joanne - What about the other towns he works for, has he done the training there for them?

Norma - Not that I know of, and he did some work in other towns that was not so good either. We do not need that here, so he is a no.

Joanne - So, we have no Building Code Inspector? So, we can not issue building permits. Is this what the board is saying until we hire someone else.

Norma - What are other towns using? Are they using someone temporary?

Rick - Catin last I knew was using South Corning.

Joanne - I asked Joe from Tyrone to have their Code Officer call me, and he never called.

RESOLUTION #02

On the motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Norma Burris that the Reorganize the Town and County Committees positions: 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, Highway Committee will consist of Norma Burris, Fire Department Committee will be Norma Burris and Nancy Whipple, Town Hall

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building and grounds will be handled by Thomas Peer and Rick Hendrick, Highway Department building and grounds will be taken care of by Jeremy Abbey and Doug McCann, Cemetery Committee will be Joanne Randall, Town Justice session will be attended by Norma Burris, Town Planning Board Chairperson will be Carol Rhodes, Worker's Comp Alliance safety and regulations will be handled by Jeremy Abbey, 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 Department, Environmental Management Council is attended by Rich Hurley.

ADOPTED

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Jason Dworsky and Megan Ehart - Trail Race July 12, 2020 - We are the owners of Rebellion Running, and we are looking for approval to run a race on the Finger Lake Trail that runs through the Town of Orange. The race will be held July 12, and it will start at 7 am and should be a 25ish mile race. Running from Watson Homestead to the Sugar Hill Fire Tower.

Rick - Is there going to be local material to hand out to get people interested? Like to the YMCA, a lot of people do a lot of walking.

Megan - yes, there will be. We have it on Facebook and our website. We will be making flyers and other things as well once we get closer to the date. We are just looking for the approval to run the race in the town. Are there any questions?

Joanne - Okay, it's on a Sunday. I looked it up. Is most of the trail on Meads Creek Road, or does it just cross it in some spots.

Jason Dworsky - It runs part on Mead Creek Road, the runs would only be on the road for a quarter of a mile. Then they get back on the trail, with a few other light road crossings. We have approval from the Town of Campbell, and both Counties. We just need approval from the Town of Orange. The town would be listed on the event insurance, and I am not sure but we are working with the Finger Lake Trail to see if there are any private land owners that the trail crosses, so they could be on the insurance as well.

Rodney Hoad - Has anyone been up on the Finger Lake Trail? We just had a guy hiking up there and that trail was hard to get through. Someone needs to go up there and clean it out.

Jason - The trail is normally well taken care of.

Megan - Yes, we are planning on getting someone to go up there and check and clean the trail out.

Gary Gray - Are there going to be flaggers out at all the road crossings?

Jason - It might not be all, but the heavier traffic roads will. One road is a dead end and others are dirt roads.

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Gary - The road being dirt should not matter. There should be a flagger at all road crossings.

Jason - We could look into that. DEC has given us permission to use the land and there will be an Aid station at the Sugar Hill end. Safety is in our planning for this event.

Gary - I just know that some of the trail crossings are out in the middle of nowhere and no one wants to be suck out there, but you still should have someone out there.

Resolution #03

On the motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Nancy Whipple to approve the Rebellion Running to host a running race on the Finger Lake Trail on July 12, 2020.

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

AUDIT BILLS

RESOLUTION #04

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick the General Fund Vouchers on Abstract #001 in the amount of \$44,567.55 were paid.

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #05

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Rick Hendrick the Highway Fund Vouchers on Abstract #001 in the amount of \$72,234.26 were paid.

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Reports

Building Code Officer - Joanne - Did turn in two permits to Thomas the other day.

Justice - Joanne - We got a check for \$178, and \$85 will stay with the town and \$93 will go to the state.

Superintendent of Highways - Jeremy Abbey - Road issues, Chambers needed some stone dumped on it, #3's. The security systems need something done to it as well.

Joanne - I know, but Best Buy will not take our tax exempt form, and thinks we are trying to scam them. We give the same form to everyone, but they will not accept ours. They want a different form from what we have.

Jeremy - We have not had any issues lately with no alarms going off. After we changed the locks.

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Joanne - Yes, we are working on getting those cameras. I found Home Depot sells the same thing. I just have not found time to go down yet.

Jeremy - Okay, and I did find the basketball hoops you are talking about. We can bring them over anytime.

Town Clerk - Thomas Peer - Short month on the clerks side of things. Mostly dog licenses and building permits Al gave me. The town will get a check for \$249.90, Humane Society will get \$156.10, and the State will get \$27 for a total of \$433. I am just waiting for this grant to open up and see what we have to do to fill out the information and hope we can get the money. I believe I have dropped my page count 40,000 page if not more.

Supervisor - Joanne Randall - As of the end of November the Highway funds has a balance of \$105,147.43. The General fund has a balance of \$192,757.91. The only money coming in was to the Highway fund of \$9.62 which was interest, and the money coming into the General fund was recycling monies. We got a \$2,100 unclassified revenue from NYMIR, this only happens because we have been with them so long that they give us a credit. We never know how much though.

RESOLUTION #06

On the motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick to approve all town officials monthly reports.

ADOPTED

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Planning Board - N/A

Environmental Management - Rich Hurley - N/A

Fire Departments Reports -

Bradford Fire Department - Rodney Hoad - Have not been here in a while. Last year we did in October, five ambulance calls, no fires in the Town of Orange. Town of Bradford we did 19 ambulance calls, and five fires, three mutual aid to Bath and one to Tyrone. November for the Town of Orange we did three ambulance calls, no fires. Town of Bradford we did ten ambulance calls, three fires. December for the Town of Orange we did five ambulance calls, one fire. Town of Bradford 14 ambulance calls, one mutual aid to Savona for a fire and one mutual aid to Bath with an ambulance. Bring the total calls for 2019 to 213. We will be doing breakfasts again starting in February. We got a newer truck, not new, but new to us. It's a pumper tanker truck, we picked it up in Lake George. It can hold 2800 gallons of water.

Monterey Fire Department - Joanne Randall - Their General fund has \$12,833.70, and states that they are finishing the year off strong. All trucks are in good condition and are looking to replace their rescue vehicle in the upcoming months. We have new gear and new equipment, and have replaced or broken equipment, and made training throughout the year. Our goal for 2020 is to

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gain more members, more training, and to create a greater connection with our community. We are working on more fund raisings, and our juniors are gaining members, and are starting to see good things from them. Line officers for the year are: Chief Mel Horton, 1st Assistant Chief David O'Dell, 2nd Assistant Chief Jeremy Abbey, 3rd Assistant Chief Eric Barber, Fire Captain Russell Breon, EMS Captain TBD at a later date. This was sent and signed by Chief Mel Horton and President Kelly Groves.

NEW BUSINESS

Civil Service Classification - Joanne - We have to create a new position under Civil Service because Scott who does the recycling collection on Saturdays is filling our Labor position, and for some reason we can not have a second one at this time. So I am saying we should put Scott in as a Municipal Worker as outlined by Schuyler County Civil Service. Under this definition, he would be better labeled, because a Labor Worker does more, like drive trucks, operate equipment, etc. While Municipal Worker does not allow him to do that, even though he does not work for the town in that capacity. This definition is the closest we can get without much change. Is there any other input?

Norma - I have a question, why did we even hire a laborer? There was no resolution passed by this board to hire a laborer.

Joanne - Because we decided in the union contract that we would hire a labor to then be trained to MEO.

Norma - Yes, only if we decided to hire someone, but no one agreed to do it now. But the main point is that there was no resolution passed, or even go before the board to hire a laborer in the first place.

Jeremy - But it is in the budget for a laborer.

Norma - But where in the minutes is the resolution? And the budget is only set up for two summer part time works to be laborers. You hired full-time for winter, and he has been in the truck, which is not in the quotations.

Jeremy - He is not falling under a laborer.

Joanne - We are trying to plan ahead, so when Gary retires we can just move him to Gary position. You all know the problem we had getting someone who had a CDL.

Norma - We can wait and hire a MEO when we need one.

Jeremy - If Gary leaves you are still going to need a MEO.

Norma - Well he is not a MEO now. When Gary retires then he could.

Rick - Has he been driving the trucks?

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Jeremy - He is legal to drive the trucks.

Rick - Not if he is not a MEO.

Joanne - He was hired, but we have not set the classification up yet. But Civil Service will not allow us to place him as a laborer because Scott is filling the position now.

Jeremy - He still falls under the town insurance. He is a one ton truck driver for now.

Rick - Two people just decide who will get hire or not.

Jeremy - Are you telling me who I can and can't hire.

Rick - No, but we can tell you what classifications are open.

Norma - So there is now laborer open or municipal worker is not available.

Joanne - It is available, we just need to create the position.

Jeremy - We have a HEO and MEO open with Civil Service now.

Norma - So hire a MEO.

Joanne - You know how hard this was the first time. We have paid more than enough money putting ads out to try to hire one.

Norma - Well we have time. We can run ads on the free places.

Jeremy - You are still fishing in the same pond, and we are trying to say that we are wasting money and can't get someone.

Norma - Civil Service does it for free.

Jeremy - Have you seen the sign down by DOT, they are hiring and that sign has been there more months because they can not find anyone.

Norma - We have time to wait.

Jeremy - Are you going to pay me overtime for plowing because I am not a working Supervisor. We do not have enough people to run the trucks.

Norma - Well a laborer is not to be in the trucks anyway. So right now you do not have that.

Rick - Where does it say that you are not a working Supervisor?

Jeremy - An elected official is not a working supervisor. I do my job checking roads, but I'll start keeping track of my time in the truck, and then you can pay me overtime. Which will cost the town more money in the long term. I am only required to work two hours a day, but I do more than that.

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Rick - I think we should talk to our lawyer.

Norma - I agree.

Rick - We just keep arguing over this.

Jeremy - He is not driving out of his class.

Nancy - Yes, it is considered to be a part-time job.

Joanne - So we have to get rid of this guy who has been working with us since December 2nd?

Norma - Yes, there was no resolution stating to hire someone.

Joanne - I did not know that the board had to approve to hire someone. It is Jeremy's job to hire people for the Highway Department.

Rick - If there is a position open.

Norma - There was no position.

Joanne - There will be a position when Gary retires. Scott is the one fill the position now, we just need to create a new position to move Scott to that, so the new guy can take over the Laborer position that we already have. Civil Service does not know when they took off the second labor, and we need to add this new position.

Norma - We still have not pass or said anything that would say we are hiring someone. Until we can talk to our lawyer about this, we should table this. Then we should not do anything until Grey leaves, then we should look for an MEO then.

Nancy - If you read Jeremy Highway Supervisor book, it says he is in charge of hiring people for the positions.

Norma- But there still is no opening though.

Jeremy - Years of people leaving and not hiring people back has led to the positions being open and not filled. That could be said to why the roads are crappy around here. You can not have a two crew team out there, and I am out there everyday working with them. There are two full crews that would need to be run to get the things we want done.

Norma - I still think we should bring the lawyer in like Rick said before.

Joanne - I know, but he is working on our other things: Our ballot referendum, Community Host agreement, and now you want to add this.

Nancy - How many guys do you have now, how many have CDL's, and what is the new guys name?

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Jeremy - Five plus me makes six, so two crews. All but the new guy has a CDL, and his name is Ryan.

RESOLUTION #07

On the motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Rick Hendrick to table the Civil Service Classification to a later date.

ADOPTED AYES 3 NAYS 0 ABSTENTION 2

Approve Minutes - Thomas Peer - July to November of 2019

RESOLUTION #08

On the motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Norma Burris to approve the meeting minutes for the Month of July to November of 2019.

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS

Grey Dann - Is this something about the trees in the creek by Pug Button. It is blocking the creek and with the freezing and melting of the snow and ice could lead to it dam up.

Joanne - DEC would have to do something, we as a town can not do anything. We could call Soil and Water to come and take a look as well.

Bill Huey - I was here last year for tax grievance, and they told me I was where I should be and other people needed to come up. While looking at the computer the other day it seems that nothing changed from that time last year, and other people are at the same rate. When do these changes take place?

Joanne - It should have happened already for 2020. Then by March 1st I believe is when it will be changed for 2021. Caitlyn will be here two days a week this year.

Bill - Yeah I talked to her last year and it did not go very well. I had 15 or more places to show for comparable and still nothing.

Joanne - I truly don't know, I have nothing to do with assessments. Caitlyn should be here more this time of year.

Jon Olin - How come when we are rolling there is 20 feet of dust behind the roller? What is the point if there is no compaction to the road. I do not know what the problem is.

Joanne - I do not know either.

Jon - Then what is the point then?

Norma - Do you have a list of the road work plan?

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Jeremy - I am still working on that, its not due until April.

Jon - No, September 30th.

Norma - What about the inventory list?

Mary Olin - Are there signs for the Cemeteries?

Joanne - The signs are on Al's desk right now, waiting to get holes put in them. It has rained most days I have plan or arranged to have them placed.

Mary - There needs to be one over by Maltby because people are going there at night and driving into the cemetery. They are coming all hours of the night. There are also limbs and trees down over there and they need to be cleaned up. Wendy should be doing that. Jeremy if there is not much working going on, why are we hauling in a lot of materials to have for stock piles?

Jeremy - We are hauling in 2's because of the frost, and it help to low the mud and built up the road to help get by. We have the stock piles to get it and to job faster vs. getting it all the time when we need it. We can not just use any stones, rocks, or runs to fill soft spots on the roads in the current conditions. The weather does play a big factor when dealing with road repair this time of year.

Joanne - One thing I can say is our diesel fuel is half of what it was under Jeff, because we are hauling in our own material.

Jeremy - It still is right now.

Mary - What I am saying is that the piles keep on getting bigger, but we are not using them. It just seems we just keep adding to the piles.

Jeremy - Should I just be using anything.

Mary - I don't care what you use. I just know you are hauling a lot.

Jeremy - I am not stealing the stone or anything.

Mary - I am not saying that either, let's start using what we have.

Jeremy - Yeah but we have it at the shop and we use it, and it can go quickly, so why not build up stockpile for when we will use it.

Heather Waters - Once you dump it in the road you start to use a lot of it fast.

Nancy - He did use a lot on my road.

Joanne - Think about the rain and the unfreezing that has been happening.

Jeremy - Plus with it being Winter and we can get in the gravel pit to get stuff. We are lucky we even have anything to use in the road repair right now, because we have access to gravel this

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time of year. Only because the weather is the way it been for a while now. Please just stop and think about how the weather affects these dirt roads with all the water and run off. We are even expecting more rain soon.

Mary - I am just saying I am always following trucks up and down Meads Creek.

Jeremy - What about other towns trucks, like Campbells or the State trucks.

Mary - I just see only our trucks driving around.

Rick - Jeremy I know we are going to have a problem here shortly about all these ash trees on the side of the roads in town.

Jeremy - The Ash Beetle is getting to them.

Rick - Is there a way of getting some tree company to come in and cut them all out vs. costing the Highway Department to go around and do it.

Jeremy - Only way that I can do that is to go around and get three bids for that and see what it is going to cost the town. The problem is that there are so many trees that it will cost the town \$100,000 and that is going around the whole Town of Orange and cutting out all the ash trees.

Rick - Even if they take the trees?

Jeremy - Yes, they do not want the trees. They are bad anyway, and you can not go over 50 miles with the trees anyway. The whole thing is an issue.

Jon - Is there an idea what need to get done and see if there is a grant?

Jeremy - We would need to get a hold of DEC.

Jon - Well these trees are in our right away, so does that mean that we have the say, and can't the DEC adjust if needed.

Jeremy - We are ditching, so we are taking as many out as we can when we are doing it.

Rick - If we could get a grant it would be every tree we can take out.

Jeremy - Yeah DEC would be the best beat to look for grants.

Rick - I just know you do not have to the time to be cutting all those trees down.

Bill - One last question, the power lines going up County Road 22, are they connecting Corning to Hammondsport?

Jeremy - Yes, something like that.

Joanne - I also think NYSEG got a grant to replace old poles and need to use it up before it expires. Also mostly because of the solar farm interest in our town. Anything else?

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Grey - Yes, the gentleman from the Highway Department that was hired and talked about before. I know he was hire under the intent to place him in a Civil Service classification, and heard some rumbling of letting him go. You should not let him go until you have figured this out.

Joanne - Yes, thank you. Anything else?

Norma - Yes, I would like to have board approval to have an monthly informal community forum to invite the community in to talk. I was thinking of the 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 4:30 pm.

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Norma Burris the meeting adjourned at 8:47PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, FEBRUARY 3, 2020

A regular board meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, February 3, 2020 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:27PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor

Rick Hendrick, Councilman

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman

Norma Burris, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert McConnell, Jeffrey Horton, Robert Wood, Mike Wood, Alan Deyo, Jim Pinkard, Doug McCann, Christan Perry, Thomas Webster, Lawrence Dykes, Steve Caparco, Pam Caparco, Heather Waters, Carol Rhoades, Darin Miller, Vicki Flynn, Dean Flynn, Harvey Hillenbaugh, Maryann Fribis, Linda Spicknell, Cameron Spicknell, Wayne Lynch, Laura Lynch, Laurie Beem, Al Buckland COE Jeremy Abbey, Superintendent of Highways, Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

Joanne Randall – First, I would like to start off and say that the people in the audience are the people we are working for. They are the ones who pay our pay checks, and you should have them in mind with every vote you do. That is all I am saying about that.

Norma Burris – Wait, should we start with deal with the problem with Jocelyn Harrison, since she was not elected to sit on the board.

Joanne – Well what should we do about this?

Norma – Well we should appoint somebody. We have to, don't we?

Joanne – I was going to appoint her at some point, but I am almost afraid to ask you all for a vote. I recommend that we appoint Jocelyn Harrison to the Town Board position until the end of 2020. Any vote on that?

Norma – I would like to see if Maryann Fribis would be interested to hold the position.

Joanne – Okay, so anyone else? We are only here like this because the Board of Elections did not notify when Thomas Peer sent them a letter that her job was up for election. So we did not know, so she did not run last year. So now it has become an issue because she is not elected, so we must appoint someone until the end of the year. While holding an election this November for the remaining three year term.

Coral Rhoades – But you can reappoint Jocelyn Harrison, right?

Joanne – Yes, that is what I am trying to do.

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they were some talk on Al not doing his job, so we did not reappoint him for not doing his job. Here is a report, not off my computer, but Thomas's. Al issued 41 permits last year and brought in \$3,875 in permit fees. Al only makes \$7,000, so he brought in more than half of his salary. When issuing a permit there are three copies, one goes to the owner to hang on the job site, one get kept with Al for his files, and the last one is given to Thomas with the money collected for the permit. Then that form is turned into the Assessor and a receipt for the money collected is given back to Al. That is how this report is made. This nothing but the truth, if you believe me or not is up to you. I think we should reconsider Al for the Town of Orange Code Officer.

Al Buckland – Here is a copy of the Certificate of Residency for the Dollar General in Caton. Today they started loading the freezers and shelves into the store, and in the next few days there will be semi-trucks with loads of goods. They hope to be open up next weekend.

Rick Hendrick – This is the first time I have heard this whole Caton deal. I did not hear anything about it. I go to with gym with half of the planning board and I have not heard anything like that.

Joanne – What you did not know that they are building a Dollar General.

Rick – No, but I did not hear they are not having any problems with anything. This is the first I have heard anything about it.

Joanne – We sat right here at the meeting, and asking to reappoint Al, and all those points are reasons not to reappoint.

Rick – I am just talking about the Dollar General being brought up.

Norma Burris – What I was saying was Al would not take the Solar Permitting class, and you said twice to me you would not take it. You need to take to class, so Al can issue permits on solar right.

Al – I have issued more permits on solar use stuff than you would believe.

Norma – So why not take the class for it?

Al – I do not need the class. I read about it.

Norma – There you go. In order to do it New York State says you have to take the class.

Al – If it was not for you and Rick, you only have 62 days to issue a permit for things like that. The last two solar farm projects for the town are being held up by you guys. That is all I want to say.

Coral Rhoades – I just want to say if you are going to replace someone, have someone to take right over. Do not let him go and not have anyone to fill the place when he leaves. We need qualified people for this position. This is not a good time to replace Al, we are in the middle of two big projects, and now you want someone else to step in and take over with little to no knowledge in these projects. Also with no zoning Al is our biggest help to make sure we are

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doing what we can to make sure they are put in right. We just need to get to a point of reappointing Al to his job, so we can move forward with all of our projects.

Joanne – Would the board reconsider reappointing Al Buckland to the Code Officer position?

Jocelyn Harrison – I would, and maybe we can get him some extra help.

Nancy Whipple – That is one thing I was going to ask, can we hire someone part-time to work with Al and learn from him.

Al – Why do I have to have someone part t-time? I do my job. I am over here doing all that I can, Saturdays most of the time and I do visits to job sites. I do not think you need someone else.

RESOLUTION #13

On the motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Joanne Randall to reappoint Al Buckland to be the Code Officer for the Town of Orange.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

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Justice Report – Joanne Randall – We got a check for \$1,196.50, and \$745.00 will go to the state, the rest goes to the town.

RESOLUTION #14

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

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

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Superintendent of Highways – Jeremy Abbey – We have been in the plowing operations for some time now. The thawing and freezing has not been helping on if not all of our town roads.

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We are hauling in more gravel and stone, so when we can get out there and start fixing the roads we can have the materials we need already here. Truck #6 is down with some kind of knocking going on and it will not pass inspection due to rust holes in the cab and box. You can put your hand right into the cab. The cab mounts are rusted out. We need to sell the old truck #5, it went to low for Auctions International, truck #6 and #9 and the stone roller. We have to sell #6 before we can replace #6, we can not work without it. I have talked with Friendly's Auto on a State Bid truck for \$71,848, with the plow and sander. If it is still on the lot, we could have it as little in two weeks. It's a 2020 with zero miles. Truck #4 just got back with new springs and bushings. Truck #5, the new truck, just went for warranty work and it did not cost the town anything. We need a discussion with Huggins Road, for a resolution to go back to the original mapped out road segment back when Jeff Sutton was Highway Supervisor in 2016. Jerry from Soils and Waters said that we can not do anything to make the road wider. NYSEG got a hold of me on way we can save money by switching the lights to LED lighting. We have Thomas Webster who will be replacing Grey when he retires and have him here to get him ready and trained for what he needs to know. For Auction International, I brought in a check for \$10,730. We also purchased a toolbox to replace our old one. We bought it at Harbor Fright for \$1,900, and with one has enough space to hold all of our tools. They would not allow us to set up an account with them, so Grey bought the toolbox with his credit card and the town reimburse him. The Snap On toolbox was about \$25,000, so we did save the town a lot of money. We did use a tax-exempt certificate and is on file at the town hall.

Nancy – Could we get the truck information to read more about what the truck is and does.

Jeremy – Yes, I can get that to all of you.

Norma – Did you get competitive bids?

Jeremy – Well, he is \$36,000 under state bid, because competitive bid right now is \$107,000.

Norma – Okay, we just need to see it then. The competitive bid, plus the truck information.

Nancy – Truck #6 is the one knocking?

Jeremy – Yes.

Joanne – Let me make this statement. You want Jeremy to take care of the roads, you want them plowed and sanded, he can not do that if he does not have the tools to do the work. Just a reminder.

Jeremy – We were down truck #6 and truck that was under warranty, so some roads did not get touched in time, unless done by a ten-wheeler.

Nancy – Yeah, my road was untouched.

Jeremy – Yes, because we did not have a one-ton at the time. We were stuck in a problem we could not fix ourselves. We do not want to run into this again, so that is why I presented this truck to the board.

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Norma – What trucks are working right now; we really do not even know.

Rick – Yeah, I was going to bring that up. It seems we just bypass the board and go right to the Supervisor. With the roller things where fine, but now things are different or have changed. We have a Highway Committee that seems to never meet or have you come and present things to.

Jeremy – I tried talking to all of you two weeks ago, and according to you it was an illegal meeting and that we should not be having it. I am talking about it right now, so it is in front of everyone.

Rick – No one has seen the equipment and inventory you have, and anytime we go over there we get a month full.

Jeremy – Yes, because most of the time you guys are there it is unattended and unaccompanied.

John Mustico – Yes, you as a board member would be violating your insurance by doing that. You as a board member are not a town employee.

Jeremy – If I was there and you asked to walk though then I would do that, but you need to make an appointment with me, so I will be there for the meeting and walk through.

John – Yes, it has to do with risk management, so being more careful is better in a work zone like the town highway department. And you of all that should follow that, because if you do not they do not.

Jeremy – I just do not know what to do with the truck #6 that is why I am here today talking about it. I need to sell truck #6 before I replace it

RESOLUTION #15

On the motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Nancy Whipple to declare surplus and to authorize public or private sale of Truck #5, Truck #9, Stone roller, and Mac Toolbox.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

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Lawrence Dykes – Jeremy have you been down Huggins Road the lasts few days?

Jeremy – Yes I have, and there are some ruts and potholes, but nothing like there is all over town. I am not sure what you want me to do when the thawing and freezing keeps happening. There is little to nothing to do until this weather breaks.

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Nancy – Yes, Jeremy went to fix my road and it was a waste of time and money. He just dumped gravel and it has already worked it way back into the ground and has created more mud.

Cameron Spicknall – There is no gravel under our road. I was talking with Rodney Hoad from the Bradford Fire Department and said that the road would be a problem because of how soft it is and how narrow the road is as well.

Jeremy – The way that road was taken over was not done right. I have talked with Ryan Anderson from NYS DOT and he said that road was not properly done, and we will not receive any kind of state funding for road maintenance.

Cameron – But are you still not responsible to take care of any part of that road?

Jeremy- Yes, only down to the “T” in the road.

Cameron – Well some of the worst part of the road is down to the “T.”

Jeremy – Well I can not do anything without any gravel there. We can not get our equipment down there to work. We can not do anything because it is not up to set standards, and we can not do anything until the weather breaks, last time we did anything it created eight inches of mud and everyone was still mad at that point.

Linda Spicknall – Here is a map of Huggins Road. There are three culverts that are mapped out in black boxes, and a fourth one in red that was to be placed there, but some how ended up missing or misplaced. The red dotted line shows the ditches that need to be re-ditched and the black dotted line shows where ditching needs to be done. I talked with Soils and Water about the wetlands next to the road, and Jerry said that it could be done again because it had been worked in the past.

Jeremy - Well according to my DEC and Federal water ways map I can not do anything because that is protected wetlands. These are national protected water, so we can work or widen the road.

Linda – But is that first eight tenths of a mile that needs to be worked. It needs to be a least ditched to the first culvert so that the water is not building up on the road and creating mud.

Jeremy – There is still not much I can do, but I’ll get Jerry to come down and make what is and can be done. It is hard to get the equipment down there to do the work that is needed and wanted to be done. We will be working on a resolution to take that road off of the town’s road list.

Cameron – I have been traveling Huggins Road for 50 plus years, and I hear all this talk of the residents bring the road up to code, but under that whole time of traveling that road. I always though the Town of Orange owned that road, so what has the town been doing for the last 50 plus years. Nothing is what.

John – The town does not own the road, they have a right to the right of way. If the town Highway Supervisor does nothing to the road for six years, it can be abandoned. The Town Board can make it quicker but its up to them. Plowing does not count towards taking care of the

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road. I will look into the how this resolution came about and see what the town has legal action towards. Who knows if the road is the town responsibility at this point. The town should not have taken the road without a description taken.

Town Clerk and Tax Collector Reports – Thomas Peer – As the Tax Collector, I have gotten \$855,897.92 so far. I think a good portion of it is full payments, and some are using the installments method as well. One of the biggest problems with Tax Collecting is not having a good Assessor. People are trying to get ahold of her with no luck, and she is just being very hard to reach. I still think this is something we still need to work with the county on, so our people are being taken care of. As the clerk, the town will be getting a check for \$487.90, the Humane Society will be getting \$86.10, and the state will get \$17. It was not busy as the clerk; most was a building permit for about \$441. I just want to add that I as the Clerk feel that I am not meeting expectations that the board has with their legislative agenda coming up, but with this being my busiest time of the year. The work load is being chipped away as fast as I can, but just understand that this time of the year is when most of my work takes place, so If I am not getting things to you are needs something done quicker. Please let me know. I have made numbers of phone calls during the day, during my full time job hours, so a lot of work is being brought with me anywhere I go. I do not see a issue yet, but there could be one if this trend keeps up. I am doing more work during my non office hours than when I can in the office. I am thinking working this the board could help find a new balance with some kind of work plan. I still have about \$650,000 of tax monies to collect.

Planning Board – Carol Rhoades – Friend of the Park has a application in for grant though Guthrie Community for \$7,500, application at Lowes for \$7,500, Maggie is working on application for Community of Schuyler County which could be another \$4,000 to \$5,000. I still have Home Depo and other places to write to. Hopefully by June we have heard back from them. Our plan is to get a bid on the pavilion, Maggie has some contacts on the Food Bank to see if we can get the pavilion in and get back our Summer Backpack Program started again. That is important to our community project. I would like to bring to the attention of the town is that if we get that pavilion up, then could we get the Food Bank truck to start coming back to the area. Presently it goes to Beaver Dams to so church over there, but many of our residents can not make it over there. There are a lot of seniors in this town where Beaver Dams is to far away for them to drive with no good roads in between. If the board could start looking around into what we have to do to have them bring to food truck back. Then maybe we could work it back to the Fire Department and have them deal with a large stockpile of food.

Environmental Management – Rick Hurly – I have a short report. Sorry for missing last meeting I was in Florida. The big topic being talked about right is the issue with plastic bags, and how this will impact everyone. One thing that might be heard out there is the thickness of the new bags. Going from 2 mil to 6 mil or above it becomes reusable for plastic bags. This could affect how we do our trash, and I am not sure how the topic will be shaped, this are all issues.

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NEW BUSINESS

Ed Perry – Solar Project and Campground – Joanne Randall –

Ed Perry – We have the Solar Project already to go so far, and we are working on what we are going to do with the campground, and over all we are looking at 130 sites. We are going to start off with 30 or so then build up from there. The shower room and bathrooms will also be installed in this part of the project as well. Right now we are looking into cost for both of those rooms.

Joanne – Is there anything else you need from the town?

Ed – Yes, just approved for what I am doing for as far as the campground goes.

Joanne – Okay, we can get something to you about the campground.

Host Community Benefit Agreement – Joanne Randall – John I though you are going to bring the Host Agreement tonight?

John – I just got it today, so you will have it before the meeting on the 17th of February.

Joanne – Okay, thank you.

MEO – Joanne Randall – Okay, then I hope we can talk about the MEO again and try to get this position figured out. So we can have someone in training for Gray’s job. Any comments on it?

Jocelyn – Do we need a public hearing on this?

Joanne – No. You got this form last month and had time to look it over. This is just for Civil Service.

RESOLUTION #16

On the motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison add a MEO position to be filed with Civil Service.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – ABSTAIN

ADOPTED

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RESOLUTION #17

On the motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Nancy Whipple add a MEO position to be added with Civil Service other towns who offer training for CDL drivers.

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Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – ABSTAIN

ADOPTED

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Internal Audit of the Court – Joanne Randall – So the unified court system has requested that we do our yearly audit of the town court. I need two board member who would be willing to meet with Mindy and review the bank statements. This needs to be done by March 1st. I would like to appoint Norma and Rick.

Norma – I just want to say I do not understand on how to do the audit. I do not feel comfortable doing it. Last year I did not understand what we are doing, and I do not feel comfortable. I have nothing against Mindy.

Nancy – I have done them over the last three years, and they are very easy to follow their records.

Rick – If is has to do with money I do not want any part.

Nancy – All that you do is make sure all their checks match.

Joanne – Just follow the form the Comptroller hands out.

Approve Minutes – Joanne Randall – These are the minutes from December 9th and 30th.

RESOLUTION #18

On the motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick to approve the December 9th and 30th meeting minutes.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

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Old Business and Privilege of Floor and Public Concerns –

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Heather Waters – Here is a question for the Attorney. How close can you plant corn to the roadside?

John – You could plant it right to the edge of the road.

Heather – Can they cut it down?

John – Yes.

Heather – How far?

John – He can give you notice before cutting. If anything interferes with the right to travel Jeremy can do things to fix it. Just think about how the road is. If it is an outer curve then you might not care, but inside curves could be treated different. Someone could be coming around and not see the other side.

Jane Osburn – I have lived in this town for 43 years, and I have no idea who you are sitting here. Next time start the meeting with an introduction.

Joanne – I am truly sorry; I normally have name tag on the front of the tables. I just forgot them tonight.

Jane – Okay, thanks it would be truly helpful. I just have no idea who you all are. I live just down from Hawley Road, and I just want to make a commit on that road. I am astounded for money that was put into that road for just one person. I was truly mad about the whole thing. I live at the bottom of the hill and watched those trucks come and go every day for many days. When there is only one house and a campsite, and many other roads in town are much worst. I see many people building new house and their house are dirty and dusty from the roads, but Hawley is taken care of.

Joanne – I know how you feel, and I agree with you. There was a lot of people who will agree with you as well. This all happen under Sean Rosno, who was the Town Supervisor at the time, a long with Jeff Sutton who was the Highway Supervisor.

Jeremy – If it makes you feel better those people have been asking me to dump more gravel over there, and I have not because it is a one-person road.

Linda Spicknall – I would like to have a correction made to the July 1st meeting. I was quoted wrong and the letter that was attached can prove it.

Joanne – Linda the minutes are not verbatim.

Linda – But it changes the context of my statement.

John – Write a letter to the board asking the for consideration to change the minutes for July, but they do not have to do it. They can choose to.

Linda – Okay, thank you.

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Al – Is it okay to attend my RIT training next month? I always split the cost you Caton.

Joanne – Well you are going to have to keep up with you training and stay certified.

Carol – Are the personal files up to date, are the sexual harassment forms and certifications in their files?

Norma – They are not at the town, until I find a safe location for them to be stored in a locked filing cabinet.

Carol – Why?

Norma – Because I need a locked filing cabinet.

Carol – This is all a locked property. I do not understand how come the other personal files that have been stored in the town hall for the last 50 years or so is not good enough.

John – Why do you have them?

Norma – I am the sexual harassment trainer.

John – Certificates are what we are talking about, not the employee's files.

Norma – Yes, I do not have their personal files, just their certificates.

John – Okay, but at some point, they should be placed into the right files.

Carol – Okay, now on the solar farm information. If I put in a FOIL for that I should be able to get all that information. Is all that here at the town hall?

Joanne – See Norma you are to not have original copies of town documents at your house.

Norma – They are on a website; I do not have the certificates in my filing cabinets. They are on the website for NYMIR.

Carol – Why are they on the website?

Norma – Because when you take the class, then I filed it with them to certify that each person took the class. On that website I just enter who all took the class under when I taught it. If the certificate is needed, then we can print it off. So, I do not have printed copies, but have access to them.

Joanne – After attending a meeting put on by the Comptroller, stating that they or the insurance company would be stopping over to view and see who all have taken the training. I currently do not have that information, so my guess is that they will be looking for that information at the town hall.

Norma – NYMIR has access to them its their website.

Carol – I remember sign a sheet, how come that is not in my personal file?

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Norma – To tell you the truth I did not know you had a personnel file, and if the town wants to print off the certificates they can. Thomas and I can print them off and make sure they make it into each person files. I am just not going to print them off with my paper and my ink.

Jeremy – So what are we going to do on this truck? The specs just say that it's a 5500, 6.7 Cummings, 10 foot plow, 10 foot box, with slide in sand box. There is not much engine specs that I could give you that are not different from any other stock truck, but it is set up with the ager system in the sand bed. I do not know how to do this, it's a 2020 with zero miles on it. It is sitting on the lot right now.

Rick – What about a used truck.

Jeremy – See we will just run into the same problem we are having now. Fixing them is costing us more money. If we can buy new and rotate them in and out and still make money on our new equipment, we should do that for long term. Like the old truck #5 who when through seven transmissions.

Norma – Do you have maintenance logbooks on all your trucks?

Jeremy – Anything that happens to our equipment get placed inside our equipment files. We also use a board to show when the last time something was done to the equipment.

John – I would put together a request to the board on the new truck you would like them to consider purchasing. Get the information showing the specs, the bid, and other things to just back up the claim.

Rick – Yes, we need time to see how we are going to pay for this new truck.

Jocelyn – How much is the new truck?

Jeremy- It is \$71,848.00.

Joanne Randall the meeting adjourned until February 17th at 6:30 pm, this segment of the meeting ended at 8:24 pm.

The February 17th meeting was cancelled due to Host Community Benefit Agreement not being ready to negotiate.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, MARCH 2, 2020

A regular board meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, March 2, 2020 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:31PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Joanne Randall , Supervisor

Rick Hendrick, Councilman

Norma Burris , Councilwoman

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert McConnell, Thomas Webster, Lisa Webster, Heather Waters, Darin Miller, Al Buckland COE, Dean Flynn, Clinton Webster, Maryann Friebis, Rich Hurley, EMC Rep., Laure Lyndi, Wayne Lyndi, Laurie Beem, Amanda Rodriguez, Ben Rodriguez, Larry Baker, Linda Spicknall, Sam Mattison, Haley States, Jeremy Abbey, Superintendent of Highways, Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #19

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Nancy Whipple the General Fund Vouchers on Abstract #003 in the amount of \$12,526.91 were paid.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

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RESOLUTION #20

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Norma Burris the Highway Fund Vouchers on Abstract #003 in the amount of \$22,481.65 were paid.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

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RESOLUTION #21

On motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison the Trust and Agency on Abstract #003 in the amount of \$668.00 were paid.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

Building Code Officer – Al Buckland – Here is some information on what we talked about in January about building code inspectors #3. After reading the January minutes, I needed to clear up some information. Doing 41 permit last year is just not that, it inspection the projects and seeing what they are doing as the building is happening. But this month was a little slow. One permit was issued, eight construction inspections, worked 29 hours with 226 miles driven. I made and sent out the 2019 yearly report to be filed with Albany.

RESOLUTION #22

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

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

Justice Report – Joanne Randall – There was a check for \$1003, and the town will keep \$498 the rest will go back to the state.

RESOLUTION #23

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

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

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Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

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Supervisor of Highways – Jeremy Abbey – Before starting my report, Joanne has a letter from John Marshall the Bradford Central School Superintendent. This letter was for March 2 of 2020.

Joanne Randall read the letter aloud. This letter will be on file with the Town Clerk.

Jeremy – So that letter goes with getting the one-ton truck. Our current one is doing 72 miles of roadways. There are 12 roads that trucks is responsible for when there are four 10-wheeler dump trucks are out. We at one point where down three 10-wheelers. We are playing Russian Roulette with the school, and it is off my shoulders now and it on yours. I could not say this enough about the whole one-ton, and the kid they are talking about is on Goundry. We put a 10-wheeler on that road and had to back down the hill. This is not a game, and it was not something voted on over a year ago. With the one-ton according to some board members, or some calling it a freightliner. Which is an International, I was not driving it, my deputy was. This whole back thing, or this person is doing that, someone should get their information right before you start calling people, and a few other things. Like sit and play cards all week, I call my guys in for overtime just to get them paid. I cannot control the weather; I cannot control it snowing on the weekends and on the school days. This weather is killing us this year, I get the roads are torn apart, we are trying our best to get what we can get done, done. We even put stone on Nancy road, and how did that turn out?

Nancy – It is passable.

Jeremy - You are here to work with me, and I am here to work with you. If you have a problem with, bring it up to me. Do not bring it on this town, its not the towns fault if you have a problem with me, lets work it out. I am tired of exampling to people why they can't get to work, why they can't get out of there driveway. This year is not a normal year, some of the guys have not even seen weather like this, and some have worked here for 30 years. I am just saying that is on the board now because you are now aware of what is going and see other people other than myself saying we need the equipment to do our job. I have been talking about this for months now. It is not a game, there are kids out there who are losing this game you are playing. If you have a problem with, we me, we can work it out in the office next door after the meeting. This whole board needs to work together plain and simple. But other than that, we got 60 ton of cold seal patch on Chambers Road, which is more or less a band aid for right now. We are hauling in more gravel, so that this year every road is getting gravel in one shape or another. I have brush crews out cleaning up, so we are doing the best with what we have. We are still dealing with snow and ice. We are back up to three 10-wheelers right now.

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RESOLUTION #24

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Nancy Whipple to approve Superintendent of Highways monthly report.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

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Town Clerk – Thomas Peer – It was slow for the Town Clerk part of my job. \$190.00 was the total collected. Most of it was the building permit Al did. \$94.80 is going to the town, \$81.20 is going to Schuyler County Humane Society, \$14 is going to New York State. Now to the Tax Collector, we are into the month of March right now, and this is the last month to pay your taxes. The 15th of this month I will be sending out late notices, but so far, I have collected \$1,052,153.08. I am getting ready to write the first check to the county for the first installments, so that is going to be about \$110,000. From there the next checks to go out is for the fire contracts, that is based on the amounts outlined in the budget. But I think we are on track so far for the remaining amount of \$430,770.12. I would take about half of that out due to the state land and all the other franchise that are in the town, so there is about \$200,000 give or take to collect left for the season. But I feel are on track to collect as much tax money as possible. The state has extended the deadline for my grant, my guess is that there where few applicants, Joanne felt the same way. With only a few, they might as well open or extend the deadline. Right now we are on track to ask for \$30,000 for the records retention grant, after finally getting state approval for permission to undertake this project, but this year they are asking to do more compared to years in the past, but this is only what I am being told. Even though the documents will be scanned by a third party, I still have to 100% verify that each document was scanned correctly within a 3% error, and from what we are going to submit that would equal 834 images that are not scanned correctly in order to start all over again. I hope that is not the case. My biggest problem that I have is we have to ask for more money to help with this grant they want to compensate the amount of time it is going to take to view each document from scanned correctness. They quoted me 93 hours of labor to view each document, and that is at 300 images an hour, for a seven-hour workday, with one hour of lunch. New York State says that someone need to pay for that time. I personally do not want to be paid, because I think that this project is worth more than my time and labor. This is only going to help preserve what little history there is here. I did submit my salary amount because they needed to have one, and I have submitted the salary of Joanne, who most likely will be helping view the documents, and also a board member salary to have the third set of eyes on the project. We only get six months to complete this project, and three to four

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months could be spent getting scanned, which only gets us a smaller window to view and verify the scans. This is the newest part of the grant compared to last years. This is just another hurdle we need to get over. This is to make you all aware of what is going on with this grant. Sometime during the summer, I will be very busy trying to put this all together if we get the money. This will be our second time applying for it, and we are asking for about \$20,000 less than last year.

RESOLUTION #25

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

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

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Planning Board – Carol Rhoades – Absent – Joanne Randall – A financial report on the Town of Orange park was given by Carol in a typed form. This can be found on file with the Town Clerk.

Joanne – There was confusion after last month meeting Carol felt this would help.

Environmental Management – Rich Hurley – A lot of what we have talked about is recycling, and plastic bags impacting now, so do not forget to bring your bags to the store. There is still going to be a battle over the plastic bags because of the mills of the bags and how thick they are. I will give the minutes and the agenda to the board to review. They closed a gas well here in the Town of Orange, I have contacted an environmental attorney on this matter, because once they open a well the company must maintain the well. I will give you all the links back and forward, so you have that.

Fire Department Report – NA

New Business

Approve Union Contract – Joanne Randall – So, I need the board to approve the union contract, and I hope you all have read it. We last meet to talk about this in November, December. The Town Attorney says that I need the board to approve the contract. Was there anything wrong with it, you have had this for a few months now.

RESOLUTION #26

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to approve the Union Contract with Town of Orange union employees.

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Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - NAY

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – NAY

ADOPTED

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NAYS 2

Joanne – So, what was wrong with the union contract?

Rick – We should have sat down and disused this and went over it. After they got back and check it over.

Norma – The word seems to not look right, or it was done wrong. I do not have it with me, but it was 1440 hours of sick pay.

Joanne – They change it from days to hours. They are trying to get the language of the contract to read the same.

Norma – So how much would 1440 hours be in day?

Joanne – I believe its 13 days.

Norma – I am just not sure about that. I believe it is a typo.

Joanne – It is not, they changed the days to hours.

Norma – But one place says 1440 and another say 440.

Jeremy – They work for it period.

Norma – I believe the contract is wrong only in a typo. If you are signing a contract is must be looked over and correct. That's my problem and that is why I said no.

Jeremy – But did you not attend the union contract meetings?

Norma – And I was to get a copy to look at it again.

Joanne – No one said you needed a copy before I signed it. I was sent to the attorney we hired, and he reviewed it and did not see a problem. Then sent it back to me about any changes, but nothing needed to be changed, so I signed it. Next time you will because I know now. If you attended the meeting I hardly bet they would slip something into the contract that you did not know about.

Rick – That is not what anyone is saying. We just wanted to see if before you signed the final copy.

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Joanne – Why was this not said before now?

Rick – You said you would get back to us. Next thing I know was it was signed. We never saw it.

Joanne – But anyway we do have a union contract now Gary.

Gary Perz – Thank you.

Discussion on Trucks/Bond - Joanne Randall – I have given each of you a list of all the trucks that the town owns. I would like to first focus on the Mac Truck from 2004, that truck is 16 years old and I am not sure on how many of you travel these roads. It is hard on these truck vs flat land, our trucks can only take so much before they start costing us more money. There is a 2006 Mac truck as well, both trucks have plows and wings on them. The GMC dump truck blow up, 2004 F550 dump truck that has blown up, we do have a water truck that is a 2001. I am really trying to say that our fleet of trucks are reaching the end of their lives in our current work positions. Funding trucks like these are only costing the town more money to maintain them vs the work we are getting out of them.

Jeremy – Truck #3 is in the shop right now being worked on, with two dump cylinders blowing, this could be \$1,600 to \$1,800 to fix just that problem. This same truck sat at Beam Mack last year for three months and seems like it is running on half a horse. The 2006 Mac truck just got a hub replacement, and that was the third one last year. The bushing on these trucks are worn out that they are hitting the cab of the truck. It brings us back to the main problem, everything needs to be back on a rotation schedule, so we are not running into the same problems. It will save the town money, yes the capital is high in the beginning, but long term we are saving money. If we keep a one-ton for four years, most likely it has a five year warranty or 100,000 which ever comes sooner, but we could sell that at the four year mark and still make money on the truck. All would be OGS State Bid on the trucks, and the town would be spending \$10,000 to \$20,000 on a new truck for four years, and then it is gone out the door. The 10-wheelers is a 2015, and I hired a mechanic to fix it. The oil pan was about to fall out, but it is five years old.

Joanne – Yes, that is the one we just paid off the bond for, and see we are now having to put money into it.

Jeremy – They recommend that every seven to ten years to start replacing your 10-wheel dump truck, or sooner if they are costing more money to maintain. We should not be buying used equipment; we need to have rotation plan. Look at Truck #5 that has had seven transmissions put in the that truck, and I was here for two of them. Our trucks are always overload, no matter what we are doing.

Rick – This all should have been talked about before the budget was put together.

Jeremy – I talked about this three months ago.

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Joanne – We have, but we always come back to just run the trucks until we have a plan, and it never works out. All we do now is just buy parts and parts. We have about \$14,000 to \$16,000 in transmission work and replacement at all went into one truck.

Rick – I agree with 100% of the rotation plan. We can not do this all at once, so we do need some kind of plan.

Joanne – We all talked last March about getting this truck paid off and now it is time to add a new truck to the rotation. We can bond for a new truck again as long as the bond was paid off in January. I talked with Community Bank, and they will bond for us. In order to do this, we need a public hearing to take on the bond. We can buy this new truck, we currently paid \$44,000 every year, and if we buy another 10-wheeler, \$214,168.88 for the new one, while in 2015 we paid \$208,443.45 at 3.5% interest. Community Bank will give it to us at 2.85% interest. The payment would be \$42,832.77 for five years. It does take a while, we have to post it for 30 days, have the public hearing, and then we have to order it. Please take this home and read all about it.

Jeremy – Are we going to do anything about the one-ton truck?

RESOLUTION #27

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to buy the Ford 550 truck.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

Approve January Minutes

RESOLUTION #28

On motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to approve the Reorganization Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2020.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

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Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 5

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2019 Budget Adjustments – Joanne Randall – So I am still working in 2019 budget and can not close it up until I have the adjustments approved. All of the adjustments will be made to line items that are over drawn and not the account as a whole. We are making the adjustments for the AUD, and we will start with the General Fund. At the end of 2019 we had \$25,610.56 left over that we did not spend. This money will keep us going until get the tax money in 2020. Here are the changes:

Account Overdrawn:

Funds Moved:

A1010.4 \$-100.00

A1110.4 \$100.00

Town Board Cont.

Justice Court Fund

A1330.1 \$-.04

A1330.4 \$.04

Tax Collector P/S

Tax Collector Cont.

A1410.1 \$-.04

A1410.2 \$.04

Town Clerk P/S

Town Clerk Equip.

A1410.4 \$-1509.16

A1355.4 \$1485.65

Town Clerk Cont.

Assessor Cont.

A1410.4 \$23.51

Town Clerk Equip.

A1420.4 \$-2923.50

A1450.4 \$2500

Town Attorney Cont.

Elections

A3310.2 \$423.50

Public Safety Equip.

A1620.4 \$-3610.87

A3310.4 \$2000.00

Building Cont.

Public Safety Traffic Cont.

A1989.4 \$1000.00

Other Gov't Support

A1990.4 \$500.00

Contingency Account

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	A1920.4 \$10.87
	Other Gov't Support
A1620.2 \$-.47	A1410.2 \$.47
Building Supplies	Town Clerk Equip.
A5010.1 \$-113.63	A5010.2 \$113.63
Super. Personal Service	Super Equipment
A5132.41 \$-6220.89	A9040.8 \$6220.89
Super Utilities	Workers Comp
A5182.4 \$-5776.42	A9040.8 \$5776.42
Street Lights	Workers Comp
A6410.4 \$-174.61	A7310.4 \$174.61
Publicity	Youth Program
A6772.4 \$-124.61	A7310.4 \$124.61
Aged Program	Youth Program
A8160.4 \$-2146.19	A8020.4 \$450.00
Refuse/Garbage	Planning Cont.
	A8090.4 \$400.00
	Enviro. Control Cont.
	A8160.1 \$306.00
	Recycling P/C
	A8810.2 \$800.00
	Cemetery Equip.
	A9050.8 \$190.19
	Unemployment

RESOLUTION #29

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Nancy Whipple to approve the 2019 General Fund Budget Adjustment.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

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Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

Highway Fund Budget Adjustments:

Account Overdrawn:

DA5110.1 \$-10,475.34

Gen Repairs P/S

DA5130.12 \$-4,877.08

Machinery Small Tools

DA\$-148,722.34

Machinery Cont.

Funds Moved:

DA5110.4 \$10,475.34

Gen Repairs Cont.

DA5110.4 \$4,877.08

Gen Repairs Cont.

DA5110.4 \$15,596.16

Gen Repairs Cont.

DA5110.41 \$19,537.16

Gen Repairs Road Fuel

DA5140.4 \$9,000.00

Misc – Summer Help

DA5142.1 \$16,224.40

Snow Plow – Wages

DA5142.41 \$17,308.85

Snow Plow – Fuel

DA5112.2 \$71,055.77

Perm Improvements

RESOLUTION #30

On motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to approve the 2019 Highway Fund Budget Adjustment.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

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Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

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Date/Time for Public Hearing – Joanne Randall – I will call the attorney to try to get a hold of the information we need to have for the Public Hearing. So you all will hear from me or him soon.

Old Business

Linda Spicknall – Yes, I wrote a letter about the July 2019 minutes to be corrected, and was wounding if this was done?

Joanne – Did you get the letter that I sent you? With all the information about minutes.

Linda -I got a letter. It did not state whether the minutes would be changed at all.

Joanne – As the personal who held the position of Town Clerk before, those minutes belong to the clerk, and the board does not need to approve them. They are the clerk’s interpretation of the events that have happened. We can not attach anything to the minute.

Linda – That is not what I am asking, I was missed quoted in the minutes. There are two words that change the meaning to the sentence, my letter can prove that.

Joanne – What month was it?

Linda – July of 2019. I wrote Thomas a letter, and you all should have a copy of it.

Thomas – Yes, that letter was given to each board member. Are you talking about the July letter, or the most recent letter?

Linda – The most recent letter that refers to the July meeting minutes.

Thomas – Yes, that has been presented to the town board.

Linda – Yes, that is what you told me. So, now I am asking.

Thomas – Did I change them?

Linda – Yes.

Thomas – No, I did not. I think the minutes stand as they are. I have talked with the town board. I have given three examples of why I think that the minutes should stay as they are. They are not written verbatim and will never be written that way. I think the sentence I wrote is a summary of what was stated. Your letter is recorded in the minutes and can be requested by anyone who wish to read your letter. So, if the minutes and the letter can stand together.

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Linda – Well you have miss quoted, so you are putting in false information.

Thomas – I do not believe so. I think it is correct.

Linda – Its not.

Joanne – It is up to the Town Clerk to write the minutes. All we are doing with the minutes is recording the history of the town. So, 50 years from now someone could pick up that minute's book and ask what happened in the town.

Linda – Well if they are looking for Huggins Road information they need to know.

Joanne – But if they can read about it in the minutes and look at your letter. Is that not going to make it clear to whom ever is looking into it.

Linda – Who is going to be looking at those minutes. Who is going to look for that letter if it is not in there?

Joanne – Well we have it on file, with another letter of that sort go, so it can be found. We can not attach this to the minutes.

Linda – I am not arguing that at all. I am just missed quoted.

Joanne – Well it is going to stand, and that is the way he prefers it, and it his minutes.

Linda – Its not okay, but I guess I do not have any choice in the matter.

Joanne – Okay.

Linda – Jeremy, is it you plan to ditch and crown Huggins Road within this coming year.

Jeremy – My plan is to have a resolution passed to convert the road back from State Route 226 to the "T." Because the way the road was taken over was done wrong. I do think we need to hold a special meeting about this to take this off our town road inventory, for the reasons of not being up to specs.

Linda- There is nothing in the minutes about the road being to town specs.

Jeremy – It does not matter, in New York DOT laws, when a road is taken over it has to be to town specs. The lawyer said that the last meeting. It is going to cost the taxpayers mega money to get down there.

Joanne – The first resolution on this road was given by Jeff Sutton. I typed it into the minutes. Jeff presented it to me to add, and at the time Jim Pinkard was the Supervisor, who had to sign off on it. I am not sure what happened to the original, but it says in there after careful satellite measuring. I called the County after that and asked who is doing this measuring, and they stated no one around here is doing it because it cost to much. I then spoke with Ryan from DOT told me the same thing. Ryan said the same thing as the County, its cost to much.

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Jeremy – When I talked about this with CHIPS, they said that it should have been measured before taking it over. It is not a gradable road to put under a CHIPS Fund.

Linda – What is not gradable?

Jeremy – That road you live on. The State grade these roads on town specs, which it does not meet. It is not a fundable road for CHIPS.

Linda – But is there a plan to ditch and crown?

Jeremy – No there is not. There is a plan to gravel that road to the “T.” I can not ditch that road. I do not have the time to grade that road when other roads are blown apart. We are trying to touch up some of the main dirt roads. NYSEG is here to tearing up roads, and we are fixing them. Again, I am asking the board to consider passing a resolution to change about to the existing road inventory list as it refers to Huggins Road. We need to set a date. \

Joanne – Well the town attorney was planning on being here, but I am not sure where he is. But I did send him all the information I had on Huggins Road.

Jeremy – The town board should really have a say vs. the town attorney. You need to vote on it, not the attorney.

Joanne – I agree, but we are still asking for help in this matter.

Gary – When Jeff worked here for the town, a lot of the things he did was counterproductive to what the town really needed. The first year here, we worked on Hay Rack for months, and then we gave that up when it started snowing, and we never went back to finish it. Then we when to Maple Lane, we worked there for a few months because Jeff wanted to get the snowmobiles to go faster up there. The final straw was Hawley Road, \$65,000 for gravel for one house, and that whole is just the gravel. This is not covering the culverts, and after Jeff got elected out of office, the millings from the racetrack was used to go from the house to Sean Rosno hunting camp.

Joanne – Yes, all because Sean Rosno was the Town Supervisor at that time.

Gary – Yes, it was brought up during the meeting, then Sean got up, went into the other room, and came back and resigned from the position. That was one of things that went on here. When you live on a private road that is the price you are going to pay, and that is to maintain it yourself. Huggens Road would cost more money than Hawley Road. Just the man hours alone are about two months’ worth of work. Plus, the DEC will not allow us to cut those trees or disrupt the wetlands.

Joanne – I would like to read more thing. This letter from DOT states that they have not found records on Huggens Road, their search dated back to 1984. Stating that the left branch of the is not on the Town of Orange Road Inventory.

Linda – Yes that is correct, but I am not talking about the left branch of the road. I what I am talking about is the first 8/10th of a mile leading to the left branch. For 60 years the town has

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done a poor job on taking care of the first 8/10th of a mile. The town keeps falling back on that should be a private road, and that it should be up to town specs, but nothing has been done. Huggins Road did go across the channel.

Jeremy – I am going to stop you right there. I am done talking about this road. No matter what anyone says, you are always going to find a problem in what we say. Roads go on priority period, the traffic, the people who live on that road. I think you are forgetting that there are roads that have four-foot-deep trenches in them. I do not think you believe when I say that I am not trying to be mean but these roads are impassable. While your road only has a few inches deep potholes all over. I have traveled down your road, and if I can not get a grader down there. What do you expect me to do? Nancy Whipple could not even get off her hill, I had to use a 4-wheel drive truck to attempt to make it to her house. I had to try two times to get to her house. I am sorry we are talking about the 16 potholes in one area. I am totally done with this subject no matter I say, I am wrong.

Ed Perry – I would like to have a copy of the board agreeing to it being fine to put the campground.

Joanne – You need something from us again?

Ed – I would like to have something in writing the states the Town of Orange Town Board agrees to allow me to pursue with this campground.

Joanne – Okay I understand now. Do you agree, Ed has been working on this campground for years? I will type of something and have the board sign it, and then I'll mail it to you.

Larry Baker – Has the board voted or talked about there being a Solar Farm Moratorium in the Town of Orange. Is there any talk in the future about this topic of solar farms?

Joanne – No because our last solar farm can not make an agreement with the County, so that one will most likely not happen yet.

Larry – I just do not agree with solar farms being placed on good agricultural land.

Joanne – See that is part of the problem. One solar company has to put up new farmland if they wanted to use that one because it was in a land trust.

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Norma Burris that the meeting be closed at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

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A regular board meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, July 6th, 2020 at 6:30PM in the Town of Orange Monterey Fire Hall with the following members present:

PRESENT:

Joanne Randall, Supervisor

Norma Burris, Councilwoman

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

Rick Hendrick, Councilman

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT: Karen Cudworth, Bob McColn, Clinton Webster, Carol Rhoades, Chair Planning Board, Al Buckland, Code Enforcement Office, Jeremy Abbey, Superintendent of Highways, Mel Horton MFD Chief, Beth Hendrick, Doug McCann, Judy Smith, Linda Spicknall, Cameron Spicknall, Laurie Beem, Sam Mattison, Donald Pace, Darin Miller, Kelly Groves, John Herbert, Wendy Veley, Gary Dann, Mary Olin, Jonathan Olin, Jill Dann, Maryann Friebies, Dan Compitello, Julie Weber, Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

Audit Bills

April, May, June, July – Joanne Randall – Thomas will read off the July bills shortly, but here are the bills for April, May, and June. I have indicated which ones do not have signatures and which ones are half signed, and some have no signatures at all. I would like them kept in order and neatly put back.

Thomas Peer – For the General Fund the balance is \$7,730.10.

Joanne – No one came into look at them.

Nancy Whipple – That is not true, I have made many attempts to look at the bills. You stated you would be there some days during the week, and I made some attempts to stop by. Even Thomas did not know where they were.

Joanne – I am only talking about July.

Thomas – These vouchers have been done on July 1st.

Nancy – Where they on your desk then? How come no one told us?

Thomas - The bills are done before every board meeting and they sit on my desk waiting for approval signatures. This is not something new.

Nancy – But what about the other bills.

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Joanne – They were put away because every time Thomas and I would leave them out. They would be missed organized, out of place, not signed. People taking photos with our account numbers on them, so what do you expect from me. I really do not know what to tell you. I am in charge of these and I need to protect them. We need to make sure the bills are where they are to be and paid on time. We do this because we could be audited by the state. I would be on the one responsible.

Thomas – So would I.

Joanne – Yes, he would be too.

Nancy – Then why was Thomas not given access to the vouchers?

Joanne – Because they were locked up and I have the only key. We do not have a lot of keys to those cabinets.

Norma Burriss – They need to be accessible to the public.

Beth Hendrick – Those are the public and how could you only have one key.

Thomas – Well I have copies of the full spread of the audited vouchers. Check numbers, amounts, and dates paid. They all match up to what was presented to Joanne.

Beth – But we are allowed to look at individual bills. Anyone one can that is a taxpayer can come in and look at it.

Joanne – I only locked them up because no one was coming in, and these are laid all over the table for months.

Rick Hendrick – I only signed the ones I felt comfortable signing.

Joanne – Even though you approved all of them in March? March was a normal month before everything started shutting down. No one came in and signed the vouchers, in the minutes they are approved to be paid. You can come in April and take pictures of them, but not sign them. Mix everything up between the two accounts, and that is all fine if you do not care, but it is hard to look for something when it's not where it should be. My main goal was to have you hear the amounts that are presented because you have not seen them yet. None of these amounts have changed per months or they are close to the same. I just want you to hear them, and come in and sign the vouchers for approval, do not just come in and look at them. These are expenses that need to be approved, so why not sign them.

Thomas – We can not get our CHIPS money back if the board does not sign off on those vouchers. That will then place those amounts of money back on the taxpayers.

Norma – When I asked about what roads are being worked, the man hours, the amount of material that was being used. I did not get anything back so that is why I am not signing the vouchers.

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Jeremy Abbey – When you see the vouchers for the material it tells you the tonnage that was purchased. When the bills come in the state it right on them.

Norma – Well we would like to see the weight slips.

Jeremy – How would you like to me to do that, make copies of all of that. Or why don't you just come over to the shop and look at them over there. I am not giving them to you to take, and to make copies of that will eat a lot of paper.

Rick – I am not going to sign nothing that I can not see myself. I just don't feel comfortable.

Jeremy – If those CHIPS vouchers are not signed this will cost our town deeply, and that is something we can not afford to do right now. We have spent \$145,000 on CHIPS this year so far, and we rolled over \$129,000, but at \$225,000 with a lose of 20% over this whole Covid problem. That takes us to \$175,000 to spend on road repair if this goes through. If you don't want to sign them then good, we won't have our CHIPS money and we can just pay out of pocket and leave the roads like they are for the last 30 years. That is your call.

Karen Cudworth – Why do you scan and email them to people?

Thomas – That is easier said than done. We do not have the infrastructure to support anything like that. I don't have a scanner, nor does Joanne and Jeremy. I have been looking into and talk about this problem from first coming into office in 2018. I it something that we should address.

Wendy Veley – Why not just go buy a scanner some where and hook it up.

Joanne – We already have one, we just need it hooked to the computer. We need some kind of hub, and Thomas is looking into it. What was the last quote you got?

Thomas – Some where in the range of \$4,000 to \$8,000 to connect all computers, add computers, hook up scanner, and store information on it. I like to take the long road on this because it is a lot of money and we do need to sit down and think about it.

Joanne – We are doing the best we can to fix this problem, we are looking at the bottom line for the taxpayers.

Thomas – Yes, because if we can make our building work better for us in the long term then we can do more with the tools we have. Right now, we just don't have the right tools.

Joanne – We can talk for hours about this, and I am not sure what we are going to do. So, from right now we are just going to move on to the reports.

Monthly Reports and Town Officials

Building Code Officer – Al Buckland – For June I had two building permits, one CFO, 18 construction inspections, one complaint, building without permits one, 19 hours worked, and 191 miles traveled. Norma I am not retiring, I only had a shoulder operation. It is working fine.

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Norma – I never said anything about you retiring.

Al – I am fine, and I have been doing this job for 22 years and I do not plan on leaving. March was five building permits, one CFO, 19 construction inspections, two complaints, attended 24 hour class of training at RIT for four days, 55 hours, and 256 miles. I split the cost with the Town of Caton. April was one building permit, 16 construction inspections, 27 hours, and 267 miles. I wrote on there that Norma needs to have all paperwork at the Town Hall and not her house. May was one building permit, 11 construction inspections, 22 hours, and 201 miles.

RESOLUTION #31

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick to receive and place on file the Building Code Officer monthly reports for March to June.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 5

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Justice Report – Joanne Randall – February was \$1,526.00, and \$725.00 will go to the town. March was \$ 2,227.00, and \$1,185.00 will go to the town. May was \$1,053.00, and \$495.00 will go to the town.

RESOLUTION #32

On motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Nancy Whipple to receive and place on file the Justice monthly reports for February to May.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

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Superintendent of Highways – Jeremy Abbey – I emailed over the large part of the report because our printer is, but I can tell you what we have done. We fixed Kelly and Yorshi, that was because of the job NYSEG did up there. They paid out about \$59,000 for the damages caused by

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putting in new telephone poles. We just got quote for some base, so we can oil and stone most of the town roads. Aikens, Chambers, Sugar Hill extension, Yawger Hill were all completed with gravel. Williams Road was graded. We had to deal with some snow back in mid-May. Our mowing is almost done and will be back on another round soon. We are hoping to get back over here and start building up Coon Hollow. I can not go get more gravel if the CHIPS bills are not being signed because I will not run this town into debt for free money that won't be signed off on.

Joanne – Thomas handed me this agreement to spend 2020 Highway funds.

Jeremy – Yes, that is a little late this year because of the Covid-19. We are still not sure what CHIPS will look like next year, so what we did is took what we had this year and took out 20% incase Cuomo did take it, so we are not over and have to give the state back 20%. \$175,000 is right where we are at, and that is with the 20% taken out.

Joanne – This says general repairs the sum of \$349,479.31. \$165,040.19 is money from CHIPS, \$129,439.12 from 2019 CHIPS money rolled over, and \$55,000 from 2019 local budget money. Improves are the following shall be set aside for be expended for the improves of the ton highways.

Jeremy – Yes, and we have to use all that money next year, because we rolled over twice now. We will lose it all next year if we do not use all of it. We are trying to get everything graveled now so we can oil and stone next year.

RESOLUTION #33

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Nancy Whipple to receive and place on file the Superintendent of Highways monthly reports for April to June.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - NAY

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 1

Town Clerk – Thomas Peer – I am starting with April there was two amounts given to Joanne, but it was in one check. \$105.86 and \$411.78, both are on the same check. DEC pulled out \$47.24, Humane of Schuyler Co. \$60.90, and the state got \$13.00, for a total of \$638.76. May, \$181.26 was presented to Joanne, DEC got \$47.28, Humane of Schuyler got \$119.00, the state got \$20.00, and the Department of Health got \$67.50. June, Joanne will get a check for \$150.88, DEC will get \$23.62, Humane of Schuyler \$94.50, and the state will get \$15.00 for a total of \$284.00. I do need an audit from the Town Board, this is normally done in April, but with everything going I do need

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to have this done. I know we have not meet, so I am sure the State is fine with that, but we do need to have it done.

Joanne – Nancy and Jocelyn have been chosen to perform the audit at Marchs meeting.

Thomas – My Town Clerk conference has been moved to August 16th to the 19th, but there is talk of about doing webinars. So, we might save some money in my department. The next big thing coming up is the MU-1 record retention form to accept the new form that they are working on. If we do not, we will not be about to create or destroy any records until we pass a resolution accepting it. So, we could be placed on a pause until this is done, and the last time this document was revised was 2003. Please look into your mailbox for a copy of what the resolution would look like.

RESOLUTION #34

On motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to receive and place on file the Town Clerk for April to June.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

Supervisor – Joanne Randall – in January the Highway funds are \$77,763.19, we had increases of \$137,696.54, and had expenditures of \$219,223.91. The increase would have been sales tax and a check from Auctions International for \$59,000. The General Fund was \$27,002.02, increases of \$105,068.71, and deceases of \$160,865.48. The deceases are what is always on the vouchers. The Trust and Agency is \$8,901.81. The February report, the Highway Fund was balanced on 2-29-2020 at \$15,255.89, with increase of \$14,422.35, I did not write down what that was all about, and I can't remember. Decrease are \$77,929.65, vouchers and payroll. The Trust and Agency \$7,205.76. The General Fund is \$11,403.59, \$103,087.30 are the increase, \$118,865.73 is the deceases, again I did not write down what these where. March, we got the property tax money from Thomas, so that increase was \$573,503.99, decrease are \$130,395.44, leaving a balance as of 3-31-2020 in the Highway Fund \$458,364.44. The Trust and Agency was \$14,411.26. The General Fund got an increase of property tax money of \$102,502.77, and decrease are a \$102,500.00. The balance on the 3-31-2020 was \$11,404.36. April, The Highway Fund was \$358,724.88, increase are \$21.96, which was interest, the decrease where \$99,661.52. The Trust and Agency was \$11,592.94. The General Fund was \$191,871.91, increase of \$1,656.04, recycling money, decrease are \$108,970.31. May, the Highway Fund as of 5-31-2020 was \$224,529.25, increase \$1,053.39, part was an over payment on an invoice, the decrease are \$135,249.02, which are vouchers and payroll. The Trust and Agency is \$9,579.47. The General Fund balance

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\$170,915.58, increase \$10,158.33, mortgage tax check, decrease of \$31,832.66. This is only through May, because I do not have June bank statements yet, so we are always a month behind.

RESOLUTION #35

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Nancy Whipple to receive and place on file the Town Supervisor for January to May.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

Planning Board/Friends of the Park Meeting – Nothing to Report – Carol Rhoades

Environmental Management – Rich Hurley – N/A

Fire Department Reports

Beaver Dams Fire Department – Joanne Randall – A report was read allow that was provide to her.

Joanne – I believe this report is for all of 2019. There is a total of 1700 of Fire and EMS training hours. Work meetings, details all total 2505 hours. There is a total of 198 Calls, Town of Dix 93, Town of Catlin 73, Town of Orange 10. Mutual Aid 22 times, Watkins Glen/ Montour Falls, Hornby/ Tompkins Corners/ Monterey. There was an average of 8.3 members per call with a total of 1640 personal response hours. With a total volunteer hours for 2019 are 5943.

Joanne – I also had the Monterey Fire Department 2019 report, fire calls seven, EMS 50, personal assist seven, motor vehicle five, Bradford three, East Campbell one. Total calls for 2019 are 73. Man hours 1884. General Fund as \$5,910.46, Foreign Fire \$1,927.00, Serin Fund \$400.

RESOLUTION #36

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to receive and place on file the Fire Reports for Beaver Dams and Monterey Fire Companies.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

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Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

New Business

Delaware River HCA – Dan Compitello – We have had some updates on the project so far. We have talked more with the IDA. We gave a presentation about two week ago about our project. It was great and we did have a good discussion on the project as a whole and the economic impact that it will have, there was more discussion on the agreeable tax payment. The IDA has seemed to change their position, they have come back to us with a different dollar amount for that PILOT program. It is still higher for what we want to do, and we will still want to provide the town with the best direct payment through an agreement. So, I have provided Joanne with a revised copy of the new agreement with the new dollar amounts from the IDA.

Joanne – Yes, I did provide copies to each board member.

Dan – The IDA is now wanting \$6,000 per Mega Watt. I that amount we could provide a small Host Community Agreement. If the IDA can lower their amount, then we can increase the HCA with the town. That is what we are trying to do now. I think they understand the balance here, so we are mostly talking. We are hoping to come back this week with better numbers.

Approve February and March Meeting Minutes – Thomas Peer – Presented the minutes to the board.

RESOLUTION #37

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick to receive and place on file the Meeting Minutes for February and March of 2020.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

Discussion Clean Up Day – Joanne Randall – Do we want to plan a Clean Up Day? I have been getting a lot of calls on are we having on. Is September or October okay?

Jeremy – When the taxpayers want it. Soon the better my guess. We always do it on a weekend.

Joanne – Okay I'll call around and see who would be willing to do it for the dumpsters. What kind of date are we talking about, I am thinking September? How about the 19th at 8 pm to noon.

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Thomas – Okay, I will make an ad, so we can hang around town.

Date/Time for Public Hearing – Joanne Randall – We want to do a Public Hearing for an Elected or Appointed Highway Superintendent. I was told by Board of Elections it needs to be in by the end of June, but the Town Attorney says no we could have it in by September. I think we should have the Public Hearing before the next Board Meeting. We also need a Public Hearing to bond for a new truck, so we can let the taxpayers know they are going into debt on the bond. I have check with Community Bank of N.A. they are willing to bond for the new truck at 2.85%, but our attorney told me to contact USDA to see about any help buying new trucks. I'll have more information at the Public Hearing. So we would plan on August 3rd to have the Public Hearings before our regular Board Meeting.

RESOLUTION #38

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Nancy Whipple to host a Public Hearing August 3rd, 2020 at 6:30PM on the Appointment or Elected position of Town Superintendent of Highways.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #39

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to host a Public Hearing August 3rd, 2020 at 6:30PM on the bonding of a new 10-wheeler dump truck through Community Bank of N.A for a total cost of \$214,168.88 at 2.86% interest.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

Summer Swim Program – Thomas Peer – We budget \$6,100 for this program. The state park is only allowing groups of eight to attend the park now, but that could very well change. I hope that we can get started by the end of this month and run it until the end of August. I think our community

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needs this, so I am working hard to try to put something together. I am waiting to hear back from Birnie Transportation on busing to see if they are willing to contract.

Heather Waters - Try reaching out to the school for busing.

Thomas – Okay, I'll check there. Misty Simms has been a huge help so far, and is very willing to do this program. We are even trying to think of other ideas to keep the community active. We are just trying anything. We just need to rest the mood of the community even if its just for a day.

Advertisement for Bid/Trucking – Jeremy Abbey – I would like to have the trucking in gravel bid out, but if the CHIPS forms are not being signed then we can not afford to do that. We have \$175,000 for a safe zone before we find out what the state is going to give us. If are stuff is getting paid then I am okay with the bid moving forward. We want to gravel all of the roads. We are building them up now so we can oil and stone next year.

Joanne – So the bid is just for the trucking in gravel.

Jeremy – Yes, we are already getting it from Coot's off of Steuben County Bid.

Joanne – Okay, Thomas and I will work on an ad for that.

Jeremy – We are looking to have another 3500 tons of gravel trucked in. We are looking to have it hauled from Coot's to the town barn.

RESOLUTION #40

On motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Norma Burris to have all bids for trucking in gravel reading of the bids will be open by the town supervisor at 6:00 pm on July 31st, 2020.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

Hometown Heroes Banners – Thomas Peer – So, I have talked with the Town Clerk from Campbell, and she has provided me with much information on this project. This guy, Rick Snyder has the business who puts with together. His company is Rileighs Outdoor Décor, the banners are about \$200 each. We would like to make it a community project and help raise funds to lower the cost of each banner to \$100. If we can do that the clips that hold the banners will be owned by the town and the banners will be owned by each individual that buys one and will be returned after three years. I am hoping we can used the fire department to help hang the banners, or a group of people, but I am still working that out. I am just trying to present the idea to see if the town would

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like to do something like this. We need ten orders to get started, then we will have an account to add more later. I am willing to take lead on this project and start by raising funds. So far I have only made phone call, no commitments to anything yet. At the next meeting I can present more information.

Old Business

Linda Spicknall – I would like to talk about Huggins Road. Jeremy I wanted to say thank you for fixed the potholes on our road and doing some crowning. There is some crowning on the side of the road that is allowing the water to pool in the center of the road when it rains. The road also needs to be ditched, do you plan on ditching the road this year?

Jeremy – Right now, no. We did what we could to get it by for this moment right now. The reason the dirt is like that because we did widen the road a bit. There are going to be clumps when you dig into a hill side.

Linda – So, are you planning on doing any work on Huggins Road that goes from 226 to the “T.”

Jeremy – I still can not get the grader down there, and I have talked to the residents down there and have worked something out with them already. The grader has a 13-foot stance.

Linda – On March 2nd, under the FOIL Act, I requested the towns highway inventory list and planned road work for 2020. I have not gotten anything yet.

Jeremy – Well the work plan was in last year, this year 2020 has not been create because of the Coived-19 and the state budget not being ready yet. I can not turn in my work plan if I do not know my numbers. I still do not know what I am getting in CHIPS I can only guess at this point with \$175,000.

Jocelyn Harrison left the meeting.

A few minutes later.

The meeting at this point reached a point where communication was broken. It is hard to push thought the over talking at this point.

The rest of the board left the meeting.

The meeting was never closed. The town board got up and left due to the public response in the room with all the yelling.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

A meeting was call to order at 6:00 PM on Friday, July 31, 2020, to open the sealed bids submitted to the Town Hall for the Trucking Bid that the Highway Supervisor of the Town of Orange called for.

Present:

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor

Other Present: Terry Wheat, Dustin Buck, Jeremy Abbey Highway Supervisor, Thomas Peer Town Clerk.

Joanne read aloud the bid advertisement.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Orange, Schuyler County, New York sealed bids for trucking

only by ton of gravel will be receive at the office of Town Clerk, at the Town Hall 899 Hornby Road, Beaver Dams, NY 14812.

Bids will be for trucking by ton from ST Coots gravel pit in Bath, New York to Town of Orange Highway Garage 956 Doane Road, Monterey.

Bids will be submitted in sealed envelopes at the above address and shall bear on the face thereof the name and the address of the bidder. All bids will be accepted until Friday, July 31st until 5:00PM. The bids will be opened by the Town Supervisor at 6:00Pm on July 31st, at which time they will be read aloud.

The contract will be awarded by the Superintendent of Highways to the lowest responsible bidder. In cases where two or more responsible bidders submit identical bids as to price, the Superintendent of Highways may award the contract to either of such bidders. The Superintendent of Highways may reject any and all bids and re-advertise for new bids at his discretion.

Joanne Randall – Okay at this point I will be opening up the sealed bids.

DNB Trucking LLC – Dustin Buck 7329 Hutches Rd, Bath NY. Bid: \$4.98 per ton trucking only.

Leland F. Harris Inc. – 856 River Road, Lindley NY. Bid: \$4.00 per ton of gravel.

Demonstoy Lumber Inc. – PO Box 354 Race Street, Coopers Plains, NY 14827. Bid: \$4.00 per ton.

Carr's Trucking & Snow Removal, LLC – 4646 Meads Creek Road, Painted Post, NY 14870. Bid: \$3.80 per ton.

High Knoll Trucking Inc. – 757 Beartown Road, Painted Post, NY 14870. Bid: \$3.82 per ton.

Rocky Top Trucking, LLC – 8068 County Route 55, Cohocton, NY 14826. Bid: \$7.95 per ton.

Clarks' Enterprises – 11008 Chambers Road, Beaver Dams, NY 14812. Bid: \$4.25 per ton hauled.

Clark Trucking – Hornell, NY 14843. Bid: \$4.50 per ton.

ST Coots LLC – 7421 County Route 16, Bath NY 14810 Bid: \$4.95 per ton.

Bid reading was closed after all bids where read. Closed at 6:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer Town Clerk

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Public hearings on Superintendent of Highways – Elected vs. Appointed, and bonding for 2020 International HV513 SFA, and a regular board meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, August 3rd, 2020 at 6:30PM in the Town of Orange Monterey Fire Hall with the following members present:

PRESENT:

Joanne Randall, Supervisor

Norma Burris, Councilwoman

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

Rick Hendrick, Councilman

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT, Bob McColn, Clinton Webster, Carol Rhoades, Chair Planning Board, Al Buckland, Code Enforcement Office, Jeremy Abbey, Superintendent of Highways, Mel Horton MFD Chief, Beth Hendrick, Doug McCann, Judy Smith, Linda Spicklnall, Cameron Spicknall, Laurie Beem, Sam Mattison, Donald Pace, Darin Miller, Kelly Groves, John Herbert, Wendy Veley, Gary Dann, Mary Olin, Jonathan Olin, Jill Dann, Alecia Bennett, Mindy Oliver, Glenna Morrow, Cedric Stewart, Heather Waters, Dole Waters, Haley States, Thomas Webster, Jessica Berry, Nick Berry, Harold Galusha, Audrey Pain, Rodney Hoad, Bradford Fire Department, Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

Joanne Randall – Okay we are going to start with public hearing number one. We will be talking about whether or not the Highway Superintendent will be Elected or Appointed. We are here to listen to you the public, and we would like to hear what you have to say on this topic. Personal I feel that the position is already elected and if changed you are losing a vote and a say in how the town in run. Now the position answers to the taxpayers, if changed the position will only have to answer to the town board.

Joanne then read allow the proposed law.

Rick Hendrick – This was brought up because constituents where having a hard time trying to communicate with the Highway Supervisor. I do think it is a good idea because the whole time I have been here the Highway Department has been a laughing matter.

Jeremy Abbey – If elected the constituents have all the authority, and that is your right. Whether we get along or we don't, there are somethings that are on a higher priority then what you think, but you can never make anyone happy. All that can be done is to keep making things work, and at the end of the day the job can be thankless. At the end of the day I am here for you, if not for you all paying taxes I will not be here. I just think this is a bad choice to go, like most of the trucks, we have waited to long and how we have to play catch up. You will be cutting yourself off from the Highway Supervisor because they will only answer to the board, and not the constituents directly, or they will just respond that the board has it that way, because the board will now be setting the work plan and road repair schedule, who is to say they know how to, and what roads need to be repaired, and what is a high priority. Please just think real

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hard on this, and every other November you have the option to change. Whether its me or not, just think long about this choice.

Cedirc Stewart – I would like to speak from history. The Town of Orange has elected good Highway Supervisors before for many years. If you look at 65 miles of different grades of roads in the township. At max we ad six guys working for the town, but due to budget cuts and hardships we had to reduce that number to five, four, and even three. If you can beat up a Highway Supervisor for all the miles of roads depending on the winter months, snow, freezing, thawing, with a limited amount of highway hell. We have to keep good equipment and we have done so over the years, but one good thing is a Highway Supervisor needs is good equipment to keep good roads. I feel that Highway Supervisor should still be elected by the people of the Town of Orange, and whoever is running for the position should be able to illustrate what their qualifications are. I know we are limited on a high pool of people, but we do have very talented people who have worked with heavy equipment and construction, with help from a learning curve could have a good Highway Supervisor. There is a lot of oppportunity to do some good here if the position is elected vs. appointed. Learn the job and excel in the job, I know they are not paid a lot of money, but with wages in other towns higher it is not that very appealing. I do not think we should appoint someone because the pool could be expanded, but we do not know how far they will be coming from. What kind of distance are they going to be traveling if our road conditions are bad? What kind of appointment are we looking at, one year, two years, four years? Then if that person is not doing their job, how would you expel that person? With everything going on I can for see a problem with trying to remove someone after you appoint them to the position. Just be careful of this choice.

Carol Rhoades – What is this really going to take. Look at this from every angle. Will the board have a committee that sits the meet with the new hire or is it the whole board that going to do so. It s going to take more of you time to do that, it will take more time to set his work plan, it will take more time to see what they can really do under the board control. There should at least be follow up or review of the work, which will be more time. The board does not stay the same anyway, so who is to say we will be changing the position every time a new board comes. Electing someone would be easier for the board to do their job, that is time, money, to deal with all that if the position is appointed. Election cycle are not long here, and if the people think they are not doing their job they can elect someone else.

Linda Spicknall – The Highway Supervisor is to follow the Association of Towns handbook, which outline the duties that are to be performed while doing their job. If they are not following it when elected, and can blow people off. You to not have power to watch over them. If the board had to power to appoint someone then the board can hold that person to hire standards, and when the duties are not being held up then the board can appoint someone else to do the job.

Jill May – I am just not sure why the board wants to change this, If Jeremy is not doing his job then inform the public and let us know and we the people can decide on Election Day. It just seems that the board is riding Jeremy for not doing a few things, but how can the board and Jeremy work together to take care of this. If the Board is not signing CHIPS money you are only hurting our town in the end. How can Jeremy submit bills for payment and the board not sign them?

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Cedric – Yes, Jeremy is elected and has his own say on what happens over at the Highway Department, but the board does have some kind of control over the budget for the Highway Department. Making a workable budget to go over that the year will looking like. At that time the Highway Supervisor can add in what they think the budget should look like, and from there you can start to build a better communication between the Town Board and the Highway Supervisor. Not all roads can be addressed in one year, we looked at four to five years ahead to see whether we could build up to a project and not have it costly in just one year. Man power is still one of our biggest problems here, we are not running large crews of guys, so we need to work with what we have. We are all in this together, if the Highway Supervisor loses good faith in the board or the other way around, there needs to be someone to open up some kind of channel of communication to open up the conversation again.

Closed at 7:00 pm

Public Hearing number 2 – Bonding for 2020 International HV513 SFA –

Opened at 7:00 pm

Joanne - I am working with the USDA on paperwork that will hopefully next time help us with buying a new truck, but as for this one we are going to be talking about, here is what you need to know. The paperwork alone will take about six months to a year to work out. 2020 International HV513 SFA, I know last February I did not ask for a resolution, but I did ask for a letter of intent. Knowing that it would take a year or more to build this truck. They were still working during the Covid-19, so they continued building the trucks, while everything else was shut down. They also built for New York State, and they wanted their trucks. So, our truck has been built. I have contacted Community Bank for the amount of the truck of \$214,168.88 , and our last truck we bought in 2015 was \$208,000. Our interest on this bond will be 2.85%. I just need to ask the board if we need to buy this truck, or do we need more letter from Bradford Central School, or any school telling us that they can not get through to pick up the students. Jerry, how many dump trucks do we have running now?

Jeremy Abbey - Two.

Joanne - Our town is divided between four snow plowing routes. Bradford sent a letter last year because we could not keep up with the weather, plus the break downs. We had at most two trucks doing the four routes.

Rick Hendrick - They should just merge the schools.

Heather Waters - What are you talking about, even if the schools are merged the kids still need to get to school.

Rick - I never heard of any other town being told what to do by a school board.

Heather - Do you know how big our school district is, not even including the other ones in our town.

Joanne - Yea, we do not just plow for Bradford, we have Corning Painted Post, and Watkins Glen. I can see letters coming from them because of the roads not being kept up. What about EMS and Fire calls. We need to keep these roads open during bad weather.

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Delinda Dann - So, what about the repair bills the come in for the trucks now we are trying to take care of? What is the price cost between the two, how much for the new truck vs. what are we paying on repairs on these older trucks.

Joanne - So far this year we have spent \$238,000 on repairs.

Delinda - Does that not pay for itself?

Linda - My question is did Joanne have board permission to sign that letter of intent.

Joanne - I did not have a resolution, we had a resolution on a one-ton dump truck.

Linda - So they ever saw it for a whole year, and never got it.

Joanne - I have not read all the minutes yet, but we have talked about it many times over the course of a year.

Delinda - It makes clear sense to buy a new truck because of all the money that is going into repairs.

Joanne - This board does not want to spend any money. They just want to fix things up, we have a 2004, 2007 they are taking up most of the repair bills.

Alecia Bennett - Could it be that there is some kind of vendetta against the current Highway Supervisor? Just seems to be that way right now.

Jason Forcier - How is going through seven transmission a vendetta against him? Maybe someone is being hard on the truck, how about we look at that. Either the employee using the truck is bad, or the people putting in the transmission are bad.

Mary Olin - Will it increase taxes?

Joanne - No, I left the same amount of money that we paid off the 2015 truck in the budget, so it acts like it never left. The money just carries over from the 2020 budget to the 2021 budget and so on until the truck is paid off. It like any other thing we have bonded for in the past. This payment should be less because of the better interest we are getting. We were paying 5.85% and now it will be 2.85% from Community Bank. We are hoping at the end of five years when this truck is paid off, we can then use the USDA paperwork to buy a new truck with the help of some grant money.

Delinda- Were we not talking about having some kind of schedule of rotation to move out old equipment and replace it with newer equipment.

Joanne - We do want a plan, I want a plan, we just need to work out what we need first on priority, right now it is this new truck.

Norma - We have not though.

Delinda - Why not, you guys have had a whole month.

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Norma - Because, one truck has been purchased this year. Because, Jeremy said we need the one-ton to do the roads that the 10-wheelers could not do. So, we bought this new truck already. We do not know what our CHIPS money will be, we do not know our sales tax, we do not know what revenue is going to look like in the next year.

Delinda - But are you going to be willing to spend \$200,000 sum next year on repairs vs. looking into change out some of this older equipment.

Norma - Here is another, we do not know what kind of money we have coming in. We have not had a chance to relook at the budget yet, but we should.

Delinda - Why are you guys waiting then.

Norma - There have been no meetings.

Carol - But with how the restrictions have keep us from not having meetings is what is hurting us, we know the public must be at the meetings, but it was hard to meet those requirements. But do you think Jeremy could talk more about the truck.

Jeremy - Yes, the warrants are one thing, but I think it follows the simple timeline of the one-ton trucks should be rotated out every four years and the 10-wheeler dump trucks should be rotated out every seven years. The loader and roller are a five year lease, after that they should be sold, so the town could buy something newer for only \$20,000 or \$30,000 because of the trade in value. The capital is high in the beginning, but so is starting any new rotation plan. We can't keep running old equipment and expecting it to work all fine for us all the time.

Jason - I just think the biggest this here is that we can not keep blowing the money on wasteful things. Taxes here are extremely high, and we hate to see it going higher.

Delinda - Do you feel we should need this new truck?

Jason - Well you know I am not going to side on that. Because my problem is here that there was never no resolution done, and there was no open bidding, and now resolution on the funding of the truck, and three board members need to agree on this. None of that was done, so I would lean towards no, because she is not doing her job, but has nothing to do with him.

Delinda - But we do need this truck.

Daron Miller - How do you do your job, if the board does not do theirs.

Nancy Whipple - How do you do your job when someone goes behind your back. This was all done behind our back, and we knew nothing about it.

Joanne - We have talked, and talked, and talked about buying a new truck for over the good part of a year. We have been talking about this from March 2019. I just forgot to call the resolution and somewhere in the minutes it does talk a few times about us talking about buying a new 10-wheeler. All that I am saying are we going to let our town just have two 10-wheeler snow plows taking care of our town, or are we going to move on and buy this new truck.

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Jill May - Mine kids travel on these roads, and the buses, those roads better be clear and ready for the bus to travel in the morning. If we only have two trucks we are not going to make it through the winter. Look how last winter worked out.

Jason - What is wrong with the other two dump trucks and what is it going to take to fix it.

Jeremy - Well the hard part is finding parts, we had a truck last year sit at Beam Mack for six months waiting for a part they found down in Maryland. Truck four looks like a head gasket problem. We are really looking to get rid of 2004 and 2006 because they are the problem child.

Joanne - After meeting with some other Town Supervisor at the Council of Government, they said that a truck should not be more that seven years old.

Jill - See we have trucks that are about to be 20 years old, and you just want to keep fixing them. What is the next move?

Joanne - The next move is to have a board vote on this new truck, but I do not think it is going to happen because the order in the way it happens they do not like it. So my guess is nothing is going to happen tonight and the new truck is going to have to go back and we will deal with two trucks all winter.

Cameron Specknall - I understand that the order in the way things should be done did not happen about getting this truck, but the equipment is old and can not be kept up much more. You can not do what is required to be done without the right tools. We still need the truck at the end of the day regardless of how we got here even though it was not the right way.

Joanne - I agree.

Cerdic - Do we have some kind of window that would allow one of the downed trucks to have some kind of band aid put on it so we can have it for the winter.

Jeremy - Something could be done, but the blades will be bad and wings as well.

Cerdic - There is just no way two trucks are going to take care of all these highways.

Nancy - I see what he is saying can we spend some money to just get us by the winter.

RESOLUTION #41

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE, IN THE COUNTY
OF SCHULYER, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STATUTORY
INSTALLMENT BOND(S) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 62.10 OF THE LOCAL
FINANCE LAW TO PURCHASE AN INTERNATIONAL 2020 HV 513 6X4 WITH TENCO
EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Orange (the "Town") has determined that it is in

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the best interest of the citizens of the Town to provide for the issuance of Statutory Installment Bond(s); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Orange, Town Board has determined that said statutory installment bond(s) are necessary for the purpose of purchasing a new International 2020 HV 513 6x4 with Tenco Equipment for use by the Town; and

WHEREAS, Local Finance Law Section 62.10 provides for the issuance of statutory installment bond; it is hereby

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Orange, in regular session convened, as follows:

Section 1. There shall be issued statutory installment bond(s) in compliance with Local Finance Law Section 62.10.

Section 2. The statutory installment bond(s) to be issued is for the specific object or purpose, or class of objects or purposes, described as follows: purchasing a new International 2020 HV 513 6x4 with Tenco Equipment with accessories thereto.

Section 3. The amount of the bond(s) to be issued for the object or purpose described in Section 2 is Two Hundred Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Sixty Eight and 88/100 Dollars (\$214,168.88).

Section 4. The period of maturity of the statutory installment bond(s) will be five [5] years or less.

Section 5. The statutory installment bond(s) are not issued in anticipation of bonds for an assessable improvement.

Section 6. The Town Board of the Town covenants and agrees with the holder from time to time of the statutory installment bond that the Town Board of the Town will duly and faithfully observe and comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), unless, in the opinion of Counsel to the Town Board of the Town, such compliance is not required to maintain the exclusion of the interest on the statutory installment bond from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

Section 7. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is fifteen [15] years, pursuant to Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the statutory installment bond herein authorized will not exceed five [5] years.

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Section 8. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell statutory installment bond, is hereby delegated to the Supervisor. Such statutory Installment bond shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 9. The validity of such bonds may be contested only if:

1. Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or

2. 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 days after the date of such publication, or

3. Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 10. This Resolution shall be published in full in the NEED TO PUT IN NAME OF PAPER, the official newspaper, together with a notice of Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 11. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be dated August 3, 2020.

TOWN OF ORANGE LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The Resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on August 3, 2020 and the validity of the obligations authorized by such Resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of Orange is not authorized to expend money; or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice; or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

The Town of Orange Bonding Resolution (the “Resolution”) dated August 3, 2020 authorized the issuance of Two Hundred Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Sixty Eight and 88/100 Dollars (\$214,168.88) of a statutory installment bond of the Town of Orange, the proceeds of which will be

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used by the Town to finance the purchasing a new 2021 International HV 513 6x4 with Tenco Equipment Vehicle ID #3HTEMTZT5MN103505 with accessories thereto at a cost of \$214,168.88 for which an appropriation was made in the 2020 annual budget of the Town of Orange toward payment for such PURCHASE.

A complete copy of the Resolution is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Clerk of the Town of Orange 899 Hornby Road, Beaver Dams, NY 14812.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman - NO

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – NO

ADOPTED AYES 3 NAYS 2

Public Hearing Closed at 7:32 PM

Monthly Board Meeting Start: 7:33 PM

Audit Bills.

Joanne – Did any of the board members get to look at the bills? So, we can approve to pay them tonight? Okay so we cannot audit the bills.

Monthly Reports

Building Code Officer – Al Buckland – Today I turn 85 years, and I was not planning on coming tonight, but here I am. It has been a busy month though, the last week I have been here five days. With five building permits, no CFO, 16 construction inspections, 35 hours, and 327 miles. So far this year I have issued 18 permits valued at 1.5 million dollars of construction dollars.

Justice Report – Joanne Randall – No court, will start this month, and one person at a time. They collected \$120, and \$110 will got to the state and \$10 will stay with the town for the month of July.

Supervisor of Highways – Jeremy Abbey – We are grade, racking, and rolling between our one-two mix. We are working on Aikens and Sexton. We are waiting for Suit- Coat to call back to start seal-coating those two roads, and part of Sugar Hill. We have had Bradford help use haul stone in, Hornby and Dix as well. I am getting the paperwork around for the first section of CHIPS money to be used on gravel. I need that expenditure sheet signed, so I can get that to the county. Now I need to have truck 3, 4, and 6 which is the old one-ton truck to be put up for surplus on Auctions International.

Town Clerk – Thomas Peer – For the month of July I collected \$1,872.00 most of the money coming from Al. I wrote a check to the town for \$1,695.00, the state will be getting \$27.00, and Humane Society will be getting \$149.00 for dog licensing. Other than that, I have been working on projects at this time. My

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office will be closed August 13th to the 25th, I am taking a vacation, they canceled my Town Clerk Conference, so I have taken time off of work from that week, so I can still going to close my office. I will try to spend some of the money that would have gone towards my conference to spend on office renovations. So, I just need time to take things apart and move things around.

Supervisor Report – Joanne Randall – The Highway Fund as of June 30th was \$218,290.41, we took in \$32,000 in sale tax for the first quarte of this year. There was an over payment of \$1,000 from an invoice. We collected nine cents in interest. The decrease where \$39,274.04 which is payroll and bills. IN the General Fund, \$128,66.17, we took in \$13,917.59, a mortgage tax check, and recycling money. The expenses where \$56,227.00, payroll and bills paid.

RESOLUTION #42

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick to approve all town official reports as presented.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #43

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Nancy Whipple to set Truck #3, Truck #4, and Truck #6 as surplus that can be sold on Auctions International.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

Planning Board / Friends of the Park – Carol Rhoades – Fund drive is going well I could just jump up and down. We do have a sign on site, so people know where the park is going to be when completed. I plan on having a packet at our next meeting talking about what will be going in the park. That also can be found at the town after I make it. It seems we are round 2/3 of what we need so far regarding the park money raised. Formal bids are going out this week, so I am hoping to hear back from them soon. We are

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having a meeting August 13th at 6:30 PM at the Fire Hall, and all are welcome to come, and talk about the park with us. Again, this park is not costing the town anything other than donations from our community from those who wish to donate. Are plan is to present a \$40,000 park to our community for free. Everyone is working really hard to keep everything moving forward.

Fire Department Reports

Bradford – Randy Hoad – I have from April to July Reports with me. April we did for Bradford was six ambulances and two fires, in Orange we had zero. May was Bradford was ten ambulances and one fire, with Orange having one ambulance and two fire. June, Bradford had six ambulances and two fire, and Orange had one ambulance and three fire. July, Bradford had eight ambulance and two fire, Orange had three ambulance and one fire.

Monterey – Mel Horton – July, we had six EMS and no fire.

New Business

Host Community Agreement Approval – Joanne Randall – Dan Compitello was here last meeting and handed each board member a copy of the host agreement. Did you all get a chance to look at it, and I think he is waited to hear back from us soon about accepting it or not. I spoke with the attorney to the town, and he said at this point any income we can get we should be looking at taking it. The host agreement is proposed to give the town \$25,000 the first year, \$20,000 the second, \$14,000 the third, and \$7,500 the fourth year. We would see that as soon as they started construction on site. This is for the solar farm going in on Ed Perry land.

Norma – What happens in the fifth year?

Joanne – I believe it just ends. I do not think it goes on longer than that.

Norma – Do we still get money from the PILOT Plan?

Joanne – Yes, I think that is 15 or 20 years for that plan. But most of the money, like the sum of 66% is given to the school, some is given to the town, and the county gets the lowest percent of the whole plan.

RESOLUTION #44

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Nancy Whipple to approve the Community Host Agreement with Delaware River.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

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ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

Approve July Minutes – Joanne Randall – So what are we going to be doing with the minutes? Are we going to approve them?

Rick – I am not sure the there was a lot left out.

Joanne – Well they are Thomas’ Minutes and his perception of what took place. You don’t have to approve them or anything, he real does not need your approval either. Is there a motion to approve?

Jocelyn Harrison made a motion with no second to the motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 6th 2020.

Nancy – I feel there was a lot left out myself.

Joanne – Okay fine.

Delinda – Can we have a copy of those minutes if we went to the town hall?

Thomas – Yes.

Delinda – Does it cost us?

Thomas – No.

Wendy Veley – Are you up to date on your minutes, and are they posted on the website?

Thomas – Yes, these are the up to date minutes, and all have been posted on the website.

Old Business

Update on Summer Swim Program – Thomas Peer – Long story short is the pool will allow us to use the pool, the bus company will let us use the bus, but the pool will not allow the bus to park at the pool while our group is there. They will not let the bus drop the kids off at the pool for pick later. From talking with Misty Simms who worked the program last summer, said we can not walk the kids about half a mile due the age range. We do have a lot of younger children who are active in our program. The idea though is to have one big day event over at the Fire Hall. Kelly Groves has been a big help in helping us with any needs we might have to pull off an event like this. We are hoping to have fun water activities with a lunch provided. We are planning on August 29th, it’s a Saturday at the end of the month, so that should give use much time to work out more details. Though out our planning, we feel that we will come under budget compared to what we would normally spend on the Summer Swim Program. Last year we spent about \$5,700 and we will we are going to spend about \$4,200, and that is with paying the for the rentals, food, crafts, chaperones, etc. We are calling the event “Party in the Rey,” in hopes to help draw more people to our event. Monterey Fire Department will be acting as the sole vender for the event, and the Town of Orange will pay them for all the service rendered. We would be the signing a contract with them, in the contract on top of what was spent is a \$500 donation made to them for using the building, electricity, and water. From the dunk tank, to one or two blow up water inflatables for the kids to play on.

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Joanne – We always get reimbursed \$1,200 from the state for putting on some kind of youth program.

Hometown Heroes Banner Updates – Thomas Peer – I am writing letters to business in our community asking them to for donations to help lower the cost of the banners for everyone. Venders will be looked at as well, some have done business with us for a long time. We are looking for them to help because if their business is being provided with taxpayer dollars, why not honor the heroes of that community. I did receive a check from a community group in our town. The Monterey Community Event Committee, Sharon Clark, Silvia Lewis, Delinda Dan, Joe Mattison all help put the block parties together in the past. They collected funds and set money aside for events, but in resent years they have slowed down, and got a letter from M & T bank on the account activity, and if nothing was to be done the money would be surrendered back to the state. The amount of \$1,549.69 was given to the Hometown Heroes Banner Project. My goal is to raise about \$4,000, so that the first 40 banners will only cost \$100 per banner.

Privilege of Floor / Public Concerns

Delinda – My question is have the town board ever consider getting a digital sign board for displaying information on it here I town? An good idea would be doing some kind of cost share with the fire hall, maybe doing like 50/50 cost share.

Joanne – Yes, it has been talked about before, and the cost is so high that we can not find money to spend. We have seen them as low as \$5,000 or even more.

Delinda – Is this something that the board would start talking about it again.

Norma – We have talked about it before and we are interested in getting one.

Thomas – Yes, they are also talking about this same thing in Albany. When talking about the Clerks Position, they want new sign boards and want the information to be more available. This is talk of an unfunded mandate to have town buy electronic sign boards.

Delinda – One more question, on the park we are building, is it possible to put electric in the park. You could run it from the town hall with a switch inside to turn it on and off.

Joanne – Yes, that will be in the next meeting about the park.

Glenna Morrow – My question is for Jeremy, why is my driveway not fixed, it been more that a year, and still nothing is done. I call you and I either can not leave a message due to the phone being out, or when I do talk to you, you are very rude. I am not sure why you can not get up there an fix the issue we are having from something you caused.

Jeremy – What I said is I will fix when I can, we are working on roads that have been blow apart by extreme weather, and NYSEG ripping up a road. There is so much doing on that I can not have my guys in seven different places at once. I told you the phone was down and I would have it fixed soon. I did call it myself and it say something regarding an access code, not sure what that is, but we are working on it. As for being rude, I told you I would get to it when I can, then thanked you and said have a nice day. Really I am trying to do all that I can with the manpower I have.

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Skip Harrison – This is for Norma, what I pay in taxes in none of her business. Calling all over and talking to Tom Bloodgood. If you really check into in I get an agricultural exemption, and they just reassessed the property because my daughter put her home on my land. And from what I hear you get an exemption for being handicap, and for other words I do not stick my nose in your business, you don't stick your nose in my business.

Beth Hendrick – Well it is public knowledge. I can look up your taxes.

Skip – Yeah, but are you? Am I looking into yours? When she calls around and is string the pot on god knows what. Saying I am not paying enough, and I should being paying more.

Beth – Well they probably are not.

Skip – Your property is not either. How about that.

Beth – Yeah okay, look them up.

Skip – See this thing is I am not check on everyone, but to have her check on a select group of people and saying that are not paying their far share is sick. She is not doing her just by doing that, there are people who work for the town that have a knowledge to go off of what the state says they should be paying for taxes, not Norma.

Norma – But Skip, when someone calls me and ask me to look into it, I am doing my job. Its public knowledge and they have the right to know.

Skip – In 40 years I have never heard a board member doing such a thing.

Norma – That is why I did, what makes you think I have the time to look up people information.

Skip – Well you sure made a lot of phone calls that got around back to me.

Joanne – You did the same thing to me Norma, so do not act like someone just called you and asked you to look into just our information. You even got all my kids names that are on my trust, not sure how you got that information, but I am still working that out. Your email to Tom Bloodgood, that I later got, stated that Skip and I pay \$1,000 more that you, but have so much more, and wonder why is that. Anything you would want to know for public record is available, but to go a step forward to then ask questions on why or how they got our assessment to be like that.

Beth – Its public knowledge.

Norma – Yes it all is public knowledge to know that stuff.

Grey Whyman – As a Board and Supervisor, when someone comes to you like that with a concerned about property assessment. You send them to the Assessor, or to the Grievance Board. That is what you do. Public record, yes, all taxes and property are public records, but for the board to become involved on the side of you really should not being doing stuff like that, but you can point them in the right direction to talk to the right people. Like the Assessor, Real Property Tax Office, County Treasure, and Grievance Board. As to not have any board member feel attacked.

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Norma – Okay, thank you.

Wendy Veley submitted a Cemetery Report that can be found on record with the Town Clerk.

On the motion Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to close the town board meeting at
8:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, SEPTEMBER 14th, 2020

A regular board meeting of the Town of Orange was held Monday, September 14th, 2020 at 6:35PM in the Town of Orange Monterey Fire Hall with the following members present:

PRESENT:

Joanne Randall, Supervisor

Norma Burris, Councilwoman

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

Rick Hendrick, Councilman

ABSENT:

Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman

Other Present: AL Buckland CEO, Wendy Veley, Mary Olin, Beth Hendrick, Daron Miller, Cliton Webster, Carol Rhoades, Laurie Beem, Sam Mattison, John Olin, Heather Waters, Chris Bond, Thomas Peer Town Clerk

Joanne Randall – Please whomever moved the sign from Maltby Cemetery need to place it back in its first location. If not the police will be notified. It was placed there for a reason, so that snow from the plow trucks are not covering it up cause long term damage.

Chris Bond – Hunt Engineering – Sexton Hollow Bridge – Nice to see everyone out here tonight, we did send out an information packet to all residents on that road. I know that there are some questions and the Supervisor has asked me here tonight to help answer some of those questions. One things that has been stated is that the bridge will be closed during the winter. No that is not true, we have not started bidding for the bridge yet, so we re far ahead of ourselves. We will bid this winter and award the project in the spring. We are trying to limit construction time, so we will be ordering a per made cast. They would tear out the old bridge and drop the new one into place. This is to cut the bridges down time, we are hoping to start construction during the summer of next year after school has be let out. I know when we did send out the packet there was some concerns about the detour that we are offering. This is a \$400,000 project, and the grand for the project is about \$320,000, Soil and Water will he helping in the project by doing some of the work themselves that will help fund the difference. An onsite detour would cost about \$90,000 that we do not have. So we will be conducting a detour project, and like I said we are trying to lower the construction time by having a precast bridge made. We are still working on the detours and we will be providing two different ways. That is just my quick introductions to this project and I am open to questions.

Joanne – What is the estimate of time for the project?

Chris -It will be out for four to six weeks. The construction will be longer than that, but what we will do is have the precast bridge built before they tear the old bridge out. We can update you as time gets closer. We can issue a schedule as we get closer to the time. I just done have anything at this point. I am willing to put together a email chain of all parties who want to know more as we get closer.

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-what about the detours that need to be finalized? They are just long dirt roads, that are not in the best conditions. With climbing up the hill and then back down the hill just does not seem to be the best way.

Chris- Well at this point the bridge is in disrepair and needs to be replaced. If we did nothing the bridge would be pulled and not put back. We are trying to do the best that we can with what we have for grant money and help from Soil and Water.

Joanne – So the six weeks is the maximum projected time frame?

Chris – That is what we are saying now, but really do not want to promise anything, but with a faster constructor, who knows when it can be done.

Joanne – Okay, for some reason we were told three or four days the bridge would be out.

Chris – Yes, it would be much longer than days.

Al Buckland -What is the bridge going to be made from? Steel and concrete or a big metal pipe?

Chris – It is concrete box that is made precast and will be set into place.

-I have six questions, who assisted and inspected the bridge, and decided it needed to be replaced?

Chris – So the DOT inspects does an inspection every two years on bridges across the State of New York and publishes a condition rating. So, they did it, Soil and Water did it, and we did it. Soil and Water was the ones who put in for the grant funding for Bridge New York Funding.

-So, the short answer is?

Joanne – DOT.

Chris – Yes, and we did too.

-Yes, I get that, but it is in your best interest to do so.

Joanne – DOT Red Flagged that bridge, and it was more than ten years ago or shorter.

-Did they get a second or third assessment?

Chris – They assess it every two years.

-No, did they go out for competitive bids.

Joanne – Yes, Soil and Water did go out for bids.

-Was part of the assessment taken into consideration the age of the people who live on that road. Also what a ten mile detour would mean for those people.

Chris – Age was not a factor that was looked into for this project, but we do consider emergency services, and how this change will affect them.

-So of us are 60 to 80 years old. Ten minutes could be life and death for some of us. You say it will be done as fast as possible, but \$90,000 does sound cheaper than a law suit.

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Chris – So we will meet industry standards for emergency services.

-What is the total time difference for who will be impacted the most, like children and bussing, like the time difference to get to school and back. How will they be able to study with the longer bus rides.

Chris – It will be our expectation to do it outside of the school year, so that the road traffic it at its lowest.

Jon Olin – We know about this problem about ten years ago and decided to do nothing about it. All that needed to be done was fix the retaining wall. The county said that they had the timber to do it, but again nothing was done.

Chris – The detour bridge would cost about \$90,000 and there is no money in the project to get more funding, \$90,000 would as be 25% of the current budget so far, and that can not eat up any cost.

-Has there been any research into more grants that could pay for the detour bridge.

Chris – This project is already part of a grant program. It is call Bridge New York; as well as some involvement with Soil and Water of Schuyler County. They all are using the most funds available for the Town of Orange. As of right now there are no additional grants out there.

Joanne – Yes, we are going off this grant from a last year, no grants have been released this year so far from the State, County, etc. Our grant does have a time limit and if we where to search for additional grant money we could lose the current grants.

Chris – We tried to get out as much information as we can before this project starts, so that we can review an feed back before we start moving forward with “set in stone” plans. I know we are still working out the details for what we are planning for a detour route.

-Have you been on the routes you are planning? Because it was kinda scary to see what Hunt said to use for detours. You know one of those roads has a gate across the road and is a dead end. The other route is about ten miles long and changes to many different road grades, from black to dirt roads that are in poor conditions.

Chris – I understand that, and we are wanting to work out anything we can to make this project work just fine with what we have to work with. We do look forward to having an open communication between the residences and the town to come up with what we think is the be solution.

Park Grant

Joanne – Now Chris will talk more about the park itself.

Chris – I can not really add to much to the park right now. All I can say is that Hunt is willing to help the Town of Orange with this project.

Carol Rhodes – Chris I have presented you with a packet that was put together to explain anything we have done so far. I think what we would need is to set up some kind of time to review what the state is

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still needed from us. We are hoping to have a start time in the Spring with a competition right before labor Day weekend. We did get some recognition from the NEW York State Park Program, because this park will be our first town sponsored park. This sign was sent by the New York State park program. A rule board will be made by a young man will be doing an Eagle Scout project. The committee came up with some rules that he will be placing on the sign. Our money and funding is going well with our fundraiser, but we have raised \$5,574, we needed \$5,000 to reach our goal. We will be talking about a Time Capsule that will be added to the park, and will be open at a later date. In the Spring we will be coming up with a new name for the park. We will be having a meeting at 6:30 pm this Thursday at the Fire Hall.

Monthly Report – Town Officials

Building Code Officer – Al Buckland – Seven building permits, three CFO, 38 inspection, 44 hours of work, and 463 miles traveled.

RESOLUTION #45

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

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Justice – Joanne Randall – July was \$208.00, \$93.00 will go to the state and \$125.00 will stay with the town.

RESOLUTION #46

On motion of Rick Hendrick seconded by Norma Burris to approve Justice report as presented.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Superintendent of Highways – Jeremy Abbey – NA

Town Clerk – Thomas Peer – This is going to look a little different. The town will get a check for \$958.79 most being Al's building permits. One big error you will see on my report is in the DEC permits. With the new system in place it was hard to have it read over, so it did not transition right, so I just wrote in what it should be vs. what me report says. There are three correction attempts that you will find at the end of the report show that I did try to correct the problem, but with no luck. I was on vacation for a week, I did do some office renovation, so please stop by and see the new changes. Most of my month was spent meeting with people to go over the office technology in the town hall. We are trying to bring us to a position of where we need to be to meet all the needs that we do have, so we can scan, store information long term, etc. There are a few options so far, some having more bells and whistles on them than others. We together are really trying to hit the middle of the road. I have some different quotes from different people. The big picture items we looked at \$10,000 worth of technology, that would be adding in 28 new internet ports, to service all computers in the build plus four new ones. The court will be seeing at least two of these ports, Al would get a computer to do his work on the computer, like he does in the other town he works for, and one will be added for record management. We are looking to step up from what we have, but with a main focus on the record management, which would be about \$3,500 for that part and after we can build onto that over a course of five years or so. Our goal is to have all technology communication with each other at the end of the project, as creating a littler amount of budget us in the future. The lowest quote I saw about \$3,400 to do it all, but reaching out to these people to help is great. I am not a computer expert, but it is time to update our technology. Right now this is all talk and fact finding, we are trying to find the best deal for what we really need vs. what we wont even use. The update on the Summer Swim, we had 23 kids attend the "Party in the Rey." I am so happy for coming under budget with this project, normal if we did it as planned it would cost around \$5,700, this plan did come in around \$5,300. I am so thankful for everyone who came out to help, we did have some repeat chaperone who help out with us, but they did not make as much money as they would have been the regular program. All did help create a at home feeling towards the day that just help add towards the fun. Monterey Fire department was very helpful towards planning, set up, power and water, etc. I can not thank them so much for providing us with the use of their building and grounds. They being one of the biggest provider of volunteers and help to make the "Party in the Rey" so successful. I think no kid left not having a smile on their face, most would like the same event to happen next year, but with things hopefully going back to normal we can use the pool again.

RESOLUTION #47

On motion of Nancy Whipple seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to approve Town Clerk report as presented.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Supervisor – Joanne Randall – In the Highway funds we start a balance of \$218,290.41, we had no increase, and decrease were \$83,510.24 which is payroll and bills in the month of July. So, leaving a balance of \$134,780.17. In the General fund we start with a balance of \$128,606.17, increase of \$2,364.99 mostly recycling and clerk money, and decrease of \$13,853.62 payroll and bills paid. So, leaving a balance of \$117,017.54. In the Trust we have \$10,603.13 for payroll and a total of all account are \$340,586.77 as of the end of July 31st.

RESOLUTION #48

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison seconded by Nancy Whipple to approve Town Supervisor report as presented.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Fire Departments

Monterey Fire – Mel Horton – For the month of August we ran three fire calls, one was on state land, right off of Goundry Hill Road, we are still not sure how that happened. Six EMS calls, no mutual aid. Our account balance is estimated to be \$41,382.00; we have \$2,300 in our 2 percent account. OFA is bac up and running, please anyone attending we are still using social distancing rules, and mask must be wearing when moving about the building.

New Business

Tax Cap #3 with Tyrone – Joanne Randall – All board member should have a letter from Tom Bloodgood, his letter states that Caitlyn has left and we are getting a new Assessor, but before that they changed the Caps around because each township is in a Cap with an other town to keep our assessment at 100%. So, Orange and Tyrone are in Cap #3, Hector is in its own Cap because of the size of that town, Dix and Reading are in a Cap together, Montour and Catherine are in a Cap together. So we are going to be reassessed in 2021, so first we must join the Cap with Tyrone. They have to pass one to join with us and we have to pass one with them. The we together will be know as Cap #3, and they will hopefully keep us at 100%, but our reassessment will be every four years because if they do not maintain that we can loss state funding. So, I need a motion to put us in Tax Cap #3 with Tyrone.

RESOLUTION #49

On motion of Norma Burris seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to approve the Town of Orange to enter into Tax Cap #3 with the Town of Tyrone.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Appointment of new Assessor. Pat Bartolomeo – Joanne Randall – Our new assessor will be holding office hours soon, she is still learning her job. So, we have to make a resolution now to make her our new Assessor, and she will be appointed for seven years.

RESOLUTION #50

On motion of Rick Hendrick seconded by Norma Burris to appoint Pat Bartolomeo as the Town of Orange Assessor until 2027.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Support reassessment project for the Town of Orange 2021 – Joanne Randall – Tom’s letter also states that we need a resolution to support the reassessment for 2021.

RESOLUTION #51

On motion of Norma Burris seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to support the reassessment project for the Town of Orange for 2021.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Retirement – 8 hour standard work day – Joanne Randall –

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Orange Town Board has the location code of 30535 hereby establishes an eight (8) hours as a standard work day for elected and appointed officials and will report

the following days worked to New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by the officials to the clerk of this body.

RESOLUTION #52

On the Motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison at the September 14th board meeting of the Town of Orange adopted the Standard Workday Resolution to be submitted to the NYS Retirement System as follows:

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Superintendent of Highways – Jeremy Abbey 60152733

Councilwoman – Norma Burris 12912464

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector – Thomas Peer 50280676

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Deputy Superintendent of Highways – Douglas McCann 4201944-8

APOTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE:

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Privilege of floor/public concerns

Rick – What about the minutes, do we have any?

Thomas – No they are not done yet I am still working on them.

Joanne – Community Trash Day is this Saturday the 19th from 8am to noon at the Old Highway Garage.

Mary – Are the highway guys going to be donating their time?

Joanne – No, they normally get paid for those four hours.

Jon – How is this Cap #3 working for us, is it going to raise hour taxes?

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Joanne – No, I do not think so, see we have been assessed with Tyrone before, but they are renumbering all the Caps because Hector is now by themselves because they are so large. The cycle is different as well, in the past it was two years, now it will be every four years.

On the motion of Nancy Whipple, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to close the town board meeting at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

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word on some local rabies clinics, some people are having a hard time getting to the vets, but hopefully this can help those who are looking for a free clinic, I am looking at our tri-county area for this resource. There is a vacancy within the New York Town Clerk Association for District #6, I have been asked to fill the position until 2023. I hope that this will bring more opportunities to the Town of Orange; as well as, our community at large. The position will allow me to work closely with other clerks and see what their needs are and what are needs are. I will be representing Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Madison, Schuyler, Tioga, and Tompkins County. We will meet a few time a year, this position might help pay for some of expenses that will add up , but that should help the town clerk budget lines here. I just want to thank the community for another opportunity for being your Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION #54

On motion of Norma Burris seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to approve Town Clerk report as presented.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

Supervisor - Joanne Randall - This is for the month of August. The Highway funds had an increase of \$32,284.52, which was \$26,981.51 in sales tax, \$2,285.85 was a refund of prior year payment, we doubled paid an invoice, and they returned the check, so leaving a balance of \$20,470.23 as of August 31st, 2020. In the General Fund, we had increase of \$8,764.03, \$328.00 in fines, \$20.00 in clerk fees, \$63.90 in dog licenses, \$1,612.00 in building permits, \$1,639.50 in recycling fees, gifts and donations of \$3,550 for the park, we had the Home Town Heroes money of \$1,549.00 that adds up to the increases. The decrease are payroll and bills that we paid for the last month, and they were \$13,309.20, leaving a balance of \$112,572.37 as of August 31st, 2020.

RESOLUTION #55

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison seconded by Norma Burris to approve Supervisor report as presented.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

Fire Department

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Bradford Fire - Rodney Hoad - July, Town of Orange had three ambulances, one fire. Bradford had eight ambulances and one fire. Three mutual aid calls to Monterey ambulance, and one for Bath ambulance. August, Town of Orange had five ambulances, two fires. Bradford had five ambulances, one fire. Two mutual aid to Monterey ambulances, three Bath ambulances, one Hammondsport ambulance, one fire to Savona. September, Bradford had seven ambulances, three fires. Town of Orange, two ambulances, one fire. One mutual aid to Hammondsport ambulance, one Bath ambulance, stand by at Savona fire station for fire, one Dundee ambulance, one Monterey ambulance.

Monterey - N/A

New Business

Issuing Statutory Installment Bond - Joanne Randall - So, we need to pass a new resolution because the attorney to the town stated that the other resolution did not have enough words in it. I have given a copy to all the board members and a copy to review. I hope you all have read it.

Norma Burris - According to the attorney to the town we can not do that. We have to start from scratch, with that truck. Here is a print out of the email. (She holds it up)

Joanne - Okay meaning what? Starting from scratch for what.

Norma - First we must see if it is in a competitive bid.

Joanne - It is, you all got that about a month ago.

Norma - We need to be updated according to him as of today. We also need, after we see that stuff, then we would have to pass a resolution to purchase the truck. So, we can not do a resolution to bond. So we must start over again.

Joanne - Well I want to know that means, starting from scratch. We have the original Onondaga bid contract right here. Which you all have, it goes over the truck specs, had a public hearing and everyone spoke their mind.

Norma - Well the public hearing is void. Again according to him, because there was never a resolution to purchase the truck. Which should have been done prior to sending the letter of intent.

Joanne - I thought we passed a resolution.

Norma - We did not.

Rick Hendrick - That was after the fact.

Norma - You must have read your emails today? You want me to read it?

Joanne - No I do not want you to read it. I can read my own emails.

Norma - Okay, so he said we can't, and we have to start from scratch. Those are his words.

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Joanne - But I do not know what starting from scratch means, that we have to go out for another bond, another specs, another quote from Regional International, to start this paperwork all over again.

Norma - "If you are meeting tonight, the Town Board will have to authorize the purchases by resolution subject to the Town Highway Superintendent providing the backup material to show the truck was in fact bid, the bid is still in effect, and can be "piggy backed," and pass a financing resolution." So Jeremy needs to provide that information.

Joanne - This is all the information we ever got, and my thing is the bid that was presented, 8996 is ongoing. I do not know what he is wanting. I mean this has every part of information down to the tires, breaks, what everything is on this truck.

Norma - I guess we just table it until you can talk to both of them.

Joanne - I would love to talk with him but he never gets back to me.

Rick - It means, it was not done right. Like we said.

Joanne - I understand that.

Rick - Like we said, then we got yelled at by the back there saying we are just trying to cause trouble.

Joanne - Did not most of the room that night state that they wanted that truck.

Norma - The public hearing that night no one knew what was going on. So now that the attorney to the town is aware of it, he said we need to start over.

Al - If the attorney is so important then why is he not here. I think you guys voted on it way back in February or March.

Norma - No we did not. It is not in the minutes.

Al - They need a truck, what is the problem.

Norma - Things need to be done right.

Joanne - Well I am not an attorney, I did not guess you needed to be one to hold this position.

Norma - It is right in the book, the town mutual.

Joanne - I know how to do this stuff, but when the fighting and arguing takes over there is so much going on it is hard to keep track and a cool head to move to the next step. Have you ever thought about that?

Norma - Yes, when you all are picking on me. Yes, I do think about that.

Joanne - Picking on you.

Norma - Yes, the whole town, but I do not care if it needs to be done right. Why even talk about it. So, we just need the stuff from Jeremy.

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Joanne - Okay then we are just going to move on.

Budget and Tax Cap - Joanne Randall - We can raise the budget 1.0056% or \$17,398. The problem with that is all the highway guys according to the union contract. Their wages will be more than the amount stated before. I do not know how we can continue on this track, with little to no help from New York State. Our budget last year was \$817,284, this year we can raise it to \$834,682, with a difference of \$17,398. So, I am going to go with it, if we go over the tax cap we will be fine, because we can override the tax cap, but we have to have board approval. Knowing that I am not sure what we can do. I will go ahead with the budget the best I can, and I would like to hold a meeting, or give the board a tentative budget by Monday October 19th, 2020 so you all can look it over and see what you think about it. Then I would like to hold a Budget Public Hearing before the November 2nd meeting. Normally it would be a week later, but since we are using the fire hall we can do it that week and not interfere with voting.

Maryann Friebis - So if you raise taxes what is that going to look like for the people who pay taxes here.

Joanne - I do not know how many households do we have here.

Thomas Peer - There are about 1200 parcels in the Town of Orange, so let me just quickly do some math. It would be less than a 1% increase to each.

Maryann - But is it going to be less than \$20 a month?

Joanne - It also depends on what the value is and cost per thousand.

Thomas - Is it around like 17 or 18 per thousand.

Joanne - Yes, that is including what the County does too.

Jon Olin - Plus we are having a revaluation think about what that will do.

Maryann - So we are having another assessment done. Did we not have one last year.

Joanne - Yes, in 2021. No, we are on a two year plan. We need to keep 100% assessment to keep state aid.

Maryann - So when this meeting takes place on the budget, will there be a tentative budget to pass out for everyone?

Joanne - I should have one. Anyone their questions.

Jon - where does the Highway budget stand right now with their budget. Are they over, under?

Joanne - Lets say we are almost out of money, and to give you some ideas of what is going on. So far this year they have used \$21,959.23 in just over time, so money is getting noticeably short. I have called DOT in Hornell and talked to them about releasing the Pave NY or Extreme Weather Recovery money, that is different from our CHIP's money. They told us we would get \$235,184.44, but the state is keeping 20% of that so we only get \$188,147.55. CHIPS should be \$165,053.02, Pave NY is \$37,674.99, and Extreme Weather should be \$32,472.18. Those are the numbers to start with but take away 20%. We were told that we would get \$75,000 in stimulus

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money, according to Tim O'Hearn when they were first talking about stimulus money. Our revenue money just dried up, when we got our last sales tax check, it was \$26,000 which is like half of what we normally get for the 2nd quarter of the year. We should be getting another sales tax check hopefully by the end of the month, but who knows when.

Jon - How can we be running over time in summer?

Joanne - This is the whole year so far going back to January. When they were not working for four weeks back in March and April, we still had to pay them. Then they came back, they had all the damage NYSEG did on Kelly Hill, so they went up there to try to get that road passable so fuel trucks can get through. We got two phone calls over that. Remember we did not have a freeze last year so much of the roads did need to be repaired. It was wet and rainy, and the dirt roads got soft.

Jon - I know Tyrone was working, they might have had half a crew, but they still worked.

Joanne - We started out that way, but everything was changing so far early on.

Rick - How come they were not laid off?

Maryann - When the state shuts down you do not lay off workers when Cuomo shuts the state down.

Joanne - Yes, so we had to pay them. I think I still have the paperwork over on my desk from Ken Thurston from Schuyler County.

Jon - We hired Saltsman and Carl Young to haul in crushed item 4 at \$90 per hour. How much material was it that we paid close to \$50,000? How many tons did we get?

Joanne - Well we did get a check through NYSEG for the damages for \$59,000.

Jon - So did we blow it, give it away?

Joanne - No, we bought gravel with it. They would give us the money to buy the gravel to fix that road with, but we had to supply the labor.

Jon - So they gave us \$59,000 and gave them \$50,000.

Joanne - Well the road is repaired now, and that money was used to haul material.

Jon - \$90 per hour is not buying gravel. We paid them \$50,000 to haul gravel.

Joanne - Yes, during a time when our guys were not working.

Jon - I still question the amount of money spent with presenting it to the board. There is a limit that he can spend without the board saying so. What about the dozer that is just sitting around, did we pay for that?

Joanne - Is it not Schuyler County dozer, we normally use there.

Rick - What about Auctions International, are we still wanting for those trucks to be gone?

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Thomas - Yes, we are just waiting to hear from them. Jeremy said they have all the information, pictures, and the contracts have been signed.

Rick - Minutes?

Thomas - I have presented the August Minutes, but if we are not changing the resolution, then you should not vote on the August Minutes.

Mary - September Minutes?

Thomas - I am still working on those, to let everyone know I am working on a FOIL request that is taking up a large part of my time.

Rick - We need them in a timely manner.

Thomas - Yes, I understand. I was out last week due to being sick and having to be tested.

Mary - Any word on Nancy?

Joanne - She is just about to close on her new house.

Thomas - As of right now she has not submitted anything, so she is still a board member.

On the motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick to close the town board meeting at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Clerk

Thomas Peer, Town

BUDGET WORKSHOP, TOWN OF ORANGE, OCTOBER 19th, 2020

A budget workshop for the Town of Orange 2021 Budget was held on Monday, October 19th, 2020 that Town of Orange Monterey Fire Hall at 6:30PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Joanne Randall, Supervisor
Norma Burris, Councilwoman
Rick Hendricks, Councilman
Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

ABSENT: Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman

OTHER PRESENT: Al Buckland CEO, Maryann Friebis, Kelly Groves, Beth Hendrick, Jill May, Cameron Spicknall, Linda Spicknall, Delinda Dann, Gary Dann, Mary Olin, Jason Forcier, John Rapplete, Peg Rapplete, Sam Mattison, Thomas Peer Town Clerk.

Joanne Randall – We can only increase the budget 1.0056% we can only raise \$17,398.00. Last year we raised a total of \$817,284.00. \$123,000 being the Fire Tax for all three Fire Departments, \$183,018, and \$509,534 was the Highway Fund. That is how I got the \$17,398.00, that money can go anywhere in the accounts I just listed. But there is a problem to start with, you all have a copy of the Union Contract with the highlighted wage increases. All Union wages will get a 70 cent increase per hour, so after doing some light math, their wages would total \$220,625.60, then adding 200 hours of over time because you never know what will happen whether is a bad storm or weather over night. 200 hours of over time would be about \$6,364.40, that is when you take an hourly wage and times it by time and a half. Their insurance will be going up, they will pay another 1% towards the insurance, being a total of 15%, and the town will be paying the other 84%, and the insurance for next year will be \$65,176.80. You can see if I only raise the budget \$17,398.00 that is not going to even cover the highway wages. There will be nothing to put inside the General Fund or Fire Contracts. I am not sure where to start, we had \$190,000 in wages last year, and with everything else going up we are well over that already. So I am really looking to help to raise this budget to make it work, but how can you do that with only \$17,398?

Linda Spicknall – There are municipalities that are freezing wages for the employees at this point, is this something we can do?

Joanne – I asked the Union, and they just laughed. They stated, how many people do you know that will wake up at 4 am to drive to work in worst condition to then work in bad conditions to get the roads open for people to travel. The plow for school buses, people, mail, workers, etc. They are up early sanding and salting roads for people to travel, is far to freeze their wages.

Linda – With Covid at this point it has affected almost everything and everyone. Is there anyway to stop an increase to the budget?

Delinda Dann – Can I ask why this is happening, we have always had the money in the past, how come now we do not have money to pay the highway wages.

Joanne – Before you could pass a budget with no problem, but due to the 2% tax cap we can no go above that number, so how can we keep up with demand on increase. All of our numbers are based on growth, but we are not growing as fast as other towns. We have no growth, and most likely negative growth, so every year it drops down.

Delinda – What kind of money does the County give us?

Joanne – Just sales tax money. They take the first \$2 million, then what ever is left they split it with the towns in the county. So we never know what it is at the end until they just send the money. Our last check was in July? August? And it was \$26,000, normally it is \$59,000 to \$64,000.

Delinda – Who pays the elected officials? Where does that money come from?

Joanne – Tax money.

Delinda – Do we have money to pay elected official?

Joanne – Yes we do, we have money in the General account, we have \$81,000.

Delinda – What does it cost to keep the elected officials here.

Joanne – They all have funds until we get more tax money from Thomas in March of 2021. I do not have the numbers here in front of me because I am more focused on the Highway Fund. The elected officials do not use as much money for payroll as the highway wages do. We are waiting on CHIPS payment to come in, with the state keeping 20% of the money, we only get \$188,000.

Norma Burris – Please define General Repairs, because they are all not repairs. Just so everyone knows.

Joanne – General repairs is for road building.

Norma – Trucks are repairs.

Joanne – No, .1 is wages, .2 equipment, .4 is contractual, you look here is say transportation, general repairs, personal service.

Norma – So did you tell me machinery contractual is mostly the repairs on the equipment. Then sent me that account and it is not all repairs, lets talk about how much we paid in repairs. Why are you telling people we spend over \$230,000 for repairs, when this says \$107,000. What does contractual mean?

Joanne - It means anything you would buy to use for building roads.

Norma – So, that is not the same repairs that are \$230,000.

Maryann Freibis – Is there a handout that everyone can see?

Joanne – No, I did not make copies there are no new numbers on here yet for the 2021 budget, I do not know what do to, so I am asking the board to help figure this out with me.

Maryann- So what else is there that should be listed in the budget?

Joanne – Well tonight I only wanted to talk about the wages, the snow removal and plowing wages, I put \$95,000 in there, for the 2020 budget we have only spent \$68,135.60. So the expenditures are not killing us, it the revenue not coming in as predicted. If you look at the back of the budget you see that I have \$115,000, seeing that you can only see we are at \$73,000.

Jeremy Abbey – It like for our CHIPs money, we have to submit the paperwork this Thursday, but I can not fully submit the paperwork if the paperwork is not signed by the board. It is hard to make sure we are getting our full amount when the paperwork is not being filled out. DOT needs to have to the payments for them to be submitted for reimbursement. To add on it like the new truck we have, how can I sell the two truck on Auction International if you are talking about returning the new truck. I though the point was to update and rotate the trucks and equipment, so we can lower the cost of repairs and down time. We can not plow with two trucks, it is coming up fast and we need to know what we are going to do.

Delinda – What if it snows, what are we going to do? Are the guys going to work, and if so how will they be paid? What if it snows on Halloween? Can we ask other towns to help.

Joanne – Delinda I do not know, but the guys can be called in, as for their paid I am not sure how they will get paid. We can just hope that we get money in now and that it does not snow in between that time. I am not sure that other towns have spear drivers to plow our roads let alone their own towns roads. We can also override the Tax Cap at 2%, but this would take a local law to make this happen, and it would only be in effect for one year. We will need a public hearing on this to move forward.

Cameron Spicknall – Would that increase taxes?

Norma – Yes. That is what she is explaining.

Joanne – Yes, I have submitted to each board member a copy of a local law that would do such a thing. To increase the Tax Cap to the full 2%. I figured by adding half of a percent on to the \$17,000 we could make up some short fall. Do not quote me on this because the County comes in and add theirs number to ours, but it would increase to about \$16.84 per parcel and that is with 1033 parcel.

Norma – What about property value would that not be different for each property.

Joanne – Yes, it would.

Norma – We should be making cuts where we can. If the Highway Department is the largest account, then we should start looking there. If we ask the guys for a pay freeze that is a start, then we look for more ways to cut funds and get a budget that is not so high and learn to work inside of it. We need to start somewhere with all the numbers in front of us. We need more of a breakdown of the monies so we can see what we can cut and what we can save and move around.

Joanne – I will have something put together for our next meeting. It is hard to predict any funds when we are already working with such a low amount of money. We do not get much help from

the state or the county. We try to work within our budget, we just got to wait for more income to come in and see what we are done to get us to March of 2021. Then we will have the tax money from Thomas. I know that at the end of the day no one wants to see their taxes raised. So we have to work something out and see what we can do with the money we do have. I am hoping to have this budget passed by our November 2nd meeting. There I was hoping again we could pass is right before the meeting and transition right into our meeting. I just know with everything going up I just do not know what to do. We are hoping to raise the tax to the Tax Cap, and that so we can get the short fall smaller if there is one. We can even have a meeting on the 26th if we can get the in the paper soon.

Thomas – I can have a add in the paper soon so we can list the upcoming meeting. I think it needs to be in tomorrow by noon to have it in Saturday's paper. For Monday October 26th at 6:30 pm at the Fire Hall.

Meeting closed at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

BUDGET WORKSHOP, TOWN OF ORANGE, OCTOBER 26th, 2020

A budget workshop for the Town of Orange 2021 Budget was held on Monday, October 26th, 2020 that Town of Orange Monterey Fire Hall at 6:30PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Joanne Randall, Supervisor

Norma Burris, Councilwoman

Rick Hendricks, Councilman

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

ABSENT: Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman

OTHER PRESENT: Maryann Friebis, Jon Olin, Mary Olin, Al Buckland CFO, Delinda Dann, Gary Dann, Duke McFerrson, Rene Shellman, Rosa Tears, Jason Forcier, Floyd Button, John Morgan, Belinda Combs, Jim Pinkard, Kali Horton, Sam Mattison, Audrey Pane, Daron Miller, Thomas Peer Town Clerk.

Joanne Randall – Before we start talking about the budget tonight, I want to say that whom ever is spreading the rumors around that there will be no snow plowing this winter is a lie. You are making the older community here scared that they will not be able to make it to town, have EMS help, or do daily task that could not be done without the roads plowed. You are creating fear and I have gotten lots of phone calls about this fear. So stop it right now, I know the guys are not working right now, but soon we hope they will be back to work and working the roads. Please bear with us right now as we work out of this. Word has even gotten to Town of Horseheads stating that we are filing for chapter 10 bankruptcy, I am not even sure how that is possible, but that is the extent of the rumor.

Jon Olin – How come two or a meeting ago that this was going to happen, nothing was said and two days after the last meeting the highway department is shut down. Why do you think people are upset, we were left in the dark.

Joanne – I was hoping to have a revenue check come in, but it did not happen. I hope we would have never shut down the highway department at all, but it had to be done.

Jon – Three people are involved when it comes to administering the money. The Town Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor, Highway Supervisor, we are only here because no one was checking their work, and now we are here by spending more money than we need to spend. You spend \$50,000 hauling in \$13,000 to \$14,000 worth of material in.

Joanne – I will tell you we are going to have the same problem next year. We have more expenditures than revenue.

Daron Miller – I though this meeting was about the budget, not just a yelling match.

Joanne – It is about that, but when people put things on Facebook to creates a negative commits. So did anyone look at the budget, what to go through it line by line.

Town board – same

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Town Justice – Added \$500 to equipment – new printer

Town Supervisor – same

Town Clerk – same

Tax Collector – same

Town Attorney – same

Election – Dropped from \$5,000 to \$2,500 because this year was a presidential year. Could be hire if there is a primary.

Buildings – Supplies went up \$300, everything else the same.

Unallocated Insurance – was raised by \$5,000 for a total of \$30,000 because of the insurance increase.

Mun. Assn. Dues – same

Contingency Account - \$500

Total General Government Support - \$106,700 or up 1.71% for 2020.

Public Safety – same

Dog Control – none

Safety Inspection – was raised \$100 in contractual.

Health – same

Blood testing – same

Highway Supervisor – was lowered \$500 in contractual.

Garage account - \$1,000 increase.

Street Lighting - \$2,000 increase

Transportation Total \$66,700 from last years \$65,700 a 1.52% increase.

Publicity – same

Aged Program – same

Youth Program – same

Historian – same

Planning services – same

Environmental Control – none

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Refuse and Garbage – increase \$500, recycling was free now we have to pay for them to take it away because they are not exporting it to other countries.

Cemeteries – same

Other Home and Comm Service – same

Home and Community Services Total - \$33,850 to \$33,350 in 2020 a 1.49% increase.

Employee Benefits

State Retirement – same

Social Security – raised \$300

Workers Comp – same

Unemployment – same

Medical Insurance – raised \$1,000

Employee Benefits Total - \$55,000 from last years \$53,700 an 2.42% increase.

Revenue

Real Property Taxes – will be \$183,918.00

Revenue – was left the same, not sure where we can gain more revenue. I am not sure about the AIM payment this year of about \$7,000, there was not STAR checks this year, so that leads me to believe we will not get the AIM payment.

Sales Tax – for the A fund I put in \$30,000, the rest will go for the DA fund.

Clerk Fee- same

Interest and Earnings – same

Interest reserves – same

Building Permits – same, will be high this year because of our solar projects.

Fine and Forfeited Bail – same

Refuse and Recycling – same

Hometown Hero Banner – check added by group.

Insurance recoveries - \$100 in there because we might recover something.

Refund – same

Park – none

Unclassified Revenue – same

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State Aid – same – would be AIM payment

Mortgage Tax – same

Division of Youth – same

Total of Revenues - \$280,550 is an increase from \$275,850 and 1.70% increase.

Highway Fund

Personal Services – increased \$5,000 to \$100,000

Gravel – same

Contractual road fuel – same

Clothing allowance – same

Perman Improvements

CHIP's – same at \$165,053

Machinery

parts/supplies – same

Repairs – same

Snow Removal

Plowing Wages – raised \$5,000 to a new total of \$100,000

Salt and Sand – raised \$5,000 to a new total of \$50,000

Fuel – raised \$5,000 to a new total of \$45,000

Employee Benefits

NYS Retirement – raised \$5,000 to a new total of \$35,000

Social Security – raised \$500 to a new total of \$13,500

Worker's Comp – same

Unemployment Insurance – same

Disability Insurance – same

Health Insurance – raised \$1,000 to a new total of \$85,000

Debt Service

Statutory Installment Bond – same at \$42,000

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Revenues

Real Property Taxes – same at \$509,534

Sales Tax – same at \$115,000

Interest and Earnings – same

Sluice pipes – raised \$500 do to increases installing them

Reserve interest – same

Sale of Scrap/excess materials – same

Insurance recovery – same

Refund of prior years exp. – same

Unclassified – same

State aid – same

Fire Protection

Monterey Fire Company – same at \$88,085

Bradford Fire Company – same at \$19,500

Beaver Dams Fire Company – is \$17,747

Joanne - With a 1.56% is what we can increase the whole amount, I am not sure what to do or even to put it. As of right now I have left every budget line the same as the 2020 budget. That is what you told me to do from the last meeting, so I did that, but I think we will be in the same boat as we are now. Next year if we do not go with this increase, it will help us keep up with inflation that could happen. We could get a big windfall that could lead to one disaster from total chaos. Which might already be the case because we do not have water over at the town hall. We do not know if the well is dry, or we need a new pump. There has been water in the build since Thursday.

Maryann Friebis - Joanne can we look at page one of the Highway Fund, and the part on Machinery, what makes up the \$318,090.53?

Joanne - Well it includes a lot of things, a few large items are two trucks we purchased this year that replaced trucks that have been costing the town more money than they are worth. A large tool box, because a few board members wanted them under lock and keep, etc.

Norma Burris - Well are you talking about the things that are not appropriate to be in that account line. Those items should not be until the repair cost line. Things that should not be there are an International CB Series truck, brand new, for \$107,313.00...

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Joanne - I have changed that line item to read something different, it was only placed in that account line because it falls under the term of Machinery. There is no other place in this whole budget to place machinery under, unless we create a new account line from the Comptroller.

Maryann - So, under contractual road fuel up top \$1,759 was a big jump from 2019 to 2020, even when our guys were laid off in March of this year.

Joanne - Road Fuel?

Maryann - My bad I mean clothing allowance.

Joanne - I am not sure what got into that, but it can be changed at the end of the year.

Norma - Well there is some stuff in there for Jeremy, I did not know he was part of the Union Contract to get clothing.

Joanne - Well that should have gone under the General Fund not the Highway Fund.

Norma - Also there is an extra guy, well our budget only reflects four under the contract. We have five right now, so we added a guy, so that is \$300, plus Jeremy's clothing. That is where the increase is.

Holley Sokolowski - Who do you have working on your grants?

Thomas Peer - I think it is everyone one of the elected officials to be looking into grants, not just a single person. Jeremy has worked very hard with Soil and Waters to get a grant to replace a bridge on Sexton Hollow. Two years in a row for the same grant on Record Retention and Digitalization of the town records, I am still waiting to hear back from them this year. We all have to do the legwork to get the grants. I have worked with a grant writing service, they have been helping me with my grant work, and we together have worked very hard on this project.

Ann Remchuk - Can some explain to me about the Fire Tax being the way it is. I am not sure what those numbers mean, and why we are paying that amount. Why is there no list of what gets the fire departments to come up with those numbers, why is Monterey asking for \$88,085.00 can someone please explain this.

Kelly Groves - I can help explain that, we are asking for that because it does cost a lot to run a Volunteer Fire Department. To start off with paying our insurance for the truck, building, equipment, etc. we are left with about \$57,000 for the year. We have to cover the hose, ladder, truck, equipment, etc inspection to make sure it will work when we need it. We also need to cover the cost of training the old and new fire fighters, we currently have 6 interior fire fighters, one being myself, we have a few exterior fire fighters, so they can not go inside a building when it is on fire. We have a few pump operators, communications, fire police, and much more. Everyone at our fire department can do something, but we have 29 members who can all help in some way and form. We have done about 15 fire calls and 68 EMS calls even though we are not contracted for EMS. That is what we do mostly, and that is due to our aging population. We do try to fund raises when we can, but with little support right from the community it costs us

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more money to put on an event for fundraising, so we try to come up with other ways to raise funds.

Ann - Wow thank you for explaining that to me, 29 people in our community are a lot of people.

Dee Dann - Yes, they have lots of fundraisers prior to covid, and one hardle came to them, we work hard to put those events on and it seems to get them nowhere.

Jim Pinkard - What we really need to look at is what is not contractual, because we still have to pay those things. What I think the public wants to know is what broke us this year and how can we move forward from the decisions that got us here. What is the new equipment going to do vs what the old equipment it replaced.

Joanne - Well it is going to help us, we replaced equipment that should no longer cost us money while it is down for however long vs this new equipment is ready to go. With a repair bill as it is right now it will not be the same later next year.

Cedrick Stewart - I just have a question for the board. Is this what it is going to be like next year, or the year after? You all are taxpayers too, and it is your responsibility as the board to make decisions to run the town smoothly. With any kind of hike in assessment and property value can only have an impact on our community because of the people who live here. I have been here for 90 years, and if 91 years looks the same now, how can we fix this problem together and get back on course. It is just hard to accept this kind of budget the way it is. When I came to the town board in 1999 the whole town was decimated, broke. We had to depend on the first batch of taxes to be able to pay the highway wages for the first payroll of the year. We did not give up, we had to make a lot of sacrifices, somewhere along the line there is a miss coge. Whether you fight among yourself, you all have different ideas, but please try to understand you are representing me, all the people in the area, and yourself.

Jon Olin - I think the problem is poor administration, you do not spend two dollars just to spend two dollars, when you only have a dollar. That is what we have done. I am not trying to be personal, but it is between the Supervisor, Highway Supervisor to work together to get things done, but they can not just do it by themselves. They need the board to overview what is going on. We all have to answer to people, and it should be done the right way. Jeremy and Joanne this is nothing personal, but you do need to work with the board to get things done and not do it by yourself or with each other without the board involvement. It is very irresponsible what is happening here in this town. Where are the bids for things, we did not advertise for help, we just highered two people and whatever, and it is very simple. No one can find the report he is to give, we do not have inventory, everyone has a job and we are not doing it.

Joanne - We do have an inventory list now. He does submit reports. You just need to come into the office and ask for them.

Maryann - In 2019 our gross expenditures were \$1,308,524, our gross revenue was \$1,277,520 with a difference of \$31,003, so if we were in the negative over \$31,000, what are our gross

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expenditures now in 2020? What do you think we are going to be negative at the end of the year?

Joanne - The General Fund is only until August is \$194,237 and the Highway Fund is only until August is \$920,309. I have no idea on how negative we are going to be at the end of the year. With the guys being off for the few weeks there it could look very different. I have not sat down enough to figure it out.

Maryann - It is just hard to make the cut when we can not see what is going on.

Jeremy - I think it needs to be said that most of the cost of the trucks this year has been covered by old equipment we are selling on Auction International. We have gotten enough money to pay for at least the first payment on them. With the tow truck that is about to be sold they will cover the first payment for the 2020 10-wheeler. All the other stuff sold only helps cover expenses that keep coming up, we do have a few older newer equipment we do need to keep up with. The two trucks we are selling, we have been putting money into them every week or every other week, somewhere it needs to stop. All those costs add up and stuff.

Jason Forcier - So you are saying there are only a few trucks running right now.

Jeremy - We do only have one 10-wheeler right now, one with no spreader chain, and the two about to be sold and the new 2020 sitting in the shop.

Jason - Was the board aware of this?

Joanne - I was aware.

Jason - How come you did not tell the board.

Joanne - I saw Jeremy last week, and not the board. It is very hard to communicate information fast.

Jeremy - We try our best to keep up with repairs on the trucks, the chain is in, but with the most recent shut down, we have not been able to put it back on yet. We do most of the work we can in house and if it needs to be sent out, in the case we can fix it ourselves. See with a rotation schedule, we can work our truck until we can get a new one and trade it or sell it. We are also looking at getting them to be the same brand, we did have a chain lying around because we do keep an extra one on hand, but it was a different brand than what we have right now. Right now we do have two one ton pickup trucks and one 10-wheeler.

Joanne - Added new equipment to our fleet of vehicles will only lead to better work quality. Less time spent on repairing down equipment, waiting for parts, lower cost because things do not need to be sent out. If we do not get the new truck we are going to be spending more in the long term. I know no one wants to raise taxes, but we also need to have better equipment at the end of the day that is not costing the town so much money. Even if we were to raise it to 1.56% we still will not have enough money to cover our short falls. It would be about \$17,000 is all the state says we can raise the tax cape to.

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Norma - Can we just lay off two guys to get our budget back in line and then bring someone back.

Joanne - How are you going to plow the roads with two guys?

Norma - There are three plus Jeremy. Lay them off and then bring one back.

Joanne - Gary is going to retire soon, so why not just wait for him to go. He is training the new guy to replace him.

Norma - We need to fix the budget somehow.

Jeremy - I am not a working supervisor, any work I take away from them, they can call into the union and put in a compilation. That is a grievance, I can not take money from their hands. Three guys can not plow all the roads in the town in a timely manner.

Kelly - I am just not sure where this is all going. This is your second budget meeting and it still feels like there is nothing to move forward on. We have been here at 6 pm and it is going on 8:40 pm, so where are we going from here? When is the next meeting going to be? There were a lot of she didn't, she didn't, and she didn't, so we need to move forward on this.

Rick Hendrick - Well you can't over spend and go back to try to figure it out.

Kelly - Right, but it is not just her job to work it out.

Audrey Pane - Do we accept the budget tonight or what?

Joanne - We might have to do it on Monday at the meeting.

Audrey - Why not do it now, we have all seen it and worked out some issues, and I just do not see what the problem is. There is no increase like some of you asked for, and now it is time to move forwards.

Norma - We need to stop and take more time to see where we can pear down.

Dee - I have not heard anything about paring down tonight. So what are we going to do?

Jeremy - I have no issue with cuts, and I am willing to make a cut right now. I just do not want to lose salt, over time hours, etc. I will make a list for the next meeting.

The meeting was never motioned to close by the board members and each got up and walked out. The tape recorder was stopped at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, NOVEMBER 2nd, 2020

A town board for the Town of Orange was held on Monday, November 2, 2020 that Town of Orange Monterey Fire Hall at 6:30PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Joanne Randall, Supervisor
Norma Burris, Councilwoman
Rick Hendricks, Councilman
Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

ABSENT: Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman

OTHER PRESENT: Duane Rinker, Kali Horton, Kelly Groves, McKenna Seeley, Maryann Friebis, Mary Olin, Delinda Dann, Gary Dann, Jill May, Rodney Hoad Bradford Fire, Allen Austin Bradford Fire, Thomas Peer Town Clerk.

Joanne Randall – I would like to start off by asking the public to remain quiet and patiently while we get through all the business that will be talked about it tonight. There will be a part at the end for public comment, so please wait until it is your turn to speak.

Monthly Reports

Building Codes – Joanne Randall – Al is not here tonight, he currently has not electricity at his house. But we do have his paper report. For October, 10 permits, two CFO's, 47 construction and inspections, one citation for building without a permit, 53 hours, and 527 miles traveled. He attended the park meeting, board meeting, and budget meeting.

RESOLUTION #56

On the motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick, to approve the Building Code Officer report as presented.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

Justice – Joanne Randall - A check was presented for \$529, we will keep \$211 and the state take \$318, and this is for the month of September.

RESOLUTION #57

On the motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison, to approve the Justice report as presented.

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Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

Superintendent of Highways – Jeremy Abbey – Not to much, just have been shut down.

Town Clerk – Thomas Peer – This is for the month of October; I did \$1,215.25 in business. A check for \$723.66 will go to the town, DEC will get \$166.29, Humane Society of Schuyler County will get \$247.80, NYS Agriculture and Markets will get \$46, and then the NYS Department of Health will get \$22.50.

RESOLUTION #58

On the motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Rick Hendrick, to approve the Town Clerk report as presented.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

Supervisor – Joanne Randall – This will be for September: The Highway Funds are in the negative, the capital reserve account has \$11,633.14. The Trust and Agency was \$11,449.79, it had increase of \$32,947.33, and decrease of \$27,445.27. In the General Fund, we have \$84,991.22, we had increase of \$9,596.09, decrease is \$37,177.24. We have a retirement account has \$14,454.26. Our Sugar Hill Cemetery account \$9,028.63. The General Fund reserve account has \$48,790.17. We got \$7,000 from our Community Host Agreement with Delaware Solar. The Cemetery reserve account has \$1,166.56. A total of all of these are \$174,118.95.

RESOLUTION #59

On the motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison, to approve the Supervisor report as presented.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

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2021 Budget – Joanne Randall – In the most ideal world, the town board is not here to bank your money. We can not save your money either, you should be doing that. We most look at everything and determine what our tax dollars should cover for our expenses only. I would like to say what I know the ideal number is, but with changing prices and wages going up we can only raise taxes so much. That is why the state comes in and tell us how much we can raise local taxes. As I have presented so far from the input from our last few meeting the 2021 budget looks like the 2020 budget, nothing has been changed at all. I am not sure what else can be changed?

Jeremy Abbey – I am not sure but there are a few lines that could be changed. The DA5110.4 Gravel/Contractual you could take \$5,000 out and bring it down to \$30,000. DA5130.4 Repairs could be cut, with our newer equipment and stuff we sold because it was costing us, \$10,000 could be taken from that account bring it to \$67,000 now. We just need to keep updated on things to make sure we do not put ourselves in the same boat with higher repair cost on old equipment. DA5142.4 Salt and Sand lowered \$5,000 bring the new total to \$40,000. DA5142.41 Snow Removal Fuel that can be cut \$5,000 making that \$35,000. That is everything I have looked and had said these are my biggest cuts without change day to day operation much. It is still extremely hard to say as well. All these cuts total will be about \$30,000.

Joanne – Are you all happy with the budget right now, or do we need to look at the General account?

Jill May – Is the Cemetery contract in that account?

Joanne – Yes, but there is one more year on the contract.

Jill – I just think that is too much money to be spending on them.

Joanne – Everyone does.

Joanne – Read aloud the budget outlined for 2021. Okay what would you like to cut?

Norma – I think we need a bookkeeper.

Joanne – Norma, would you like to see my certificates?

Norma – Joanne, I am just saying it is a good idea to have more than one person looking at the books. Every other town does it. The Comptroller recommends having a second person, you said it your self-mistakes happen.

Joanne – What do you think Jocelyn does?

Norma – I am not sure what she does, but what I can say is there was a lot of overspending this year. Every budget line seems to be over. Having a bookkeeper would help us address when accounts are over and what we should be doing to correct the spending. The bookkeeper is there to address anything we might want to look closer at with our tax money.

Joanne – We make adjustments at the end of year; other wise we would be doing it all the time.

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Norma – No it is not.

Joanne – That is how the Town of Orange has always done it.

Norma – Well the Town of Orange has been doing it all wrong.

Joanne – You would be doing every month because of how small some of these accounts are. You would make more work than what is needed. If the whole board went to two class back-to-back between two different months, you would have to make an adjustment each month, and if more classes are offered you are back in the same boat. We can explain each adjustment when we do it all at once at the end of the year. We do it to balance the AUD that is sent to The Comptroller.

Norma – Well if you think The Comptroller is wrong take it up with them, but that is what they are saying to do each month.

Joanne – Working for two other towns as their bookkeepers, and they made budget adjustment like twice a year maybe, or like once a year.

Delinda Dann – How can we afford to hire a bookkeeper? Jocelyn should step up and work closely with Joanne.

Norma – Joanne does not work closely with us the board; this is what I am saying.

Delinda – The four of you should be working together closely.

Norma – That is how it should be, but when Joanne buys something without the board approval, I have a problem with that. She writes the check before we even know.

Joanne – Wait a minute, two the board members have not signed last month checks if I did not sign them and pay for them. They would be late, and fees would be attached.

Norma – I did not see any vouchers.

Rick Hendrick – I did not see them either.

Thomas Peer – They have been in the same spot in my office since I have taken office in 2018. They are always ready the Sunday before the board by 2 pm.

Norma – Yeah but when we come over through the month they have not been there.

Thomas – What are you talking about they are in the same folders and place on my deck.

Norma – Yeah but we have bills that are 90 days overdue. Our attorney to the town got a letter for a vender asking for payment or we would be taken to small claims court. That is just one.

Delinda – Why did it not get paid?

Norma – I do not know why, we have some from Carquest, and maybe some others.

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Delinda – well we can't hire a bookkeeper if we can not afford what we are doing now.

Norma – Well we are paying \$1,800 to Jocelyn to be the Deputy Supervisor. Why is that not a bookkeeper.

Delinda – Yes, but we have you, Rick, Jocelyn and Joanne. The four of you plus Thomas working on these books.

Joanne – I can not even get you to sign a voucher.

Thomas – I can not even get you to sign a the retirement forms, the one you and myself along with a few other who work for the town.

Norma – What retirement stuff.

Thomas – The retirement resolution you all passed for setting a standard workday for those listed employees. This happened two months ago, and it still sits in the same spot on the table in the office. Only Jocelyn and Joanne have signed it, and it has been in the same spot for months. It by the other vouchers that have not been signed. The only one who has done it was Jocelyn, I cannot file them until they are signed.

Norma _ I have been in there and have not seen them.

Delinda – We cannot afford a bookkeeper. Jocelyn should be working with Joanne more. Then the four of you get your heads together.

Noma – But we can not continue to do business as we do now.

Delinda – Well with election tomorrow, who knows what will happen.

Jon Olin – We overspent, that is why we are here now. The money was there. Without having a few meetings things got out of control, I am not trying to point fingers, but hey we bought gravel, good, we bought new equipment, good, but we can't say we did not overspend.

Delinda – I do not think the Covid was their fault.

Jon – Well where did it start from. Where was the money spent on?

Norma – Not sure most of the stuff was locked up. After one meeting we said something now we can see a little more than we did early this year, but it is still not the full picture yet.

Delinda – You all have know for months that we are in trouble, and we need help. But why haven't you guys put your heads together and work this out.

Norma – When I send emails with questions, I do not get response back from most. I try to do it and get everyone to respond because we cannot meet.

Delinda – I can tell by the way you all sit there; you all will never work together.

Norma – I would like to; I would like to do the best for the town.

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Delinda – You guys work for us. You all are elected; I would like to see you all work together in these hard times. Things need to be put behind and start over, come on people we really need to work for us right now when we need it the most. Let 2020 go by and start over. I just don't believe we can hire a bookkeeper at this time.

Jason Forcier – I do think we need a bookkeeper. I do not care if it cost \$20,000, we need one.

Delinda – Where is the money going to come from?

Jason – If they spent \$20,000 to make sure everything is okay from payroll to all accounts. They will then see the red flag. They could have save us money in the long term.

Jon – All the money spent need to be approved by the board, and Joanne acted along when it came to paying the bills.

Delinda – She only paid them as they came in, nothing more, nothing less.

Norma – But we do not always see it. The checks are wrote before they are seen by the board.

Joanne – There are some prepays that need to happen, so we do not pay late fees.

Norma – Joanne not everything you are paying is a prepay.

Jason – All need to be approved by the board, if the board does not sign off on them, then they should not be paid. You will have to pay a 30 day late fee if you need to work it out, so be it, that is the way it should be done.

Delinda – But it would not be Joanne fault it would be the boards fault for the late fees.

Norma – Agreed, we should all look at the bills before they are paid.

RESOLUTION #61

A motion by Norma Burris, seconded by Rick Hendrick to have a second signature on all town checks.

Maryann Friebis – I think all checks should have two signatures on them, normally all organization have them. Maybe we should look into that come January at the Town's Reorganization meeting.

Delinda – Yes, with it being so close the election we should wait to see who will be on the board for next year.

Thomas – There is a Town Law that does state the Town Clerk in a town the does not have an Office of Comptroller can act under resolution to be a countersign all check required to be signed by the supervisor.

Jon – I would rather it be someone on the board.

Delinda – Thomas is on the board; he just does not have voting rights like them.

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Jon – I know, he is here to help us get through this to, but it should be a board member.

RESOLUTION #61

Norma Burris recalled her motion on the floor to table to December or January meeting.

Joanne – Okay, can we get back on topic with the budget. Would you like to make changes to the General Fund?

Norma – I really think the bookkeeper is the only thing I would like to see in the General Fund, but I know we said we would talk about it later. Everything else looks good. So the \$30,000 we took out of Jeremy funds, where does that money go?

Jocelyn Harrison – No that money goes away, we are just not going to raise it.

Thomas – That money just lowers the grant total. That is all, unless the board states to move it somewhere else. It just lowers the asking amount of money from the taxpayers to run the Highway Department. You be lowering taxes overall the whole town, but when you come pare 2020 to 2021 you will see that the difference is the Highway is lower in 2021 budget vs. 2020 budget.

Norma – Okay thank you, just trying to understand what all that meet, I just needed clarification.

RESOLUTION #62

On the motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison, to approve 2021 Budget with all budget adjustments: DA5110.4 Gravel/contractual lowered \$5,000, DA5130.4 Repairs lowered \$10,000, DA5142.4 Salt and Sand lowered \$5,000, DA5142.41 Snow Removal Fuel lowered \$5,000.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

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Joanne - Now we have to set a time, so if Thomas can have it posted soon we can have it sooner than later.

Thomas – Yes, I will get it in later, I think it has to be sent to The Shopper tonight to have it in because I think they changed their print time. The Hi-Lites has changed as well. So I'll just work on it after the meeting and get them in right way, when were you planning on having the public hearing.

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Joanne – So we can have it sometime next week, what date was the board thinking? It has to be in the paper five days after Saturday.

Thomas – You could do Friday the 13th, or Monday the 16th, so it is on time with the county by the 20th.

Joanne – Okay, Monday the 16th?

Maryann – Joanne, you will have new numbers to handout at that meeting?

Joanne – Yes. It will be at 6:30 pm. Kelly, can we use the hall on Monday they 16th.

Kelly – Yes, it should be fine on the 16th. We meet the week before. Norma, did you tell everyone that this meeting is being recorded, and that you plan on posting it to Facebook and Wet Couch Radio tonight?

Norma – No, but you just did, thank you so much.

Kelly – You should probably do things that we ask because you are a guest in this building.

Thomas – Okay , I will also post the salary wages of elected officials.

Joanne – Yes, thank you.

Kelly – Just so everyone knows, you do have the right to state that you do not want to be recorded and put-on social media.

Jeremy – Yes, and it is all live right now.

Kali Horton – Yes, and sense I have walked in here I do not want to be recorded and put on social media, so when you are done tonight. I would like that taken down, please and thank you.

Jocelyn Harrison – I would also not like to be recorded and put on social media.

Joanne – Me either.

Norma – Well I am sorry for you guys that are not on the board, but according to Open Meeting Laws I can recorded the meetings live.

Thomas – Okay, so I will make sure I can get that out, so we can have it for Monday the 16th at 6:30 pm at the Fire Hall, for the Budget Public Hearing.

Jill – If they do not want you to record you do not have to be stinky about it.

Norma – I am not, I sample doing what is within my rights.

Jill – Well you do not have to be smug either, and argue with people.

New Business

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Resolution – Authorizing purchase of Class 8 Heavy Duty Truck / Issuing Statutory Installment Bond – Joanne Randall – Read aloud the resolution:

RESOLUTION#63

RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF NEW TRUCK HEAVY DUTY CLASS 8 BASED UPON ONONDAGA COUNTY BID REFERENCE NO 8996

Resolution By: Jocelyn Harrison Seconded By: Rick Hendrick

WHEREAS, Effective August 1, 2012, General Municipal Law (GML) § 103(16) authorized political subdivisions and districts therein to purchase apparatus, materials, equipment and supplies, through the use of contracts let by the United States or any agency thereof, any state or any other political subdivision or district therein. The contract must be made available for use by other governmental entities and

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Superintendent has requested the Town Board consider purchasing additional new truck for the highway to replace outdated equipment, and

WHEREAS, Town Highway Superintendent has provided the Town Board with information relating to Onondaga County Bid Reference 8996, Dated May 24, 2018 Opened June 7, 2018 for Trucks Heavy Duty Class 8, and awarded by letter dated June 25, 2018 to Navistar, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the bid may be piggybacked by all municipalities and entities and authorities authorized to purchase under the General Municipal Law, and

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Superintendent has receive and invoice from Navistar for purchase of 2021 International HV 513 6X4 With Tenco Equipment Vehicle ID #3HTEMTZT5MN103505 for a total price of \$214,168.88; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has duly considered the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Supervisor is hereby authorized to order and purchase, upon approval of financing by the Town Board, 2021 International HV 513 6X4 With Tenco Equipment Vehicle ID #3HTEMTZT5MN103505, according to invoice dated March, 2019 in the amount of \$214,168.88, and be it further

RESOLVED the maximum amount to be expended shall be the sum of \$214,168.88.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 4

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RESOLUTION#64

STATUTORY INSTALLMENT BOND

United State of America

Bond Amount \$214,168.88

State of New York

County of Schuyler

Full Amount of Issue: \$214,168.88

Name of issuer: Town of Orange

Statutory Installment Bond No. 1 for 2020

Resolution By: Jocelyn Harrison Seconded By: Rick Hendrick

The TOWN OF ORANGE, in the County of Schuyler, a municipality of the State of New York, hereby acknowledges itself indebted and for value received promises to pay to COMMUNITY BANK, N.A., registered owner of this bond, the principal sum of Two Hundred Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Sixty Eight and 88/100 Dollars (\$214,168.88) in Four (4) annual principal installments of \$42,833.77 on the 20th day of November in the years 2021 to 2024, and a final principal payment of \$42,833.80 on the 20th day of November 2025, together with interest on the unpaid balance of such principal sum at the rate of 2.40% per annum, in each year from the date of this bond until it matures. Both the installments of principal of and the interest on this bond will be paid to the COMMUNITY BANK, N.A., registered owner of this bond in lawful money of the United States.

This bond is a statutory installment bond, the principal sum of which cannot exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) unless it is issued and sold to the United States of America or any agency thereof, and is issued pursuant to Local Finance Law § 62.10 and pursuant to a bond resolution No. 41 of 2020 duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Orange on the 3rd day of August, 2020 for 2021 International HV 513 6x4 with Tenco equipment, Vehicle ID No. 3HTEMTZT5MN103505. This bond may not be converted into a coupon bond.

The faith and credit of such Town of Orange are hereby irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the installments of principal of and the interest on this bond 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 to have been performed precedent to and in the issuance of this bond, exist, have happened and have been performed, and that this bond, 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 of Orange has caused this bond to be signed by Joanne Randall, its Supervisor, and its seal to be hereunto affixed and attested by its Town Clerk and to be dated as of the 2th day of November, 2020.

This must also must be posted in the local papers to have the public review the bond for commit.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

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purchase for an additional \$100, or the cost of a single banner, plus shipping. One idea I had with the money donated is to some kind a of in memory of people who did live in town and have passed and do not really have family here. Maybe we could just list their name if no photo can be found, or even someone who is a “hero” of our town. Our first plan was to use the money to off set the cost of the brackets, but we can only buy about 23 with what we have right now, I am open to any ideas, maybe use it to post ads or get the word out.

Delinda – How long would they stay up?

Thomas – My goal is to have them run Memorial Day to mid-October. I know it can get quite windy and I think we should do our best to make the banners last longer. They will be stored at the town hall, in a safe and controlled environment. Do not want them to put away wet, and make they keep dry and out of the way of pest. I am hoping to use County Roads 16 and 22 to hang them, it is more of a control thing again, it would be easy for me to watch, along with other people help me along the way.

Maryann – So it is only for three years?

Thomas – No, the company that makes the banners states that the life span of the banner is about three years give condition like sun fad, rain weathering, wind, etc. If something is wrong with the banner after three years, it will be returned to the family with an option to buy a new banner. But if the banner is still good we can just keep on hanging them up for many years. If the banner last six years lets keep hanging it up. But with the bracket release, we are hoping people sign. Will allow us to use them for other things, the brackets are very good coming from the company that makes them. It’s the same company that did Corning’s banners. They also have tons of idea to use the brackets to hang other things. The company even pushed use to have the bracket release in the form, and to state that the town could use them in the future for other things like welcome signs, holiday signs, senior photos, etc. In the past the Fire Hall used to hang the ones the town used to own, they where like candy canes, wreaths, snowflakes, etc, but years of them being put up and stored they have just become worn out, so the brackets can replace that idea, and can be stored better.

Town Hall Well – Joanne Randall – The Town Hall Well has gone dry, we do not have water. That is why voting will be held here in the Fire hall tomorrow, we can not provide facilities. Sometime this week if you well go dry it is hard to get a driller. I am not sure who Ian Pavlina got us a well driller. They will be putting our well deep, so we need a new pump because we only have a shallow well pump. Ian said it is a good idea anyway because our well is full of mud. Ian will put in the pump and plumbing for \$400.

On the motion of Rick Hendrick, seconded by Norma Burris to close the meeting at 8:13 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING ON 2021 BUDGET, TOWN OF ORANGE, NOVEMBER 16th, 2020

A budget public hearing was held in the Town of Orange on Monday, November 16, 2020 that Town of Orange Monterey Fire Hall at 6:30PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Joanne Randall, Supervisor
Norma Burris, Councilwoman
Rick Hendricks, Councilman
Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

ABSENT: Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman

OTHER PRESENT: Al Buckland CEO, Duane Rinker, Maryann Friebis, Darin Miller, Jason Forcier, Gary Dann, Sam Mattison, Heather Waters, Skip Harrison, Jon Olin, Thomas Peer Town Clerk

Joanne Randall – Are there any question on the budget as it has been presented. We did reduce the expenditures in the Highway Fund by \$30,000. That is the only changes from the last meeting we had.

Norma Burris – Is the clothing allowance going to cover all the guys.

Joanne – Clothing, yes.

Norma - So we are only coving four men.

Joanne – Yes, Gary is retiring in April.

Norma – So Gary is not getting any clothing this year.

Joanne – Yes, for 2021 he is not getting a clothing allowance.

Norma – What about Sexton Hollow Bridge, do we not have to put money aside to pay for that.

Joanne – No, Community Bank has money for us to use for those kind of payments because of the grant, we only have to pay the interest on the money barrowed within the 60 days it takes the money from the state to return. They are loaning us the right to use the money, like a short-term note, and they will set up the account, we will right check against that account, and give the bills back after they are paid. It will work kind a like CHIPS does, but only for this project.

Norma – What are our outstanding debt right now, for this year. This is something we are going to have to take care of in January. Last year a lot of money was moved around, are we going to have to do that again this year.

Joanne – Well we normally do that in December for the year for the AUD. It makes everything look more balance with the state when we send it up there.

Norma – But do we have enough money to pay our outstanding debts.

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Joanne – Yes, as far as I know, I have to look at a lot of things to draw some kind of idea. I do not know yet, but I am working on it month.

Norma – Well how can we pass a budget if we do not know where we stand right now. If we still own money going into next year, then that will only take away from 2021 tax money.

Joanne - Any money that rolls over from any year, or 2020 will need to last until March, until Thomas collects and close for the tax season then we will need to make that money last. We will only get new money in those few months from either sales tax or whatever else comes in. That is always why the fire departments do not get paid until March either, because we have not collected the money yet.

Norma – But do have enough money to cover us until March. I just want to know where we stand.

Joanne – I will not know until I run this month report. I can tell you we do not have enough in the Highway Fund. As far as I know we have \$76,000 in the General Fund right now.

Skip Harrison – Sorry for coming in late, but have the taxes been raised.

Joanne – No they have not.

Skip – Sorry again I mean the budget, was the overall budget raised.

Joanne – No, the Highway Fund was reduced by \$30,000.

Skip – Well this is just my option. We were allowed to raise it some, and I think you said it was about 1.5%.

Joanne – Yes, we could have raised to have a total budget of \$834,682 was our limit we could raise it to per the state cap. We are currently only raising about \$818,784, so we did not use our tax cap at all.

Skip – My only question is if we are raising to the highest amount, what are we going to do next year.

Joanne – I have no clue.

Skip – That is what I am saying, why are we not using the full tax cap this year.

Joanne – We might loss it for next year, or not be as high as we could be this year.

Skip – What I am saying is if you do not raise it to the cap this year. What are we going to do next year. Sooner than later the town will have to do a larger hike in taxes because of not raising them over time. It will be a lot vs. just a little amount. I don't know, but what I do know you need to keep up with the times, things cost more very year it seems.

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Joanne – I agree with you Skip. This board does not want taxes to be raised, but rather cut spending where they can.

Skip – I can already see a bigger hike in 2022 because we have to make up for overspending because we are shorting ourselves for 2021.

Joanne – Skip I understand, but...

Skip – But I just don't like if we are going to go down this road, we should just look at what this is really going to do for our taxes in the future.

Joanne – Again I agree, if the state says we can increase the 1.5% then we should at least do that.

Skip – I do think we should go to the 1.5% increase because next year we might get 1% increase then we are only farther behind, so maybe some of the board is smarter than I am but I really am not saying that. I would like to say that if the board does not go the full amount this year, what is going on next year. Soon you will have to hit the whole town for more than 2% one year if not more. As a taxpayer I am not going to be happy with it. Norma is not going to be happy with that, Rick is not going to be happy with that, there are a lot of people who are not going to help with that increase. Am I wrong, am I talking out of turn, or am I not explaining it clear enough, am I wrong in what I am saying.

Norma – I do not know if you are wrong, but I do think we can bear down some of this spending. There was a lot of spending that was unnecessary last year that we would not be in the position we are in now. I would be better to cut some funds now, so we can stop the overspending. Don't forget your school taxes are going up too.

Skip – I understand what you are saying about the spending. I do not disagree with you there, the spending was out there. What I am trying to say is I believe that our govern has set a limit on how much taxes can be raised. If you do not raise the limit, what are we going to do the next year. Because it start off at 2%, this year its 1.5% this year, what is next year going to be. So where are we going to hit the point where it does not what you do, you not going to be able to afford to run the town.

Jon Olin – We are only here because we overspent. Our budget was already planned out. We bought new trucks, new equipment, hired an outfit to truck material in, we hired two new people during the year, none of that was public or seen to be public. Everyone pushed all this money, but no one drew the line to stop. What happened is they went wild on the spending, and it was not the people fault. We all have budgets that we must follow, we learn to live within our limits not overspend when we can.

Skip – Yes, they should have watched the budget better and follow what they already had outlined at the start of the year. But if we go down the road of lowering taxes, and not reaching the cap set by the state, then soon taxes will be raised at a large hike. No one wants that.

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Jon – I am not disagreeing with you either Skip, but the overspending needs to stop.

Skip – Yes, but if the state says we can raise the money we should. If we watch the overspending next year then we might as well have money left over, and see what the new number to raise in 2022 and see if we do not have to raise a much, because if we watch out for overspending, we might have money again left over. Know really knows, what if by lowering the budget will only make us short in the long term.

Jason Forcier – But if it is pitch that the budget is going to raise everyone taxes \$20 per thousand you would get mad. The amount of money that was spent on vehicles this year was crazy. You all know you can not do that in one year.

Skip – Yes, I understand that, but did we go over budget, yes. I 100% agree with that statement, but if we do not take the 1.5% now, when are we going to take it and how much more will need to be taken to make up for it. We are going to make it up sooner or later, but at a much large cost. We are only creating more troubles for us later. I have lived here a long time, I have been a taxpayer for a long time, I have seen points where we do not have enough money because we did not raise enough, not that we overspent, but there was a few unforeseen costs that came that year. Who know what will happen next year. Really that 1.5% is a little north of \$17,000, so it is really not that much spread out to everyone who pays taxes in the Town of Orange.

Joanne – Yes, it is some where around that number. Its not in front of me right now.

Skip – See I think we should at least be a where the state says we should raise our taxes to. A little increase today will only help us in the long term, but its not a huge increase. We just can't let it go, and then the following year we are increase more because we are making up for it.

Joanne – Another problem is that our town is made of about 51% of state land, so that does make our town much higher per tax parcel. We have no control over what they state pays and who they pay it to.

Skip – I just do not what to see taxes have a huge increase two or three years from now because we did not increase it to the state choice.

Heather Waters – Skip they did the same thing over at Bradford. They keep the tax increase at zero, and zero, and zero, until they had to increase it and it was a huge jump. They were worried because it could fail or not pass. I came back and bite them, it did not pass, and they had to rethink the whole budget.

Skip – Yes, if we do not raise it a little now, it will be a big jump a year or years from now. The cost of everything goes up every year. I would rather pay a dollar more now then have to wait a few years to pay five dollars more per acre.

Cedric Stuart – Well that is where I will disagree with you there. This town has been through a lot of high and low spots. I think the Highway Department has had to reduce things over the

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years, and It shows. We can talk about this budget for the rest of the year, but we know there is a limit to what we can do. Budget are made to live within. We all do the same thing at home; I think this is a good budget. I remember starting in 1989, I started out with zero money, because it was that spent. It took the town board, with me as the Supervisor to turn things around, and at the end of the year we had a surplus. We worked very hard, we sat down and worked things out. Randy McDonald was a good Highway Supervisor, and we together ended up with a surplus. The surplus gained and gained and gained because we did the work that was needed. I hope the board has learned a lesson with this, and I hope everyone who has an expenditure in this budget realizes that these kinds of efforts to raise taxes. Yes, we do have to think about this, but that is not the way to fix your problem is to raise more money. I know there are things that the town has to buy and services they need to provide, but they have to worry about inflation. That being said the budget looks fine as it is.

Skip – I have a lot of respect for what you just said. You were a great Town Supervisor; I think you did a great job.

Cedric – I know, and thank you, but it was the Town Board at the time that helped, we all helped do the job. I remember that first payroll checks I wrote in 1998 all bounced, and the only thing that saved us was a saving account that \$2,200 in it, and without board approval I had the bank transfer the money to the Highway, because we had guys to pay or they where leaving. I remember asking Joanne to write a check after the first tax money was collected so we could pay bills. There have been hard times here is this town before. I remember having to raise taxes and it is hard on everyone no matter how big or small of an impact it has.

Skip – I know, you were a great Supervisor and living here a long time myself I have seen the hard times, you know that. I have total respect for you. I just think we need to keep up with as far as the state says we can raise the money. I do not see much of a difference with all taxpayers. I just think in a few years there will be a larger tax rate increase, because we did not do one now. Keeping it the same does make a lot of happy people, but lower makes a lot of happy people, what I really am saying once a few years go by and there is a increase of 3% or 4% say. Who is going to be happy then, no one. Increasing it a little does not hurt anyone it protects us all from a larger increase at once.

Cedric – See I just do not know why the expenditures got so far out of hand. You all hear stories but who really knows the truth. I am saying to myself that should not happen, and it did, and I am sure it will not happen this coming year. These people have been talked to enough about the spending, you think they would focus more on what needs to be done. The fact that things got out of control, whether things be on them or whatever end it came out of. We just need to say give these people a chance to buckle down and get things in order real quick, and if we are back here next year without some kind of a surplus, then I would be amazed.

Skip – I think you are right, but that is good. But what I am saying is that every year the price of everything goes up. I know the cost of fuel is down, but who to say it will not go up due to new

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policies. I remember when diesel fuel was about five dollars per gallon. If you budget for two dollars and forty-seven cents per gallon, but the price doubles. Well, that will just through the whole budget out of whack. I just rather see the taxes raised to what the state say. I would rather be covered then trying to look for the funds. I agree that spending was out of control, but I am not here to argue that. I would rather see it maxed out then to have us looking for funds or cutting hugely.

Cedric – Well an other question is are we to have another board member next year?

Joanne – We are not sure yet, we are still working on that. As of right now Nancy has not resigned from the Town Board yet.

Thomas – Yes, I have not received or accepted any form of letter of resignation from Nancy Whipple at this time.

Joanne – Yes, I am working closely with Thomas on resolving that issue soon.

Jon – So has the board made a decision on the budget?

Norma – Not really yet, we are still waiting on what the Comptroller office has to say about the budget. They are currently reviewing it now, they came in and gathered a whole bunch of information.

Joanne – No, they are not making any decision. They are looking for anything out of the ordinary, anything the pops out at them. I have not heard from them yet, they have had the information for a week now.

Maryann – So Joanne, what is the grand total of where the town will be going into 2021 in the negative?

Joanne – I have no idea as of right now. I have not even began working on the AUD for the state.

Maryann – Not even an idea of some kind of number.

Joanne – Well it depends on what comes in for revenue.

Maryann – But haven't we already got close to all forms of revenue for the year right now, so I am not sure what else could be coming in. What are we waiting on?

Joanne – We are still waiting on CHIPS.

Maryann – How much is CHIPS?

Joanne – I really don't know, I keep hearing different amounts, I think I am just to three for four as of right now, we are just working getting a finer number. As of right now CHIPS is still in the air.

Maryann – Anything else.

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Joanne – A mortgage tax check, we have at least one more left. The sales tax check will not come until January. All this money has to hold us until March, until Thomas cuts the check for the town to have all the funds raised by taxes. Any other commits? Do we want to pass this budget?

Maryann – I don't think at this point there is much of a choice. You have to pass something.

Joanne – Well that is up to the board. Have you heard enough commits?

Maryann – Pass this budget and start working on the 2022 budget. You need to get a better head on this, because you can not just wait until October, November to start working on this.

Joanne – What do you think needs to have cut them?

Maryann – I do not know I am not up there yet. It's a conversation that is needed to be had. I just don't see this town doing a million dollar budget is ridicule. To be honest, with fifty-one present state land, how come we do not make any money off of it?

Joanne – The County gets all that money.

Maryann – Well you are blaming the County for a lot, and I do not think it is the County fault. I am just going to stop.

Skip – I think you are going to be on the board, but if you go back to the state, and the County. I think you will find that the Town of Orange is really getting stuck with it.

Maryann – The County is there to help. You can always reach out to people at the county.

Skip – No they are not. I have delt with them for years. They do not help the people of the Town of Orange. There is not help, there is no grants, there is no why the state says they like small business. There are so many hoops you have to jump though to even be told no at the end of it. I can tell you that right now.

Norma – I do agree with Maryann to a point on a few things. I have only been here a while, and every time I go down to the County. Asked for anything they have helped. They gifted a computer that Joanne will not use for free, because I was told we could not afford a new computer for her to use. From what I have found out to, is that the County is not required to share sales tax with the towns, but our County does.

Skip – They do somethings, but at the end of the day they do not care about the Town of Orange.

Norma – I have found that they will help when asked, but they will not do it for us. They point us in the right direction, they help where they can, they give us information.

Skip – They all talk about small towns, but all they care about is Watkins.

Norma – Well I can not say that.

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Skip – If you are a large town then they help, Hector, and so on. I have lived here forty years and the County has not done anything real for the Town of Orange. They would rather us not be here. We only got black top on County Road 16 is because of the racetrack. That is a simple fact. They do not do anything for us, because we do not do anything for the County. The state stick it to us, because they log the land, and sell the logs, all we get is a permit. If they did we would look one hundred percent better.

Rick – The one thing is Skip, is the County takes the money from the state land. Counties up north get to keep the money for the state land. They get their money for the taxes, the money goes right straight to the clerks office, but here it goes to the County, and they give us what they feel we should have.

Skip – You are right, I am on the Board of Assessment Review, and I asked if the state pays the same as the rest other the other land in the town. No, they do not, they set their own rate per acre. I think that the state could be doing better.

Joanne – Just look at the Coon Hollow Bridge, once it needed repair, they closed it down. Its been on the county budget two or three times, and nothing is still done. They tried closing our only bridge we own on Sexton Hollow, we said no, and now we have a grant to repair the bridge.

RESOLUTION#66

On the motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to approve the 2021 budget as presented.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

On the motion of Joanne Randall, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to close the meeting at 7:31 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, DECEMBER 7TH, 2020

A town board meeting was held in the Town of Orange on Monday, December 7th, 2020 that Town of Orange Monterey Fire Hall at 6:30PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Joanne Randall, Supervisor
Norma Burris, Councilwoman
Rick Hendricks, Councilman
Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

ABSENT: Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman

OTHER PRESENT: Duane Rinker, Al Buckland CEO, Darin Miller, Maryann Friebis, Mary Olin, Jon Olin, Gary Dann, Sam Mattison, Heather Waters, Chris Sandford, Doug McCann, Cody Morehouse, Thomas Peer Town Clerk

Norma Burris – Joanne can you please commit that you would prefer not to be on video, and that is your wish, not to be recorded. Also, Jocelyn you can do so as well.

Joanne Randall – You are right, I believe we do have some rights. Okay, Al you can go on with your report.

Monthly Reports

Building Code Officers – Al Buckland – For November, four building permits, 29 construction inspections, 32 hours, and 340 miles traveled. This has been a little slower than normal with the last two months.

RESOLUTION#67

On the motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Rick Hendrick to approve the Building Code Officers Report as presented.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

Justice – Joanne Randall – This is for October, \$1,158.00, \$540 will stay here with the town and \$618 will go to the state.

RESOLUTION#68

On the motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to approve the Justice Report for October as presented.

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Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

Superintendent of Highways – Jeremy Abbey – Not present

Town Clerk – Thomas Peer – This is for November, slow this month, with \$897, most being AI and dog licensing. The town will get a check for \$449.67, DEC will get \$153.23, Schuyler Co. Human Society will get \$247.10, and NYS Agriculture and Market will get \$47. With Tax season around the corner, with Covid still around it is a huge talk among all towns right now. I will be open during my posted hours, nothing will be change or made different. I would say come early or later than you would normally would. Try to spread out as much as you can. I know everyone wants to get it and get out, but instead of coming around 7 pm when I open come around 7:45 pm or even 8 pm. Normally lots of people come and rush in but try to change your mind set for the time being. There is a big talk about cash payments, yes I will be taking cash payments. There is talk about not accepting it at all, I personal think that is wrong. Cash is legal payment, and we must respect the payment. We are hope people will follow the guidelines closely with what the state has outlined. I will be masked, I will provide hand sanitizer for anyone, the bathroom will be closed to the public during those times. Also payment taxes by mail is always a great way to pay, cut that line and mail in your payment, if you request a receipt you will get one by mail. I just approved the tax bills, they look great, and I cant wait to get them and sent out by or before the end of this month. My goal is Monday the 28th to have them sent out in the mail, and you will hopefully have them by the January 1st. As the clerk I attended my first Zoom meeting with the New York State Town Clerk Association, to where I was sworn in to be one of the two district directors for district six. The Counties I will be representing will be Schuyler, Chemung, Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Madison, Tioga, and Tompkins for municipal clerks at the state level. I feel very honored to take this roll on, let alone be nominated for this, I am filling a vacancy, and will hopefully be in that position until 2023. I think this is a great opportunity to build great communications between Schuyler and Chemung Clerks, what a great group of women to work with, very experienced in their knowledge of being clerks, and with out their support, I still feel I would behind the curve of things, but being supportive is all be can to push each other to what is best for our community. I am always thankful for the opportunities that the Town of Orange is allowing me to have as your town clerk. My goal is I will be spending more time in Albany and maybe I can express the Town of Orange concerns there on a large platform. That is my report.

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RESOLUTION#69

On the motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Norma Burris to approve the Town Clerk Report as presented.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

Supervisor – Joanne Randall – There is no report to give this month. Next week it should be ready for review, I have been dealing with auditors from the Comptroller Office. Three of them were there the day before Thanksgiving, and I had two in there the week before that. Wow I am getting emails on more stuff that they want. I have not had a change to balance the Trust and Agency account.

Planning Board – NA – Joanne – One thing I can say is Carol is not doing well at all, she is out of the hospital, so please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you.

Environmental Management – Rich Hurley – NA

Fire Department Reports

Bradford – 17 calls last month, three ambulance calls and two fire calls in Orange. Trees were down for the two fire calls.

New Business

Schuyler County Humane Society Contract 2021-2023 – Joanne Randall – Hope everyone got a chance to read this. I did not see anything in it that was different from the last one. I was very happy to see that they are not changing and wanting more money, because of the last contract that was presented wanted things to change. This contract will go on for three years, instead of two years. I like that was well, it always us to focus on other things vs this every other year. I think it is due to Covid, but I am not sure. I think with talking to the other Supervisors they feel the same, because we do not what is going to happen in 2021, nor 2022, or 2023. Any commits on the contract.

RESOLUTION#70

On the motion of Rick Hendrick, seconded by Norma Burris to approve the agreement for dog shelter service with the Schuyler County Humane Society for the terms of service for the first day of January 2021 and terminating December 31st, 2023.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

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Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

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NAYS 0

Solar Decommissioning Plan – Delaware River/KSI – Joanne Randall -This is the solar farm going on Ed Perry land there on County Road 16 near Townsend. They are now know as Kendall Sustainable Infrastructure, this is their decommissioning plan, when the life of the solar panel reach then end. It goes into details of removal of all panels, concrete footings, fencing, electrical composites, etc. all shall be removed and deposed off site in a proper place to be stored. They will remove all soil and sediment control and file the notice with the town once all these things are done. This should in happen in 25 or 30 years. The whole plan according to their numbers are \$102,463, which allows 2.3% for inflation to each that amount. So any commits from the board.

Maryann Friebis – What is the \$102,463 for?

Norma – its for the decommissioning of the solar farm after 25 or 30 years.

Maryann – So it will cost the town nothing.

Joanne – Yes, this is what they are telling us it will cost them to decommission the whole solar farm at the end of its life. They are putting this plan int place because of our local law, this goes farther than our local law does, and I think it looks great. I think we should sign this one and move forward with it.

Al – I have read though this and it look better than any plan before I have seen in other places. Our law states that they need to present this, so we know what will happen at the end of the life, not just the beginning.

Joanne – Our law also states that this must be done six months to a year after its reach its life's end.

Norma – How is this money stored? Like a bond or something?

Joanne – its and a surety bond that is reviews annually, like a cash collateral account.

Al – If you have not been down there to look its huge. I have taken pictures of it.

Norma – On page eight, there looks like there are a few options to choose from, which one will we be choosing. I want to know what I am agreeing to before we move forward.

Joanne – The first option is KSI II Consolidated, LLC would front the cash on a balance sheet that is reasonably acceptable to the code office of the Town of Orange every five years. Second, is a surety bond renewed annually, and third a cash collateral account renewed annually. All are based on what year we are in on the chart on the next page.

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Norma – Okay, can we table this until that question can be answered? Real understood well, I see we can choose one of the three, but which one is the best for this town. We need to choose the safest one for us to protect us in the long term. I don't know if I am reading it correctly. I think we should put this off, until we know more and have someone who knows what they are reading.

Year End Meeting – Joanne Randall – How is December 28th at 6:30 pm, it's the last Monday of December.

Thomas Peer - I can put a notice in the papers.

Minutes of October Budget Workshop – Joanne Randall – Any commits? If not can I have a motion.

RESOLUTION#71

On the motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison to approve the minutes of October Budget Workshop Meeting.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman -AYES

Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman - AYES

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

Computer Quote – Thomas Peer – I would like to talk about something I brought up in October. We were looking into more information on updating our computers system in the town hall. Trying mostly to connect all the computers to communicate with each other as one system. Doing business with Southern Tier Personal Computer LLC before they have seen what needs are. Adam personally came down a meet with me and together came up with a plan to move forward. Adam has provide the town with quote of \$372.97 for a 24 port gigabit switch, one gigabit wireless router, CAT 5e cable @ 75' & 4 ends, and labor at that price. We are buying a 24-port switch only to build on to it in the future. The Court must now act on its own system, and the town needs its own system. From there we can have new computers add as well when the time call for it. Al will be getting a computer so he can do his code work on the computer here.

Norma – Does Adam have insurance?

Thomas – Yes, he does. He has done it with other municipalities. So I am sure he has it.

Public Concerns

Mary Olin – Joanne, how many guys furloughed right now.

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Joanne – Just one. Right now, we only have four guys working not five, because the board does not want the fifth guy right now. We have one who has Covid and he is out right now, with that with for two, and we have to pay him under NYS law. He was one to train the fifth guy as well, and that can all be found under union contract.

Mary – So after that there will not be another fifth guy.

Joanne – Not that I know of.

Norma – Did we find a well contract yet?

Joanne – Its not a contract, it's an invoice.

Norma – An invoice for what, or from?

Joanne – To Ian Pavlina.

Norma – Ian did the well?

Joanne – Yes, and the well drillers where there. I was not. The well people were ready to leave, so Ian paid them, and we paid him back.

Norma – So, it just the price of the well?

Joanne – And the price of the plumbing, pump, electrical stuff, etc. The whole thing was \$6,700 or so.

Thomas – Yes and it works well, after six weeks with no water, its great to have it again.

Joanne – The well is 52 feet deep and got 40 gallons a minute.

Norma – Well the same company would have done it for me much less, that is why I am asking. Mine is 52 feet as well. I got the quote with everything. Then just charged me for what we had to do. I kept my same pump and holding tank. That is why he came in cheaper, and he gave me a quote.

Joanne – See we only had a shallow well pump in the town hall, and that was full of mud, as well as the holding tank. There was also a lot of build up in the pipes. There is a lot of iron in the water. We are still trying to flush out the new system as well, still very muddy water coming up, but that is to be expected for right now. They did dump bleach down the well too. We will have the water tested because it is a public building. The bill shows \$200 for cutting a tree to get the well rig into the position to drill.

On the motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Norma Burris to close the meeting at 7:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

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A town board meeting was held in the Town of Orange on Monday, December 28, 2020 that Town of Orange Monterey Fire Hall at 6:30PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Joanne Randall, Supervisor
Norma Burris, Councilwoman
Rick Hendricks, Councilman
Jocelyn Harrison, Councilwoman

ABSENT: Nancy Whipple, Councilwoman

OTHER PRESENT: Al Buckland CEO, Duane Rinker, Jeremy Abbey Highway Supervisor, Mark Rondinaro, Darin Miller, Jon Olin, Jason Forcier, Heather Waters, Thomas Peer Town Clerk.

Joanne Randall – All town board meeting need to be posted that you Norma are recording the meeting. It needs to be displayed in a area where everyone must see. The camera must be positioned to see everyone in the room, not just one or two people.

Norma Burris – Well I do not know if that is true, but Wet Couch Radio does not do that. Also the camera in the room are recording.

Kelly Groves – Those cameras do not record sound, and it is for the protection of property, not to record meetings. I do not have to say that I am recording you when it is only for visual quality. You have the right not to incriminate yourself if you know that sound is being recorded.

Norma – So its okay for you to record, but not anyone else.

Kelly – Yes because there is no audio on the recording.

Joanne – The town does not have any policy or procedures on recording the meeting, but I did refer to Community on Open Government has great resources that cover the use of recording meetings. We are trying together with NYMIR to get some kind of template for a recording policy, and the Association of Towns is helping get that too. It not public recording when it is posted on her private Facebook page. If not everyone can get access to it if she has blocked people from her page, how is it public after that. Thomas do have what the bills are for the end of the year.

Thomas Peer – Well I did not bring that with me, but the General Fund is about \$7,777.48 and the Highway Fund is about \$51,500 and some change.

Joanne – Thank you, one other thing I would like to talk about is the meeting I asked every town board member to attend with the fire department a few weeks ago. The topic of the meeting was to go over an issue over them not responding to a fire call. Jocelyn and myself were the only ones to show up, so we are going to be talking about it again. A list of calls has been presented to

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the each board member about each call that was reported for 2020 so far. It goes over man hours and personal on scene. Mel and Kelly will be going over why that call was not meet.

Mel Horton – Monterey Fire Chief – So you know we all have been busy with everything going on. Our guys are trying their best to meet all calls with what we have. We have had 95 calls this year, and we have missed two calls. One, being the biggest fire, was not a structure fire, there was a fire we could not make it to, because our system we have in place was not working. The system we use come through I am Responding app. Most of the county uses this system to get the call out for everyone in the department. Mostly because paging systems do not work in our area. Miss only two calls in a whole is not that bad, what is bad is when someone goes on Facebook and start putting this fire department down because we miss that fire call. There where responders there, by the time we did get the call, the call was over and people were going home. We are contracted to provide fire suppression, we care not contracted to do EMS, 98% of all calls are EMS calls. We do not get paid for that, and that cost money. With 420.5 hours total for the year, just in going to calls, training is not listed, truck nights, etc. So, we would just like it if people would think before going on Facebook and talking down this fire department, the people who are in it trying to make it better. Know your facts.

Kelly – Norma do you have any question for Mel before I began?

Norma – No, I did not post anything to Facebook. I did respond to a post of who house it was.

Kelly – No that is not how it happened; I did talk with the homeowner.

Norma – Are you talking about Crystal Moran Facebook. She is the one who put it on Facebook.

Kelly – It is not your job to respond as the fire department. You should have talked to someone before saying all that stuff, but you have everyone blocked. Mel, Davie, Russ, and myself are all blocked, and you do not reach out to us.

Norma – Well it is my personal page, so I can block whom ever.

Kali Horton – But you are downgrading the department, and we can not even defend ourselves for what you have to say.

Norma – So that is something to take up with Crystal Moran, or with Bill Kennedy.

Kelly – We are always working with Bill, you are just not aware. Slander with our department will not be tolerated. Defamation of Character is a huge this as well. You give this department a bad name, and you do not have your information correct all the time. It just hard to see you sit there representing the town and the board, and you just think its okay to say whatever you want about your community and get away with it. Not only do you do it with the fire department, but you do it to Jeremy Abbey the Highway Supervisor. You also have done it to Ian Pavlina, and you blocked him because he was upset. I just don't see how it is okay for you to sit there and continue with it. All this bad mouthing needs to stop.

Norma – Are you looking for a response?

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Kelly – Now I am.

Norma – Well, we are here to close the books for the town, and I really do not see how this is reflect to the conversation.

Rick Hendrick – Why was this not brought up at a regular board meeting?

Kelly – We requested to have a meeting and Joanne, Jocelyn, and Thomas showed up. No one else showed up. You have a contract with use, and we can request meetings with the board, but if you do not show up, how can we resolve this.

Joanne – Yes, we were the one to show up. See they are having a hard time with membership, and with this all going on they are talking about quitting, then what we have no department.

Mel – Norma, it is also hard when you are the liaison between the town and the fire departments. It is hard that you have never been to one of our meeting and act like you know what is going on.

Norma – You are correct, I do not even know when your meeting is. Can we please just get back to business.

Kelly – We asked Joanne to talk about this tonight because you did not show up to the meeting we requested. It is hard when people look at social media and see all the negativity about the department. That could lead to people not wanting to join. I am sorry we did not make that call, I spent four days trying to make sure that does not happen again. I can't promise it wont happen again, but I am sure we are aware of the issue. Sometime system fails and we need to work around why it did that and learn to move forward.

Norma – I am trying to move forward. This is the year end meeting to close up on the bills. Have we done that?

Joanne – Yes, Thomas gave use the numbers, but it does not matter, you guys only sign the bills you want to pay. So why even give out the number.

Norma – We should see the vouchers before we agree to pay them. Plus are we not here to close the books.

Joanne – We are not closing anything, we are just paying the bills for the end of the year, so we can start paying the 2021 bills. You all vote yes to approve the vouchers, but go and sign only a few, or the ones you want.

Norma – We should still see them before voting on them.

Joanne – What about the ones on the table that have been sitting there for four months now.

Norma – Go look my signature are on them.

Joanne – Is Jeremy still here. Would you like to explain to everyone that you invited Norma to do a ride along with you.

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Jeremy – Yes, we did, and I think it is a good idea to have the new incoming town board members do the same. We all need to try to work together, I did reach out and only go a voicemail, she did get back to me a few days later, but the invitation still stands to ride with us, if we get a snowstorm, or even a few days in the summer. If you do not understand the job then come in and see what we do, and we can explain anything we can as we ride along. I rather have someone see what we do then try to make something up that is not true.

Joanne – Thank you, Jeremy.

Heather Waters – Where is our fifth board member tonight?

Joanne – She is in Quakertown Pennsylvania, and that is where she lives now.

Heather – Is there anything we can do to have her removed.

Joanne – Yes, Thomas and myself have been working the attorney about the steps that would be needed to remove her, but today we both got an email from Nancy about her resignation. I think it was because we sent a certified letter to her house here in town and it must have been forwarded to her, because she never left an address with Thomas or myself.

Heather – Yes, it just hard to sit here and see two vs two. You really need that fifth person to help break this tie we seem to be getting in all the time.

Joanne – Yes, it is just very hard to remove someone from office as someone who holds office. If you or a group got together it could have been easier, but it is not a problem, so now we are planning on getting a fifth person.

Kelly- Joanne before we leave, Norma if you have any questions, we are right here, and we are willing to stay and chat. Any information you want we can give you. It is just hard that we are trying to give to this community our personal service, and bring things to our community, but seeing all this stuff on Facebook makes it harder to get new members, have community support, and over all pushing our current members to not want to be part of this department. We are just volunteers, we do not get paid or really get any compensation for what we do, we do it because we love our community. We would rather to talk to us about issues, problems, questions, etc. do not air it out online.

Norma – Kelly I understand that, but we are here to take care of the bills, we should really get together some other time.

On the motion of Rick Hendrick, seconded by Norma Burris to close the meeting at 7:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk