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REGULAR BOARD & REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE,  
JANUARY 3, 2011

A regular board meeting and reorganizational meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, January 3, 2011 at 6:30PM at the Town of Orange Town Hall with the following members present:

PRESENT: Jocelyn Harrison, Deputy Supervisor  
Lori Ellison, Councilwoman  
Ron Froebel, Councilman  
Minard LaFever, Councilman  
Jim Pinkard, Councilman

ABSENT: William Mullaney, Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT: Chuck Tarshus, Schuyler County Office of the Aging, Dan Ayers, Chuck Wilson, Melissa Miller, Town Justice. Nicholas Haner, Kristin Haner, Dale Harrison, Lewis Harrison, Roy Hallenbeck, Rodney Gee, Kim Gee, Lacy Societ, Dennis Layton, Vicki Flynn, Assessor, Al Buckland, Building Codes Officer, Rodney Hoad, Bradford Volunteer Fire Dept., Joe Dillon, Bradford Volunteer Fire Dept., Nathaniel Sargent, Darold DeCamp, Superintendent of Highways, Rick Hendrickson, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #1

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Lori Ellison the Highway Fund Bills on Abstract #001 in the amount of \$343.80 were paid.

ADOPTED                      AYES    4                                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #2

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Ron Froebel the General Fund Bills on Abstract #001 in the amount of \$21741.40 were paid.

ADOPTED                      AYES    4                                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #3

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Ron Froebel the December meeting minutes were approved as read.

ADOPTED                      AYES    4                                      NAYS    0

Assessor Vicki Flynn reported the STAR exemption forms are out and are coming back to her slowly. Agriculture exemptions will go out by the end of this week. The Town is scheduled for reval this year because it must be done every three (3) years to get reimbursement from state. By March 1<sup>st</sup> all exemptions must be in including the Cold War exemptions which is used on both the Town and County taxes.

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RESOLUTION #4

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Jim Pinkard the Assessor's report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                    4                    NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #5

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison, the Building Code Officers report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                    4                    NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #6

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the Superintendent of Highways report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                    4                    NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #7

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the Town Justice report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED    AYES   4                    NAYS    0

Melissa Miller also submitted a certificate of Completion of Classes for Town Justices.

There was no planning board meeting held in December.

RESOLUTION #8

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison the Town Clerk report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                    AYES   4                    NAYS    0

NO Supervisor's report due to Bill's absence.

Chuck Tarshus addressed the room, identifying himself as Senior Advocate for the Office of the Aging and announcing the Town of Orange will now have bus service through the ARC transportation system. All you need to do is call Amber at 535-3555 Extension 1 to be put into the system for a ride. It is called Dial-a-Ride and runs Monday and Friday from 8AM to 4PM, Tuesday 8AM to 11AM, Wednesday 1PM to 3PM.

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It will take you to any Schuyler County health agency. The fee is \$4.00 one way and \$8.00 round trip. If you have an ID card it is half the fare and 65 or older rides for fifty cents (.50). The transportation system is trying to encompass half of the county in 2011 and will eventually make a loop to Tyrone and Bradford. There will also be park and ride sites.

Food Pantry is the second Monday of the month. Food Bank of the Southern Tier is open to anyone and that is held the third Tuesday by the Auxillary of the Monterey Fire Department. Schuyler County Food Pantry has forty (40) clients and this is held for anyone eligible for food stamps. Eight families has signed up for food stamps recently.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS

Gary Stratton criticized the plowing of Hornby Road on a day when there is very little snow. Darold proceeded to tell him he is the one making the decisions when the roads need to be taken care of and his first concern is the school buses being able to get the kids to school. The Gary wanted to know when the sluice pipe on Hornby road could be fixed. He was referred to Jerry Verigini of Schuyler County Soil and Water Department. He stated that the wood had been cut and he thought it was going to be fixed a few years ago. Darold reminded him that this has to be handled by Schuyler County.

Several people in the audience were here to talk about Parks Hollow Road. Someone said it could be accessed by Maple Lane but that is impassable. There are five (5) parcels affected by the road being closed by Nicholas Haner and a .53 section being closed by the Town in 1980. According to Andy Drake of DEC the lower end of Maple Lane and the upper end of Westerfield Road could be used to access these parcels. The landowners of these parcels say no way. They all want clarification of who is responsible for liability if someone travels this road and has an accident, especially with an ATV.

After a discussion it was decided that the Town Attorney, Tim Mattison needs to be contacted for his input and a clarification on abandoned road versus closed road.

The five (5) landowners left their names and phone numbers and the Deputy Supervisor will follow up on this matter.

Darold asked again about looking into putting a used oil furnace for heat in the recycling building. He said he is pretty sure that it is state bid price. Deputy Supervisor Jocelyn Harrison suggested he make copies of the material he has on the furnace and supply it to all the board members so and informed decision can be made.

Rick Hendrickson is having a problem with Haefele TV cable and said he talked to Time Warner Cable and they would gladly come into Monterey. Discussion followed on the Haefele TV contract and when it runs out and that Time Warner would not come into Town before Haefele was interested and then they only wanted to put cable along

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County Road 16 and a very short section up each side road. The Haefele TV contract will be review by the board to see what can be done.

The two men here from Bradford Volunteer Fire Department reported NO calls. Tyrone is providing the EMT services and will continue to provide coverage. They will provide a letter to the Town stating that EMT services will be provided.

REORGANIZATION MEETING STARTED AT 7:30PM

RESOLUTION #9

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jim Pinkard Sprague Insurance was accepted as official blanket undertaking for coverall of all Town Employees, Buildings, Equipment along with NYMIR.

ADOPTED                      AYES 4                      NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #10

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison the board meeting day and date will stay the same as the first Monday of every month at 6:30PM, unless due to a Holiday it must be moved.

ADOPTED                      AYES 4                      NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #11

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Ron Froebel Tim Mattison was appointed as Town Attorney for 2011.

ADOPTED                      AYES 4                      NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #12

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Jim Pinkard Al Buckland was appointed Building Codes Officer for 2011.

ADOPTED                      AYES 4                      NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #13

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison Joanne Randall was appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics.

ADOPTED                      AYES 4                      NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #14

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever the Superintendent of Highways and Highway Employees wages are set by Union Contract which is under review at this time

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ADOPTED                      AYES    4                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #15

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever Randy McDonald was appointed Deputy Superintendent of Highways.

ADOPTED                      AYES    4                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #16

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever Jocelyn Harrison was appointed as Deputy Supervisor

ADOPTED                      AYES    4                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #17

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever Joanne Randall was appointed as Town Historian.

ADOPTED                      AYES    4                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #18

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever to retain Community Bank as Official Depository for Supervisor.

ADOPTED                      AYES    4                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #19

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Ron Froebel to retain Community Bank as Official Depository for Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

ADOPTED                      AYES    4                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #20

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever the board authorized the Tax Collections to be put into an interest bearing account.

ADOPTED                      AYES    4                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #21

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Minard LaFever to retain JP Morgan Chase bank as depository for tax monies.

ADOPTED                      AYES    4                      NAYS    0

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RESOLUTION #22

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jim Pinkard the Justice Funds will be deposited into Community Bank.

ADOPTED                    AYES 4                    NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #23

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jim Pinkard the Corning Leader and Watkins Review will be the official newspaper for the Town.

ADOPTED                    AYES 4                    NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #24

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Ron Froebel the mileage rate for 2011 was set at \$.51 per mile.

ADOPTED                    AYES 4                    NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #25

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the board authorized the Supervisor to pay certain bills as prepaids.

ADOPTED                    AYES 4                    NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #26

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the Assessor was appointed to handle all dog inflicted damage.

ADOPTED                    AYES 4                    NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #27

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison the charge for checks returned from the bank for insufficient funds will be \$35.00.

ADOPTED                    AYES 4                    NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #28

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Ron Froebel the board authorized the Supervisor to invest surplus funds in C/D's.

ADOPTED                    AYES 4                    NAYS 0

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 RESOLUTION #29

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Ron Froebel the board authorized the Supervisor to use a facsimile signature stamp.

ADOPTED        AYES 4                    NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #30

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever Bernie Van Alstine was appointed as Recycling Supervisor.

ADOPTED        AYES 4                    NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #31

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever the salaries for all elected and appointed officials are set according to the 2011 budget.

ADOPTED        AYES 4                    NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #32

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the board appointed the BAR members Gary Whyman, Chairman, Keith Baker, and Kirk Frost.

ADOPTED        AYES 4                    NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #33

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Ron Froebel Minard LaFever was appointed as the Town of Orange representative to the Landfill Commission.

ADOPTED        AYES 4                    NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #34

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison Ron Froebel was appointed as the member delegate for the Schuyler County Council of Government.

ADOPTED        AYES 4                    NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #35

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Jim Pinkard Jocelyn Harrison was appointed as alternative to the Schuyler County Council of Government.

ADOPTED        AYES 4                    NAYS 0

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RESOLUTION #36

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison Joanne Randall was appointed as representative to the Schuyler County Historical Society.

ADOPTED                    AYES 4                    NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #37

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever Heather Waters was appointed as Director of Summer Youth Program.

ADOPTED                    AYES 4                    NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #38

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the Highway Committee will consist of Ron Froebel, Minard LaFever and Jim Pinkard.

ADOPTED                    AYES 4                    NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #39

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jim Pinkard the Fire Department Committee will consist of Minard LaFever, Bill Mullaney and Lori Ellison.

ADOPTED                    AYES 4                    NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #40

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the Town Hall/Building and Grounds committee will be Darold Decamp.

ADOPTED                    AYES 4                    NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #41

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jim Pinkard the Highway Barn/Grounds committee will be Darold Decamp.

ADOPTED                    AYES 4                    NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #42

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever the Cemetery committee will be Bill Mullaney, Darold Decamp and Jim Pinkard.

ADOPTED                    AYES 4                    NAYS 0

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 RESOLUTION #43

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Jim Pinkard the Town Justice committee will be Lori Ellison, and Jim Pinkard.

ADOPTED                      AYES 4                      NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #44

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison the Town Planning Board will remain with its current members and Jim Pinkard and Ron Froebel will also attend.

ADOPTED                      AYES 4                      NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #45

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever Rita Schreiber was appointed to the Schuyler County Environmental Management Council.

ADOPTED                      AYES 4                      NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #46

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Lori Ellison the NYMIR Workers Comp Alliance compliance will be handled by Bill Mullaney and Darold Decamp.

ADOPTED                      AYES 4                      NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #47

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever Rita Schreiber was appointed as representative to the Schuyler County Regional Planning Board.

ADOPTED                      AYES 4                      NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #48

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Ron Froebel Steve Aldrich will be contacted to see if he wants to remain as the Wind Clipper Advisory Committee.

ADOPTED                      AYES 4                      NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #49

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jim Pinkard Renee Hatch will be Dog Control Officer for the Town as directed by the contract with the Schuyler County Sheriffs' Department.

ADOPTED                      AYES 4                      NAYS 0

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On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Lori Ellison the meeting adjourned at  
8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, FEBRUARY 7, 2011**

Vicki Flynn reported the STAR applications are coming in but real slow and that worries her because there will be no reminders going out this year. Reval is starting February 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be just a drive by unless changes have been made to the residence. Letters will go out in April for any changes and informal hearings will be held.

Dennis Fagan would like to eliminate the Lake District terms of office and make it a voluntary position. The district voted on the members. This is different from the Lake Association meetings where there were representatives from each lake. The board decided they needed more information before they could take action on this issue. Vicki could not answer the questions so it was decided to invite Dennis Fagan to the next board meeting.

**RESOLUTION #55**

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Lori Ellison the Assessor's report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

**RESOLUTION #56**

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Jim Pinkard the Building Codes Officer's report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

**RESOLUTION #57**

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever the board approved Al Buckland's attendance to the RIT Conference April 14<sup>th</sup> thru the 17<sup>th</sup>.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

**RESOLUTION #58**

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jim Pinkard the Superintendent of Highways report was accepted as read.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

Darold also addressed the board with a folder full of information requested by Ron Froebel. He believes he has provided all the reports and answered all the questions. The folder was handed to the Town Clerk. Jon Olin asked about CHIPS again. Darold replied that he did not get the paperwork in on time this year but that the money just rolls over and will available this year.

**RESOLUTION #59**

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the Justice report was accepted as submitted.

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 ADOPTED                      AYES 5                      NAYS 0

**RESOLUTION #60**

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Ron Froebel the Town Clerk's report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES 5                      NAYS 0

There was no meeting of the Planning Board in January.

No Supervisor's report.

In answer to Gary Stratton's question last month regarding the sluice pipe on Hornby Road. The town received a letter from Jerry Verigni, Schuyler County Soil and Water stating that they have received a grant for \$500,000.00. Part of this money will be used for the unfinished projects in the Town of Orange. They will take care of the run off on the Stratton Property, and stabilize the swail on Sexton Hollow Road. This will probably not happen until late summer of 2011 after the Meads Creek Project is finished. The Town will need to supply dump trucks for some of this work.

Dennis Fagan announced at the Council of Government meeting that Schuyler County has been awarded a \$170,000.00 in Community Development Block grant funds to assist low income homeowners repair or replace failed septic systems or water wells. It is based on income but only lasts until the \$170,000.00 is gone.

**RESOLUTION #61**

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jim Pinkard the board approved and each member signed a confirmation of Certificate of Abandonment for Parks Hollow Road stating that the Town is not responsible for the .53 miles abandoned in 1980 and the property goes back to the land owners.

ADOPTED                      AYES 5                      NAYS 0

Jeff Golden from Haefele TV addressed the meeting regarding questions from last month's meeting. He stated that to build out from the existing system it has to be determined the average costs per house. The state has a minimum of thirty five (35) houses per linear mile. Haefele thinks this is an unreasonable number for rural areas and they have adopted ten (10) houses per mile minimum. Jeff said he would look at this area because it has not been done for some time and come back with the best answer to adding additional cable subscribers.

Rick Hendrick stated that Time Warner has better cable and why do we have so many of the same channels. Jeff told us that Lee Haefele was not a good communicator and not good with people and that is why Jeff got hired. He is hoping to make Haefele a friendlier utility but the major problem is moving out of analog into digital cable and

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trying to keep some analog channels for the residents that do not have the newest TV. They are also trying to keep the basic rates down and while replacing with digital. The company is not making the transition very well. The farther from the digital point it is a lot easier for things to go wrong. The problem can be fixed and Jeff will check on it Monday.

Bradford Volunteer Fire Department had one call. Tyrone is covering the fire district, as well as Bradford. There is no written contract, just a verbal agreement. Again they asked about the check for the Foreign Fire tax from last June or July that has never been paid.

Chuck Tarshus reported the transportation system coalition after extended outages is available again. Dial a ride is out of budget for ARC call 535-7108. Call Office of Aging for elderly out of Town or State to receive special transportation for medical purposes. It is imperative we get the elderly to doctor's appointments and any other medical reason.

February is Radon Detection Month and you can call Cornell Cooperative Extension for additional information on this subject 535-7161 or a test kit.

Ron Froebel reported on the Council of Government meeting. Tim Hicks will hold a meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> 1 to 3 PM on the protection of water quality around the lake in the Human Services Building or you can call 535-6868.

Sales Tax projections are 4% off or one half of a million dollars. Schuyler County will be taking an additional 4% to supply to SCOPED so the Town's share will be 14% less for 2011. There is also a grant writer available through SCOPED for any grants that any of the Towns in Schuyler County need written. County is looking at the 2% tax cap and if it goes through the county will be looking at reduction of services and layoffs. This could also create a billion dollar deficit to the county and this creates less money to Towns.

The county also believes it could be ten (10) years before there will be any action in the Marcellus Shale in this area.

Flu season is starting to hit this area and will peak late February or March. It is not too late to get a flu shot. Bed Bugs have been reported in the Town of Dix and Reading and the Health department is getting involved.

Ron reported on the current audit being conducted by the State Comptroller's Office. They are done with the compilation of information and held a preliminary meeting with the Town Board members. They are looking at how the Town is run, and putting in suggestions. A report will be sent to Albany and after their approval a meeting will be scheduled and after this meeting the audit will become public and available in the Town Hall. This will also be published in the Corning Leader.

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Union Contract is at a standstill. The town board has held four (4) work sessions and collected contracts from ten (10) different Towns. Then the pay scale was compared and is within a few cents. But our Highway department has the best health care plan but they pay the least amount of money. They also get the most paid holidays and most sick time. Besides those benefits they also get reimbursed for CDL license renewals, clothing allowance and it is more than any other Town in the area. The board is representing the taxpayers and hoping for a fair contract but the union turned down all the suggestions. A federal mediator has been called to take the next step in negotiations.

The highway department is the biggest expense in every town. The Town of Lindley Supervisor has a spread sheet with all the town's property taxes and the Town of Orange is the highest taxed Town in Schuyler County. What the board would like to see is to afford to pay union wages without raising taxes to pay for them.

George Whipple asked how much overtime was paid out in January for Fridays only. Darold stated 18 hours but did not know what amount of money that translates into. There has been a total of 39 ½ hours total for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. At this point the dollars spent has not been calculated. Then George asked if they get called in do they work ten hours or are they working a couple of hours but staying to get paid for five.

Darold followed up on some other questions asked last month. Beaver Dams hill the shoulders will be fixed. He will not do any black topping with Blades. The black top on Beaver Dams hill was put down too late in the year and just bare black top and then never sealed. Sugar Hill spent \$106,000.00 but again no sealing and the water is coming up through. This needs to be corrected also.

Darold was told by the Auditors that he should be putting the account numbers on the vouchers. He does not have a chart of accounts. The Town Clerk will supply him with a list. Also the bill for the Compactor from Wilson Rental the Fire Department is supposed to pay the \$1,254.00. He keeps asking Bill about it and now he has told Larry that it needs to be paid immediately.

Several residents asked if we could get Bill for dereliction of duties. They suggested the Town Board members ask for a letter of resignation. If he is not working he should not be getting paid. Jocelyn has offered on several occasions to help with whatever is necessary but he does not seem to want help.

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the meeting adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, FEBRUARY 11, 2010****COPY**

An emergency executive meeting was held in the Town of Orange, Town Hall at 6:38PM due to the resignation of William Mullaney as Town Supervisor.

**PRESENT:** Ron Froebel, Councilman  
Minard LaFever, Councilman  
Jim Pinkard, Councilman

**ABSENT:** Lori Ellison, Councilwoman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jocelyn Harrison, Deputy Supervisor, Chuck Wilson, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION #62**

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever the board accepted the resignation of William Mullaney as Town Supervisor effective February 10, 2011 as stated in his letter.

**ADOPTED**                      **AYES 3**                      **NAYS 0**

**RESOLUTION #63**

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Ron Froebel the board appointed Jocelyn Harrison as Town Supervisor effective February 11, 2011.

**ADOPTED**                      **AYES 3**                      **NAYS 0**

**RESOLUTION #64**

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever the board gives approval for Jocelyn Harrison to write checks, pay bills, and handle all fiscal responsibilities for the Town of Orange effective February 11, 2011.

**ADOPTED**                      **AYES 3**                      **NAYS 0**

Discussion followed on securing the building as it is unknown how many keys are out there with no record being kept by Bill Mullaney. It was decided that all doors on the building will be rekeyed and fifteen (15) keys will be needed. The work will be done by Brian Ervay, locksmith.

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RESOLUTION #65

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Jim Pinkard the doors on the Town Hall will be rekeyed and a key inventory will be kept and all keys will be signed for when issued.

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

After a short discussion regarding a Deputy Supervisor, Jocelyn Harrison appointed Ron Froebel as Deputy Supervisor and this will be announced at the regular board meeting in March.

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever the meeting adjourned at 6:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, MARCH 7, 2011

A regular meeting of the Town of Orange was held on March 7, 2011 at 6:30PM at the Town of Orange Town Hall with the following members present:

**PRESENT:** Jocelyn Harrison, Supervisor  
Lori Ellison, Councilwomen  
Ron Froebel, Councilman/Deputy Supervisor  
James Pinkard, Councilman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dennis Fagan, Schuyler County Legislature, Rick Hendrickson, Lewis Harrison, Chuck Wilson, Daniel E. Ayers, Vicki Flynn, Assessor, Al Buckland, Building Codes Officer, George Whipple, Rodney Hoad, Bradford Fire Department, Joe Dillon, Bradford Fire Department, Chuck Tarshus, Office of the Aging, Jan Nichols, Harold Mattison, Kristin Haner, Nicholas Haner

Jocelyn introduced herself for anyone who did not know who she was and told them she was appointed by the other members of the Town Board and her term will expire December 31, 2011. Her hours will coincide with the Town Clerks of Tues and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings along with Thursday mornings 9:30AM to 1:30PM.

She then introduced Ron Froebel as Deputy Supervisor and reminded everyone the meetings will start at 6:30PM and the board will have already signed the vouchers from 6 to 6:30 so the audience did not have to sit through that exercise.

**RESOLUTION #66**

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever the Highway Fund bills on Abstract #03 in the amount of \$18,221.23 were paid.

**ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0**

**RESOLUTION #67**

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jim Pinkard the General Fund bills on Abstract #03 in the amount of \$55,196.81 were paid.

**ADOPTED                                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0**

**RESOLUTION #68**

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever the February minutes were accepted as read.

**ADOPTED                                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0**

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RESOLUTION #69

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Jim Pinkard the Emergency Meeting minutes were accepted as read.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

Vicki Flynn, Assessor stated that fifteen (15) residents did not send back there exemption forms and the cut off was March 1<sup>st</sup> but she will accept them until Friday because some may be due to the snow storms we've had. She has been directed to do land schedules only. The reval portion will be only on properties associated with building permits and anything else she notices driving around.

RESOLUTION #70

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the Assessor's report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #71

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Ron Froebel the Building Codes Officers report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

Darold Decamp reported that they have only worked three (3) Fridays through January or sixteen (16) hours or two (2) eight hour days. On the 25<sup>th</sup> they worked nineteen hours 5:00Am to 12:30PM due to the storm. Total man hours payment of \$2,140.16. Saturday and Sunday this week 45 1/2 hours but no overtime. Sunday they worked seven (7) hours changing blades and maintenance on trucks and mixing materials.

RESOLUTION #72

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Lori Ellison the Superintendent of Highways report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

No Planning Board report. The County will be here at the next meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> to help with the Land Use Plan.

RESOLUTION #73

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Ron Froebel the Town Clerk's report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

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RESOLUTION #74

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Ron Froebel the Supervisor's report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

Dennis Fagan, Schuyler County Legislature Chairman spoke about the Lakes Protection District that was formed in 2002. It encompassed the three towns of Tyrone, Wayne, and Orange. There are three (3) residents on one from Lamoka Lake and two (2) from Waneta and representatives from the County Legislature for a total of seven (7) volunteers.

In 2002 the language in the contract reads that the volunteers could not serve for more than three (3) consecutive terms of three (3) years. At the end of the term they need to get off and new volunteers need to be recruited. This has thrown the whole thing into chaos because the people with the most experience had to leave. Dennis sees no reason to have term limits for volunteers. But a resolution needs to be passed by each Town to remove this language and term limits.

The Lamoka/Waneta Lakes' Protection Rehabilitation District oversees the water quality Program. The property owners of the lakes are taxed and they receive \$100,000.00 in revenues. \$70, 000.00 is from Schuyler County and \$30,000.00 from Steuben County. This district gives recommendations on control of Milfoil and oversees the payment of bills for this process. In 2003 Waneta Lake was treated and 2008 & 2009 Lamoka Lake was treated. Cornell University does extensive plant studies in the fall and spring and determines what treatment is necessary. The Lake Association knows the majority of property owners and they meet two or three times a year. They have funds in reserve and there has been no treatment since 2008/2009. They have two (2) grants of \$100,000.00 each and are looking at a new chemical for the control of milfoil. The cost for both lakes would be in excess of \$650,000.00. They will not bond so this will be paid off by the grants and free both lakes of Asian water milfoil.

At present there is no representation from the Town of Orange and anyone can volunteer to join the board. It does help if you live on or close to the lake but you do not have to be a lake property owner. Town of Tyrone's meeting is tomorrow night and will probably be passed. Town of Wayne will be contacted by Steuben County. Dennis has done a lot for the lakes as well as Fagan Engineering.

RESOLUTION #75

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Lori Ellison

WHEREAS, Resolution #426-97 of the Schuyler County Legislature defined the administration and set term limits for the members of the Lamoka/Waneta Lakes' Protection & Rehabilitation District, and

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WHEREAS, the Towns of Orange, Tyrone and Wayne were signatories to the formation of the Lamoka/Waneta Lakes' Protection & Rehabilitation District, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Legislature wishes to remove the restrictions on the number of consecutive terms of members of the Lakes' Protection & Rehabilitation District, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Orange Town Board hereby supports the removal of term limits for the Lamoka/Waneta Lakes' Protection & Rehabilitation District.

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

Sales tax first quarter through the fourth quarter for 2010 was up. 2009 was very low. 2010 was \$35,252.00 which was very good. Projected for 2011 is \$40,216.00 or a 14% increase. We should look up sales tax revenues versus projection in budget. SCOPED will be getting a percentage from each town for 2011 so this could affect the budgeted amount anticipated revenues.

Chuck Tarshus Office of the Aging advocate stated that not all seniors realize there is a tax exemption available to them. It could be only a partial tax exemption but it is anyone making under \$16,699.00 and can be gotten off the IT214 according to Chuck. Vicki Flynn stated she uses 459C and has been using \$18,000.00 or less. It can result in a \$375.00 saving but not as much as STAR or Veterans exemption. Vicki told Chuck the calculation is done by the Veterans Service Center and then the paperwork is sent to her. The tax exempt for disability is different and has limited resources. You cannot make more than \$26,000.00 and if you make \$34,399.00 you can get a five percent.

Everything is figured on the gross and SSI for individuals counts.

Bradford Volunteer Fire Department reported one medical call for February and none in Town of Orange. No report from Monterey but Larry stated that the Annual Report should be here because he e-mailed it to Bill. January, February reports are late because of Larry and he promises he will get them all caught up.

Mr. Hoad from the Bradford Volunteer Fire Department thanked Jocelyn for the 2% foreign fire tax check and said he thinks she is doing a fine job and the meeting itself seemed to have less tension and more relaxed atmosphere.

Rick Hendricks showed the board pictures of the flooding sluice pipe on Hornby road near his property. They suggested that they be sent to Jerry Verrigni at the Schuyler County Soil and Water Department who has promised this summer the problem will be taken care of.

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jim Pinkard the meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk





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month also has a sign in sheet but for general information purposes but that is basically show up also.

Dennis Fagan, Chairman of the Schuyler County Legislature said the last visit he made to the Town Board meeting it was requested he do an analysis of sales tax. He said starting this year four percent (4%) will come off the top for SCOPED. Last year was a total of \$139,000.00 in sales tax. This year the approximate first quarter is \$40,216.00 or \$5,000.00 over last year.

Historically the growth has been three percent (3%) over ten (10) years. It could be higher because Schuyler County has eliminated the exemption on clothing. This year on the concert planned at the race track for July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend is estimated to be larger than the IRL racing with a cap of 60,000 people. The best estimate is \$148,000.00 or \$9,000.00 more than 2010.

Second quarter of last year was very low. There was a \$12,000.00 differential with a lot of variables but estimated information will take until after six months in for the third quarter. Explanation is taxes, can't find jobs, population moving out of area. Dennis does not know how a cap on property taxes will affect this whole picture since ninety (90%) of the property tax money is used for mandated relief statewide.

With property tax cap Schuyler County will need help with mandates. 150 million goes for education of handicapped from Schuyler County. No wonder there is an exodus from the area. Three welfare fraud cases in County that required money to investigate and prosecute with no return of money. There are seven (7) welfare fraud cases so far this year with the DSS office. Results unknown at this time. But Dennis stated that to run the programs according to State is way too much money on just the personal interviews.

With no manufacturing in the County, but the Legislature is trying to bring into County. Contract work with Corning Inc., there is a Nano Technology interested and a tire recycling operation. Alan Hurley wanted to put a business into the Jamesway building before the County took it over but it was not pro growth, pro business.

Dennis just put a letter in the paper to outsiders of Steuben and Tompkins County regarding the gas storage. It is a forty (40) million dollar project. There is no Industrial truck problems linked to hydrofracking in County.

Dennis stated that there probably will be no hydrofracking in Schuyler County area because there is no over burden on top of shale to frack. No yield three thousand (3000) feet or less. Fifteen hundred (1500) foot salt domes could easily handle propane storage at a reduced cost because most of it will come in by pipeline not truck traffic. He proposes to let the process work; reviews are being done by DEC. Open to public for review after the DEC report. We need industry of all sorts in jobs to stabilize our property taxes.

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There was a local physical therapist wanting to open a shop in Schuyler County would employ three (3) people but Blue Cross/Blue Shield would not approve so it did not get approved.

SCOPED measures performance and if it was not for them we would not have a hotel on the water front. It took significant grants and a lot of work but it turned into jobs and attracts new businesses and new industry. Some not contributing fair share and they will take money back if not performing up to agreement.

Business Park on Route 414 used not tax dollars and it helped get water and sewer to race track. The Industrial Park built in Steuben County has no tenants and has been there for years. It takes ten to fifteen years to land a business in New York State. There are two strikes against us due to high taxes. But SCOPED still keeps trying. Right now they are working with compressed air facility storage by Energy and it is still on drawing boards. They received thirty (30) million from Department of Energy for the 125 to 150 million dollar project for clean energy. A similar plant in Dresden closed similar in size in low demand time to generate at peak time. Energy hub – industrial tax base with thirty (30) to forty (40) possible jobs.

Dennis took questions from the audience and discussion followed on several topics.

**RESOLUTION #84**

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Jim Pinkard the Town will start a recycling electronic program with no cost to Town and the bin will be emptied once a month. They will accept televisions, computers, monitors, printers etc.

**ADOPTED**

**AYES 5**

**NAYS 0**

Discussion followed on how to deal with the recycling and trash being left after hours and what an eyesore. Joe Fiore of Casella e-mailed information on compactors which could be used. But the discussion followed on buying a building to be used for Bernie's office. Buildings and prices will be discussed at the next meeting and possibly a decision on how to handle the garbage and recycling problem. The issue of insurance was also brought up on using a compactor for trash disposal.

Supervisor Harrison would like a second meeting on the third Monday of the month just to keep the board informed and up to date on what they may need to make decisions on at the next regular meeting. The meeting was scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

Highway Department is still working a ten (10) hour day and a grievance has been filed with the union president. According to the contract the ten hour days are from May to October but the rest of the year is eight hours per day five days per week. The Employed has the right to dictate the days and hours per days but the employer must give a one (1) week notice to employees of any change. Not sure if a grievance must



contract money of \$90, 000.00 and have received reports from them for the first three (3) months of this year. They have paid for the paving and \$1,000.00 extra. She is still waiting on the Workers Compensation reimbursement and plans to attend the next monthly meeting. She will report every quarter to the Town Board regarding the fire department.

Someone asked about the policy and procedures for roads that are defective. This stems from a lot of years back it is not a new problem. Mud can't be worked and with all the rain and snow melt that is what most of our roads are at this time. Then the question was asked why some sections are graded year after year and the same potholes keep coming back. Why isn't dust control being used? Darold spoke up and said it does not good this time of year due to the weather. The logging trucks causing a lot of problems are coming from State lands, owned by the state and the Town can do nothing about it.

The Road Use Agreement should take care of some of this. It has already been completed in the Town of Hector and they are real happy with the results.

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison the meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, MAY 2, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Town of Orange was held Monday, May 2, 2100 at 6:30PM at the Town of Orange Town Hall with the following members present:

Minutes recorded by Lori Ellison, typed by Joanne Randall

**PRESENT:** Jocelyn Harrison, Supervisor  
Lori Ellison, Councilwoman  
Minard LaFever, Councilman  
Ron Froebel, Councilman  
Jim Pinkard, Councilman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sam Mattison, Jane Nichols, Harold Mattison, Nicholas Haner, Kristin Haner, Lewis Harrison, Chuck Wilson, Goldie Wilson, George Whipple, Gary Whyman, Joe Dillon, Rodney Hoad Bradford Fire Department, Geraldine Lines, Darold DeCamp, Superintendent of Highways, Audrey H. Pane, Beverly Frost, Wend Fields, Bradford Central School, Jon Olin, Mary Olin, Jerry Verrigni, Schuyler County Soil and Water

**RESOLUTION #88**

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Jim Pinkard the General Fund bills on Abstract #005 in the amount of \$2,817.36 were paid.

**ADOPTED**                      **AYES**    5                      **NAYS**    0

**RESOLUTION #89**

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Minard LaFever the Highway Fund bills on Abstract #005 in the amount of \$52,787.93 were paid.

**ADOPTED**                      **AYES**    5                      **NAYS**    0

**RESOLUTION #90**

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Lori Ellison the minutes of the April board meeting were accepted as read.

**ADOPTED**                      **AYES**    5                      **NAYS**    0

Darold DeCamp reported he has fixed wash outs on Hornby Road, hauled gravel on Yawger Hill, serviced tractors. Hornby Road will cost \$13,305.60 to double coat with oil and stone.

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The crew has been cleaning up downed trees and servicing mowers to get ready to mow cemeteries. Ditching on Yawger Hill and grading Sexton and Corbett Hollow roads. He also stated that he can't ditch and work on the roads too with five guys.

He also said he can't keep up with the wash outs because of the weather and it just keeps raining. His goal is to take care of bus routes first after a storm. If someone can research a school for grader operations Darold is willing to go to that school.

RESOLUTION #91

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Minard LaFever the report from the Superintendent of Highways was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #92

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison the Justice report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED    AYES    5                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #93

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Jim Pinkard the planning board reported not real true clout for zoning. A reminder that the meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

Town Clerk is absent. Attending the Town Clerk's conference in Buffalo, NY. Report was submitted before leaving for conference.

RESOLUTION #94

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Jim Pinkard the Supervisor reported making a \$1,330.65 deposit for recycling. She has paid the general fund and highway fund bills and made the last payment on the 2006 Mack dump truck bond.

She is now doing payroll with the Williamson Law Book software, went to Basic Municipal Accounting classes for 2 ½ days in Corning.

The drop off electronics is set up in the Recycling Building and open the same hours as the recycling. They will pick up whenever we call that it is full. This is no cost to the Town.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

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Bradford Fire Department reported a total of four calls, 2 ambulance and 2 fire calls pumping water. Bradford Ambulance is back in service and they have 14 or 15 new members taking training. There is a possible five EMT's. In the fall they will hold a CFR class at the fire hall and you can call if you want to take the class.

Jerry Verrigni of Schuyler County Soil and Water Department addressed the group talking about the stabilization program. They have three employees in the department and in November of 2006 the budget was \$300,000.00 and now over nine million due to a lot of grant writing.

He brought visuals for flooding in the Town of Orange. The water table is six to eight feet deep at surface and houses are built in the flood plain. They are working to prevent erosion but can't stop the flooding.

2007 to now they have done sixty four stream stabilization projects and are not even close to fixing everything. Next big project is County Road 16 with the placing of rocks (30 tons per load) in to the banks of the creek.

After that they will work on Doane Road. Ditching clearing out bridge across Hornby Road and get the area seeded. They are not done with Sexton Hollow Road yet but it will be done this year. Jerry promises he will fix the road if they tear it up after Darold fixes it. The work in Town of Orange should take place middle of August to September.

## OLD BUSINESS

Highway Contract meeting with Town Attorney on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

## RESOLUTION # 94

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Jim Pinkard Jocelyn has made arrangements with Robert Weber of Affordable Portables to furnish the portable at the Highway Department for \$55.00 per month versus Jeff's at \$65.00.

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

Summer employment of Warden Travis to help mow the nine cemeteries was discussed but tabled until next meeting to make a decision. The camp requires one man to work with inmates.

## PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS

Geraldine Lines said David O'Dell is pumping the water out of his cellar into the road and it runs down towards her house and stands in the middle of the road and when it froze she almost went into the creek from the ice. Darold called the sheriff about him running water into the road and Darold suggests the Town Attorney send David a letter concerning this matter.

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Wendy Field for Bradford Central School was here to announce the District has been selected to receive food throughout the summer. Parents just have to apply through the School and pick up food at fire hall here in Monterey. They will get four bags for breakfast and four for lunch. This program will run for two summers but the children have to be in Bradford School District. She also thanked Darold for calling every morning and keeping the roads open this winter.

The recycling building is not condemned because the repairs have been made to any problem areas. Jocelyn called Sprague Insurance to make sure that the building is insured and we could do additional work on it after it was condemned. The next step is to figure out the size of the building and determine the cost and possible volunteers to build.

Swarthout and Arrowhead have been contacted to determine their cost for recycling. This will be discussed at a later meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ron Froebel and Jocelyn Harrison attended the Schuyler County Council of Government meeting. See minutes attached.

The County Landfill where every town in Schuyler County pays \$8,000.00 per year to maintain is talking about buying a truck to haul water. They are now paying Jeff's to haul the water and it is not good news with all the rain. Test holes were dug to determine how much waste was there. With the cost of the water flow going up by being hauled to Ithaca they are trying to have the Village of Watkins take the water. Salt is the problem. Now a study is being done on the salt content and the pipe has not been hooked up but they want to hook it back up because of the cost not going down.

Gary Whyman is running for County Treasurer and is letting people know. He also has a face book account and you can keep track of what he is doing on there.

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jim Pinkard the meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

## WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, MAY 16, 2011

A workshop meeting was held on Monday, May 16, 2011 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:30PM with the following members present:

**PRESENT:** Jocelyn Harrison, Supervisor  
Lori Ellison, Councilwoman  
Ron Froebel, Councilman  
Minard LaFever, Councilman  
Jim Pinkard, Councilman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Darold DeCamp, Superintendent of Highways, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

Union Contract was discussed and it was decided that Ron would call the Town Attorney tomorrow, Tuesday, May 17, 2011 for further input on the legality of the contract and if further changes could be made because there is no cooperation from John Farwell of the Union.

Jocelyn will be leaving on vacation on May 18<sup>th</sup> and will return on June 1<sup>st</sup>. This vacation has been scheduled since last December.

Mowing of cemeteries was discussed and it is law that they all be mowed by Memorial Day of May 31<sup>st</sup>. Discussion followed and they will see if Warden Travis will work two or three days per week from 8:00AM to 2:30PM same hours as the Camp inmates to get the cemeteries mowed.

Garbage and Recycling was brought up and decided that recycling was no issue. It is the garbage and Minard contacted Swarthout's to see if they were interested. They would bring a truck over before the recycling center opened and then remove it at noon. However, this would be more costly because of the two trips.

Ron caught someone dumping on Hornby Road. They are also dumping at the old dump site on Hornby Road and it is well known that someone with a tire business every now and then goes through Town and dumps tires. Not sure how this can all be avoided other than Bill Meehan of DEC notified and they get caught one time.

We are changing Portable Rentals from Jeff's to Affordable Portables as approved at the last board meeting. The change will take place this week. It will save the Town \$10.00 per month.

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Discussion followed on the building of an office for Bernie inside the Recycling Building that can be heated more efficiently and more comfortable for him. It was suggested the building be 8 x 12 with 8 foot ceilings or we could make the ceiling 12 feet for storage above for the Christmas decorations. A new sliding window would be put in where the existing window is with a raised floor then Bernie would not have to go outside in nasty weather. It would have new wiring and insulation. Minard would volunteer to do wiring and other volunteers would be recruited to do the rest of the work with the Town purchasing the materials.

Melissa Miller can get a \$750.00 donation from Verizon as long as she is part of a not for profit organization like the Auxiliary or Fire Department. This would help with the Christmas decoration electrical installation. The Fire Department has agreed to help the Community Action Committee.

Mr. Golden of Haeefe Cable stated he would return to the next meeting after he did a little research. We have not heard from him, so a call will be made to get him to come to the June meeting.

Darold was recognized by the Office of the Aging for doing a good job on snow plowing this winter to keep the Fire Department open and also a nice job on Switzer Hill and Sexton Hollow Road. They have to go back to the same areas with all the rain we are getting and some of the work is not finished.

Darold also stated that we have a lot of equipment that could be sold if declared surplus. Volvo, Western Star Trucks, Dozer, which was declared surplus a few years ago but Swarthout would only give \$2,500.00 and Darold thought they could get more out of it for scrap. There is also the Austin Western Grader. With the money from the sale he would like to buy another tractor. Then he would have one to mow and one to use with the stone rake. It was discussed that these items be taken to Teitsworth Auction but the hauling would cost more than it is worth. It was decided to advertise these items in the Leader and Hi-Lites. Also Ray Forker might be interested.

The fire department paid for their portion of Worker's Compensation for this year but not sure how to collect for previous years. A meeting with the fire department to discuss this is necessary.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk



REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, JUNE 6, 2011  
RESOLUTION #99

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Ron Froebel the minutes of the regular meeting of May 2, 2011 were accepted as read.

ADOPTED                      AYES    4                      NAYS    0

Assessor gave her report regarding ten (10) grievances and a few of those were because of the Rocky Roost race track. Neighboring residents again wanted their assessments reduced because according to Chuck Wilson ninety (90) decibels is the New York State Law. He has a decibel reader and stated that on his kitchen table it is 94 and on his back porch it is 108.

They also brought up the fact that he has several large snakes and lizards living in the basement of Wayne Harvey's home and they have never been registered as exotic animals in case of an emergency and fire crews or EMT's have to enter the house. Renee' Hatch of Schuyler County Animal Control will be notified again and see what she has to say about the subject because it is a law in NYS that such animals need to be registered with the Town Clerk who notifies local officials of a potential dangerous situation in the house.

Al Buckland stated that he believes Tim Mattison, Town Attorney is wrong that Rocky Roost would fall under the nuisance law and a moratorium could be declared to stop the track.

Discussion followed and they audience would like to know what was stated in the old minutes when Wayne came to the board meeting talking about hours, dust control and noise control. They will be looked up and board members will have a copy for the next board meeting.

RESOLUTION #100

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison the Assessor's report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    4                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #101

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the Building Code Officer's report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    4                      NAYS    0



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The Town Board has plans for an 8 x 12 room to be built inside the old Highway building for Bernie's recycling office. This can be heated with a small heater and the furnace will not need replacing or run for the winter next year.

### NEW BUSINESS

Regarding the Christmas Lights Jim is still waiting to hear from NYSEG on price as there has been an increase. Jim reported there is Community support behind the lights and Watkins Glen has offered to help with a ladder truck if necessary.

We don't have to stop with Christmas Lights, as Ed Lewis was able to get American Flags that can be placed on all the poles for Fourth of July and other holidays or occasions can have displays as well. Jim would also like to look into grants to beautify the community, especially since it is a route to the Watkins Glen International Race Track.

Discussion followed on surplus equipment and Darold will get the Town Board a list. Such as Volvo, Grader, and Dozer and with the proceeds he would like to purchase another tractor. The highway department could then mow roadsides and stone rake at the same time. Rick Hendricks suggested that Spiegel be made aware of what we have because they are paying more per gross ton than anyone else around.

Further discussion on this subject will take place at the Workshop meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> and by then Darold should have a complete list.

Minard attended the last Landfill meeting. It was suggested that more lines be placed to take care of the run off because it is the highest ever with so much rain. In May the gallons of leachate was doubled.

Because of this it is suggested to each participant in this landfill that the cost will double for next year for budgeting purposes. The cost could go from \$8,000.00 to \$15,000.00 at the present rate of costs incurred. They are still looking into how they can do a pass through and send the runoff into the Seneca Lake. They cannot drain the runoff into the creek because of the salt content. Unless it is drinking water it cannot be drained into the nearby creek?

The only good thing is that it was a 30 year plan and the anniversary is coming up in about three years. At that point it is possible the gates will be locked and everyone walks away and the participants no longer have to pay for expenses. It is believed the landfill was closed in 1984.

### PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS

Chuck Wilson recited the VTL section 386 noise ordinance law and stated that it is very clear that 30MPH is 80 decibels. 90 and above are breaking this NYS Law. Motor

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vehicles sound level at 35MPH or less is 86 decibels. Baffled for motor cycles to meet this law.

Discussion followed on why we do not have signs like Millport, Montour Falls etc regarding the decibel levels on County Road 16 and in Town of Orange and who puts up the signs and how do we get them. Sheriff Bill Yessman will be asked to attend the next board meeting to discuss this issue and other concerns of residents.

According to Chuck multiple calls have been made to the Sheriff's Office with little or no response and he wants to know what they are being paid for.

Vicki stated that a State Trooper from Yates County was in here talking to her, maybe we need to make the calls to him. Also, the Horseheads State Troopers barracks might be a better place to call than the Sheriff's Office.

Rick Hendricks stated that they held their first ever Horse Show and they had twenty (20) riders. They did not break even but it was the first one. It is more of an obstacle course than a show.

Linda Spicknall resident of Huggins Roads would like to see the Town take over that road because there are fourteen (14) full time residents on the road now. Larger vehicles cannot pass on that road and she asked why the Town abandoned that road.

Bev Frost asked what the progress of Sexton Hollow road is and would the Highway department fix as much as possible and in what time frame. Darold told her once it stops raining that is one of the roads to be taken care of.

Darold also stated that this is the last year for CHIPS and Ron Froebel spoke up and said he believes you can buy equipment with CHIPS. Town of Hector did it according to Ben Dickens Supervisor.

Teresa Rodgers-Haar thanked Darold for fixing the culvert that was sunken in on County Road 22 and that the farmer was very happy that now he can get his tractor into the field.

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Minard LaFever the meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

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**WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, JUNE 20, 2011**

A workshop meeting was held at the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:40Pm on Monday, June 20th with the following members present:

**PRESENT:** Jocelyn Harrison, Supervisor  
Lori Ellison, Councilwoman  
Ron Froebel, Deputy Supervisor/Councilman  
Minard LaFever, Councilman  
Jim Pinkard, Councilman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Darold DeCamp, Superintendent of Highways, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

Jocelyn told the members the Town received a draft copy of the Audit from the NYS Comptroller's Office. This copy is not to be viewed by the public. The board needs to do a response letter regarding the charges and the corrections the board will put in place to make sure these issues do not happen again.

Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna, the road use agreement, according to the County all Towns should pay their share so this process can get underway.

FEMA – If enough flooding damage from the storms last week can be totaled and the local counties declare a disaster FEMA will be notified and then we can get reimbursed for the damage. Randy McDonald and Darold Decamp are keeping track of all flood damage repairs plus man hours and supplies used. Darold says it is a lot of paperwork but they will have it when necessary. Darold requested permission to buy ink and paper for the printer because he has taken so many pictures of the flooding. It was approved that he purchase whatever is necessary.

Minard LaFever suggested they borrow the GPS from the County and mark all the sluice pipes and roads. That should help with the necessary information for FEMA. Even if the county would let the highway department borrow it for a day or two it seems like it would help. Minard will check with Greg Matthews tomorrow.

The highway department put magnesium chloride down for dust control on Locust Lane and the next morning Darold went up to check on it and there were four wheeler tracks, with spins that tore up approximately ¼ mile of the dust control. Darold called the Sheriff's department and wants them to track down who did it and issue a ticket. Has not heard as of today the outcome.

Lori Ellison stated that she has had several complaints about pot holes on Yawger Hill Road and Aikens Road.

Sexton Hollow road did not get flooded thanks to the fix from Schuyler County Soil and Water. The only thing on that road was a tree fell across the road.

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With the price of oil being so high Darold prefers to use magnesium chloride instead of dust oil. He is fixing Switzer Hill road from the top down and putting in drainage.

The breaking up of Beaver Dams hill road is because the black top was put down in October with the snow flying and then no sealer was done. It cannot be redone for eight years because it was claimed on CHIPS.

Jocelyn would like to make the painting of the recycling building a community event. The Community Committee suggested a contest for the Bradford Central School art classes and come up with a mural to be painted on the building after it is painted. It was also suggested a nice recycling sign be put up. Jim will check into grants because it is enroute to the Watkins Glen Racetrack

Summer swim program is not coming together very well. Had a hard time getting a bus and now we have the information for the bust but no driver. Several options were discussed and Joanne will contact the school again to see if there is any progress. Whoever drives the bus has to be approved by the Bradford Central School.

Improvements to the recycling building needs to be done soon. It is suggested that Bernie be set up into the original office and close to the bathroom on the back side of the building. That way the dumpsters can be moved out back and will not be so obvious from the main highway. Further discussion and a vote will be taken at the regular meeting.

The date has been set for the block party. September 17<sup>th</sup> 2 to 7 PM.

90 decibel signs on County Road 16 and 22 because this only pertains to noise levels on highways.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk



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RESOLUTION #110**

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Ron Froebel the Building Codes Officers report was accepted as submitted.

**ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0**

Darold Decamp arrived at 6:40PM and gave his report. They are putting gravel and replacing sluice pipes on Locust Lane and Sexton Hollow roads. Sugar Hill, Templar, and Aikens were all flooded on April 11<sup>th</sup>. They are fixing wash outs and repairing these roads, as well as Chambers Road. Chambers Road needs a bigger sluice pipe to handle all the water coming off the hill. The highway men have also been hauling gravel and helping with cemeteries. Bob Rutter and Pete Mattison are doing an excellent job on the ditches.

**RESOLUTION # 111**

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison the Superintendent of Highways report was accepted as submitted.

**ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0**

NO Planning Board report recessed until August.

**RESOLUTION #112**

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison the Justice Report was accepted as submitted.

**ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0**

**RESOLUTION #113**

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison the Town Clerk report was accepted as submitted.

**ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0**

**RESOLUTION #114**

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever the Supervisor's report was accepted as submitted.

**ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0**

Joe Dillon, Bradford Volunteer Fire Department submitted their report stating that they have four (4) new EMT's that passed the test, so now they have a total of five (5) EMT's with the department. Over the weekend with the PHISH concert at Watkins Glen International Raceway they did "HIT THE BOOT" and raised \$5,730.00. It will be split

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evenly with the auxiliary and with the fire department share they plan to buy new equipment.

Larry States stated that he did not have a report for Monterey Volunteer Fire Department but will get it to the Town shortly.

Chuck Tarshus, Liaison for Office of the Aging wanted to give everyone notice that the County Transit System is planning a field trip. This trip will be free and to show everyone how it works and so a rider could plan their business to coordinate with the transit system. It will leave the Monterey Fire Department at 12:45PM on Monday; the first stop will be at the Human Services Building to familiarize the passengers of the building and services offered. It will continue to Wal-Mart Parking Lot and then the bus will bring back to Monterey. It is a free ride and if enough usage is warranted the system will be extended to this area on a regular basis.

USDA Food Bank along with Catholic Charities is offering the Summer School Lunch program. The need for help with food keeps going up and in coordination with the Summer Swim Program it will bring more awareness. Chuck opened up one of the bags that weigh about ten (10) pounds that is handed out once a week, which includes four breakfast and four lunches for each person and showed us the types of items it includes. Next week the truck will stop in the Town Hall parking lot so the kids getting off the bus from the Summer Swim Program that are eligible can get their delivered then. This will bring about twenty new participants who get the free or reduced lunches at school. This is a program called Feeding America and sponsored by USDA.

Sheriff Yessman addressed the group regarding all the complaints from last month's meeting. It was reported that there are a lot of four wheelers on the roads with no helmets and infants and kids less than one year old riding as well with no helmets.

There are more ATV's than cars traveling Chambers Road. They also travel across private property with no permission.

According to Sheriff Yessman the Decibel Sound Law pertains to highways only. It is 90 decibels reading before it breaks the law. It must be verified by a certified operator and certified decibel meter.

As far as Rocky Roost being a dust bowl and the noise levels so high it is private property. Sheriff Yessman has two cars per shift but he will make a special effort to get them into the Town of Orange to see if some of these things can be stopped. Tuesday and Wednesday's especially from 5 – 8:30 are usually quieter and for sure the cars can be in this area then.

Beth Hendrick reported excessive speeding on Hornby Road especially those traveling to Southern Tier Auto Parts. She has stood in the middle of the road and stopped them

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and asked for ID. She has called the State Troopers but by the time they show up the driver is gone.

Sheriff Yessman said he will bring a speed trailer out and set it up on Hornby Road for a survey. Every time a vehicle goes by it will record the speed and license number.

Chuck Wilson reported that every weekend Sheriff Yessman should have a certified operator available to meter the decibels at Rocky Roost. He stated that his decibel reader showed that on his kitchen table it recorded 98.8, 108 on the back porch and 120 in his back yard. Again, Sheriff Yessman reminded him it is not a public highway. his enforcement is only on the highways.

As far as legal issues with snakes in Wayne Harvey's house, the sheriff will talk with the Encon Officer and see if he knows of any particular laws or factors that will help in this issue. It was also brought up that he runs a business out of his house and pays no taxes. Again, Sheriff Yessman stated that is not part of his job.

The ATV's traveling County Road 16 and 22; probably 15 out of 20 have no registration or insurance. Sheriff Yessman said any ATV needs to have insurance and registration once it is off your own property. Any uniformed officer can stop the ATV's and check them for insurance and registration.

The Sheriff suggested everyone to call, e-mail, stop in to let him know what is going on. Meanwhile he will increase the presence in the area and put the trailer out to display speed and record it. The trailer does blank out at a certain speed and he will set it at 40MPH to blank out.

Further discussion followed on cell phone usage in vehicles. The sheriff stated that the only coverage is in the Watkins and Montour Falls and there have been no arrests. Question was asked why they do not use unmarked cars. He stated that there is no money in the budget for an unmarked car. He also said there is very little traffic enforcement in the county because the State gets all the fine money. His department covers 331 square miles in Schuyler County.

The question was asked if they get a license plate number and description or video if the person could be arrested. Then it was stated maybe they could follow with a camera on the dash. Sheriff Yessman made it very clear this was not recommended.

After hours dumping at the recycling center is considered illegal dumping. The Sheriff's department will open the bags and paw through it looking for some type of identification and make an arrest.

Sheriff Yessman wanted to let the group know the PHISH concert went well. There were several drug arrests but the majority of the people were very polite and thanked

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everyone as they were leaving and waving with all their fingers. People went through metal detectors before entering and they confiscated lots of knives. He believes the economic impact was well worth the hassle and overall not a bad deal.

Jocelyn asked Larry States if the Fire Department could be proclaimed the alternate place to hold an election in case of an emergency at the Town Hall. According to the Election Board this is a necessary procedure. Larry said he will ask at the the next meeting but really didn't see a problem.

Ron Froebel contacted the County and then Dennis Fagan regarding the lot next to the Town Hall that is all overgrown and an eyesore. The County acquired the .22 acres for unpaid taxes. Ron requested the County donate it to the Town and we could clean it up and apply for grants to make it into a playground. Dennis Fagan is the one to check into it and will let Ron know the outcome.

Jim Pinkard is still waiting on information regarding the Christmas Lights. According to NYSEG there are new prices and the person Jim needs to speak to is on vacation. We know that Melissa Miller can get \$750.00 from Verizon to go towards the cost.

Darold gave Jocelyn a list of all Highway Surplus equipment. It was suggested that it be listed with Auction International. This is geared towards municipalities and the buyer pays the commission. Schuyler County did it and 80 to 90% went to the County.

**RESOLUTION #115**

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever the equipment on the list was declared surplus and will be handled by Auction International.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

**RESOLUTION #116**

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Ron Froebel the present office in the recycling building will be upgraded with electrical, heating, and plumbing not to exceed \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00 before the winter months.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

Before the above work can precede the whole area needs to be cleaned up. It was decided that July 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM all volunteers will help with the clean up and get the area ready for the upgrade. All public is invited.

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Sharon Clark of the Community Entertainment Committee would like to see the Recycling building painted white. Then raised flower beds placed around the outside

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and volunteers would plant flowers. She also reminded everyone that the Community Block Party will be September 17<sup>th</sup>. She also would like to see the School District offer an art contest for a mural on the outside of the building once it is painted. Because we are a gateway to tourism the committee feels it would help with the Towns image. The participants would be given five basic colors and see what they could come up with. Suggestions were winery, race track etc. The winner of the contest could possibly be given a \$50.00 gift certificate. The Town Board would be the judges of the contest

Jim Pinkard stated that he believed any town going to or from the race track can get a grant from SCOPED, Rural Development or Community Facilities. This could possibly be an Eagle Scout project.

**RESOLUTION #117**

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison the Town will buy and furnish the paint (white) for the outside of the Recycling Building.

ADOPTED                      AYES      5                      NAYS      0

On the schedule for the 11<sup>th</sup> of this month Schuyler County Soil and Water will be on Hornby Road taking care of the ditches and making a way for the water to get to the creek. They will start at Chambers road.

Vicki stated that the final assessment roll needs to be accessible to the public but the only website the State Real Property could find is the second unofficial website. She wants her e-mail address removed from this website and she does not want the owners of this site answering e-mails for her.

Vicki also stated that the Planning Board needs to get together to determine what will be done with subdivision with new properties. She has 42.12 acres being split into ten (10) Parcels on Corbett Hollow Road. There is also another tax sale where 36.1 acres are being subdivided into three (3) parcels. These are all transactions between Morehouse, Goodsell and Eaton. Out of 36 parcels, 26 are owned and split. She believes there is a limit of acreage due to watershed regulations. Because the town has no land use plan we have no jurisdiction on how or how many times this land is split. Some of it will be land locked out of the ten lots. Part of it was sold in Los Angeles, CA and the only way Vicki found out was because the Surveyor came into the County Real Property Tax Office while she was there.

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Minard LaFever the meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

## WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, JULY 18, 2011

A workshop meeting was held at the Town of Orange on Monday, July 18, 2011 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:25PM with the following members present:

**PRESENT:** Jocelyn Harrison, Supervisor  
Lori Ellison, Councilwoman  
Ron Froebel, Deputy Supervisor/Councilman  
Minard LaFever, Councilman  
Jim Pinkard, Councilman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rick Hendrick, George Whipple, Dennis Fagan, Chairman, Schuyler County Legislature, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

Dennis Fagan told everyone that Schuyler County has had a four month period of record sales taxes. March through June was much higher than previous years. Because he has the figures for two quarters he can project for the rest of the year.

He asked the Association of Counties what their reasoning was for such an increase but has not heard back from them. Also, for some reason the check sent to the Treasurer for the last quarter was higher than the amount they reported and we was trying to find out why. Of course, 90 to 100,000.00 out of four and one half million is peanuts. The overall increase is 20% higher than 2010 for the county. The Town should receive \$115,822.00 compared to \$93,376.00 in 2010, which is a \$22,500.00 increase. If the Treasurer's number is correct it could be up as high as \$24,600.00.

Discussing the Kizer parcel next to the Town Hall, Dennis said if we pay up the back taxes the Town will be given a clean deed to the property. The cost would be about \$500.00 or less. The Town could take possession in a matter of months because Dennis researched any liens etc against it and it is clear. If the Board decides at the next regular meeting not to purchase the property Dennis will make sure a County crew will get over here and mow and clean it up.

Discussion followed on what we would like to do with that piece of property. Put in a playground but Ron Froebel would be willing to work on the grant applications but does not know where to apply. Ron spoke to SCOPED who referred him to Ben Dickens or Carmella Hoffman. The Laberge Group wants \$4,500.00 for the grant application and does not guarantee a grant. They would also not give him any idea of where to apply. Dennis suggested JoAnn Fratarcangelo of the Schuyler County Youth Bureau who receives grants all the time and he stated that Brian Williams was the grant writer for SCOPED.

Jocelyn got confused on the date for the Union Meeting. She thought it was the 19<sup>th</sup> but a call from John Farwell said he was here on the 12<sup>th</sup> and waited for a half hour or so and no one showed up. John is on vacation this week so she will contact him when he gets back to set up another meeting.

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Jocelyn passed out a copy of the letter she sent to the Comptroller's Office regarding measures to correct the issues found in the audit.

Reminded everyone about the recycling building clean up on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Ron stated that he had thrown some stuff away last Saturday and a brand new portable basketball hoop was still in a box. It was decided that it could be used for a fund raising project at the Community Block Party or at other special events.

Jocelyn suggested we appoint Walt Andrews to the cemetery committee at the next board meeting. He came in looking for information on the Sugar Hill cemetery and knows the cemetery well and would be glad to help straighten it up with the listing and map. He recruited Jim Pinkard to help him and they have an appointment tomorrow night to get started on the project.

Because our electronics bins fill up almost every weekend, so when they come on the 26<sup>th</sup> to empty the present containers they will leave two more to be filled.

Auction International was discussed regarding how to get rid of the surplus equipment. The Town needs to set a reserve price and Darold needs to take pictures from four angles of everything he wants to sell. Darold also needs to state what is wrong with each item. According to Rick Hendrick Swarthout is paying \$230.00 per ton for scrap. Also, Jocelyn stated that someone she knows just took a dump truck without the cab on it and got \$800.00 for it for scrap.

Jocelyn was approached by the local ATV club and Bill Meehan regarding giving permission for them to ride on the Town roads. They must wear helmets and be inspected and insured. According to Bill Meehan this would make any necessary arrests easier. This would be for ATV's only and the responsible riders police their own for better control because they know if there is any problems the privilege will be revoked. Discussion followed and we need to find out if the Town needs to have a public hearing before it can be determined by the Town Board.

According to Jim NYSEG no longer puts the electrical outlets on the poles necessary to plug in our Christmas ornaments. He will continue to find out for sure if there is any other alternative.

According to Sheriff Yessman and Greg Matthews, Schuyler County Highway Department the 30MPH signs on Hornby Road are illegal. They were probably put up sixty years ago and are now outdated with the design and information and full of bullet holes. Some are also unseen due to low hanging branches from trees. Greg Matthews will attend the next board meeting and give us an update and more information on this matter.

Jocelyn called for an executive session at 7:10PM.

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**Executive session ended at 7:25PM. Decision made in executive session was to send a letter to a resident misrepresenting the Town Board.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Joanne Randall, Town Clerk**



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Vicki Flynn reported the road work was put on hold for the present time, waiting for State to fix computer program. It is best to call first to set up an appointment because she is not sure when she will be out doing road work.

Three small claims have been filed for the Town of Orange against their assessments. The date for these has not been set yet, she's waiting to hear.

Regarding the question from last month's meeting who is assessed as business in the Town. Vicki stated Donnie's Store is assessed by IRS and their collection of taxes for the business portion. She has the property and buildings. There are five businesses assessed at present and three needs to be changed, Horse Farm, Beauty Shop, and Port a Potty Rental.

**RESOLUTION #122**

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Lori Ellison the Assessor's report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES 4                      NAYS 0

**RESOLUTION #123**

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison the Building Codes Officer's report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES 4                      NAYS 0

Darold Decamp was declared absent but arrived at 7:30PM and gave his report. Ditching on Switzer Hill Road and fixed washouts. Cold patched all large holes on Fish Hill, Switzer, and Yawger. Starting mowing road sides and got all of them mowed on the Hornby side of Town. Started the ditching on Goundry Hill and had to put in a new sluice pipe. Cut trees out of Shea road due to beavers.

Hauling stone for plug mill and then got a call from Warden Travis about damage to the Pine Creek Cemetery. About \$1,500.00 damage in the destruction of tomb stones that cannot be repaired. The Sheriff's department did catch the vandals and Darold is going to try to get restitution and make them do the necessary clean up and repair to the stones.

**RESOLUTION #124**

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Lori Ellison the Superintendent of Highways report was accepted as given and the vandals are to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law for damage done to the Pine Creek Cemetery.

ADOPTED                      AYES 4                      NAYS 0



The Summer Swim program coinciding with the Summer Food program is working very well together. When the children are dropped off at the Town Hall on Wednesday the Food Bank truck is here to distribute the four day breakfast and lunches. Bradford High School also has a daily lunch program five days per week and is serving approximately 150 children.

The Office of the Aging would also like to know all active members of the military serving overseas. Help is available for their families too.

Jocelyn passed around the model rules for videotaping of Town Board meetings from the State Department and FOIL. She suggested each board member go over them. It can be discussed at the Workshop meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> and then possibly passed at the September Board meeting.

Dept. of Environmental Conservation sent notice regarding a grant under the NYS Clean Air Act to the Town. The grants would provide financial assistance to eligible municipalities for projects that help to eliminate open burning of residential waste which can result in serious health and safety hazards.

Research was done and it was determined that a chipper/shredder would be helpful to the Town and residents for tree waste to be mulched and then distributed to residents for use. The old dump site would be the drop off site and the chipper/shredder would be housed at the Highway Garage and then taken to the site for chipping/shredding.

#### RESOLUTION # 128

That Jocelyn Harrison, as Supervisor of the Town of Orange is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the New York State Clean Air Grant Program of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a state assistance contract with the Department of Environmental Conservation for such financial assistance to this Town of Orange for Chipper/Shredder Recycling into mulch project.

Signed by: Jocelyn Harrison, Supervisor  
Ronald Froebel, Deputy Supervisor/Councilman  
Lori Ellison, Councilwoman  
Jim Pinkard, Councilman  
Minard LaFever, Councilman

This grant application was mailed on August 2, 2011 and there should be an answer before the end of August.

There will be a public hearing before the next regular scheduled board meeting on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be in conjunction with the Schuyler County Right to farm resolution adopted in 2004. It includes the definition of Farm Land and Products.

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There will be further discussion of this resolution and public hearing at the August 15<sup>th</sup> Workshop meeting.

Jim Pinkard stated that NYSEG will put electrical connections on the poles after all. He was misinformed previously but now he needs to know the cost of the installation, especially on the poles that are not metered before the board can make a decision. As of this date, he has no estimate.

The Cemetery Committee was composed of Bill Mullaney, Jim Pinkard, and Darold DeCamp. However, with Bill being gone that leaves an opening and Walt Andrews has agreed to volunteer. Walt and Jim have been working on getting the Sugar Hill Cemetery plots noted and confirmed in the active part of the cemetery. They are renumbering the sections once all information can be confirmed. They need a 300 foot tape, chalk line or paint and also anyone with knowledge about people buried there.

No longer can a burial take place in this cemetery without someone at the Town being notified, so it can be designated and recorded. Non-residents can purchase plots or if you are a life-long resident it will just be recorded. Plots are four by eight (4 X 8) now but are being changed to four by ten (4 X 10) with two feet being used for headstones.

According to Walt selling plots is not the highest priority right now; it is getting the paper on file so we know exactly where they are buried. From now on all plots will be recorded as single plots.

### RESOLUTION #129

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Lori Ellison Walt Andrews was appointed to the Cemetery Committee.

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

The over grown lot next to the Town Hall is .22 acres and the County has stated they will sell it to the Town for \$500.00. However, the board would like to offer \$100.00 for the land because the County took it back for taxes approximately eight (8) years ago and the taxes are only \$24.25 including the school taxes, per year. If the County will not sell it to us, then they need to clean it up and take care of it.

Recycling building update is that the building is too far gone to put any more money into it. The board decided to spend up to \$1,500.00 for a shed to put outside to be used as an office for recycling.

### PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS

Gary Whyman is carrying petitions for the Listening Party and needs three hundred (300) signatures and then he will be on the ballot on a third line.

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Jon Olin asked the difference between a home business and commercial. He also requested a definition of Commercial Business.

Gary Whyman explained he has been head of the Board of Assessment review for the Town of Orange for sixteen (16) years and they are guided by NYS. The Town of Orange was assessed at full fair market value in 2008. Full market value to the property owners, whether family inherited or not is the sale value and is not representative of paying fair share. It is not the best system in the world but it is the fairest system we have so far.

George Whipple asked when the work is going to be completed on Chambers Road. Ray Ellison spoke up and said his sluice is plugged up and has been for quite some time. Darold could not give a definitive answer but said it will be done by late October. He called Verizon in July to have the underground lines marked and has not heard anything from them. He cannot dig unless these lines are marked.

Sharon Clark asked if the speed limit could be changed on County Route 16. With children playing alongside the road and disabled people trying to get across the road, she feels it is totally unsafe at 40MPH.

Discussion followed on a previous attempt at the speed limit reduction after several accidents on the curve and DOT did a study and stated that the speed limit was appropriate. But the County did put up larger arrow signs indicating the curve.

According to Vicki Flynn Town of Tyrone tried to get a reduction on their main road and DOT refused and told them to keep kids out of the road.

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Jim Pinkard the meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

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WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2011

A workshop meeting was held in the Town of Orange Town Hall on Monday, August 15, 2011 at 6:30PM with the following members present.

PRESENT: Jocelyn Harrison, Supervisor  
Lori Ellison, Councilwoman  
Ron Froebel, Deputy Supervisor/Councilman  
Minard LaFever, Councilman  
James Pinkard, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Chuck Wilson, Joanne Randall arrived at 6:45PM.

Minutes taken by Lori Ellison until Joanne Randall arrived.

Jocelyn sent a letter to Tim O'Hearn, Schuyler County Administrator regarding purchasing the piece of property next door to the Town Hall for \$100.00. Waiting to hear back from him, if they will accept the offer or not.

There is a building at Home Depot that is a kit for \$900.00. It does not include nails but could be used for a building for Bernie at the recycling center.

There is one that is 8' x 12" at Wards for \$1,200.00, it has one door and a sliding window but the board needs to decide where to put it and it just needs to be painted.

Warden Travis is doing a fine job with the camp men on the cemeteries.

Jocelyn has called IRS to send 2008 W-2 forms, because employees have not been cooperating in getting copies to her to submit to Social Security. As soon as she receives the forms they will be completed and submitted to Social Security.

A letter was sent to the Teamsters union regarding the retroactive pay, the amount of monies the employees owe the Town and the amount of money the Town owes employees. Have not gotten as reply as of this day. Waiting to hear their reply before going further.

The Town needs to pursue NYMIR regarding the Workers' Comp claim for Robert Rutter from 2009. So far there have been lots of phone calls but no results.

Ron fixed the water leak in the recycling building, so Bernie can flush the toilet.

We do have a Boy Scout that wants to paint the recycling building for an Eagle Scout project. But it is the understanding of the board that as a project the scout needs to have raised the funds and he will buy the paint and do the work for the project.

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Jocelyn will not be here on Thursday and Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> but she will post a sign to that effect.

August 31<sup>st</sup> will be the Democratic Caucus. Signs will be posted around Town.

Larry States, Fire Chief of Monterey Fire Department sent a letter to the Town giving them permission to use a portion of the fire field for a baseball diamond. The letter stated that the baseball field will be covered by the Fire Department Insurance, but absolutely no alcohol can be on the grounds according to the insurance coverage. He also, gave permission for the fire hall to be used by the Board of Elections in the event the Town Hall cannot be used on election days. This letter gives the permission for a five (5) year period.

Discussion followed on a grant to the Village of Burdett for a park that was seen in the Watkins Review and Express. Ron will call the Village to see what information he can find out regarding grants and how they went about it.

Especially if we get the property next door to the Town Hall we need to set up a playground, pavilion or make some use of it. Of course they will be no alcohol allowed on this property either.

Joanne will call Haefele TV to see if Mr. Golden will come to the next board meeting to see what progress is being made to extend the cable system.

The ad will be placed in the Leader to hold a public hearing at 6:30PM on September 7<sup>th</sup> on Local Law #3 the Right to Farm Law as adopted by Schuyler County in 2004.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, SEPTEMBER 7, 2011

A regular meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:30PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Jocelyn Harrison, Supervisor  
Ronald Froebel, Deputy Supervisor/Councilman  
Minard LaFever, Councilman arrived at 6:45PM  
James Pinkard, Councilman

ABSENT: Lori Ellison, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT: George Whipple, Sharon Clark, Delinda Dann, Rick Hendrick, Chuck Wilson, Jon Olin, Bill Yessman, Schuyler County Sheriff, Beth Hendrick, Zach Waters, Harold Mattison, Sam Mattison, Tom Bloodgood, Schuyler County Real Property Tax Office, Darold DeCamp, Highway Superintendent, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

Public Hearing opened at 6:30 on Local Law #2 – Right to Farm  
This is the same law adopted by Schuyler County in 2004.

Intent and Purpose was read by Jocelyn Harrison as follows:

The Town of Orange recognizes farming is an essential enterprise and an important industry, which enhances the economic base, protects the natural environment and quality of life, and demands minimal public services in the Town of Orange. The Town Board further declares that it shall be policy of the Town to encourage agriculture and foster understanding by all resident of the necessary day-to-day operations involved in farming so as to encourage cooperation with those practices.

It is the general purpose and intent of this law to maintain and preserve the rural traditions and character of the Town, to permit the continuation of agricultural practices, to protect the existence and operation of farms to encourage the initiation and expansion of farms and agri-businesses, and to promote new ways to resolve disputes concerning agricultural practices and farm operations. In order to maintain a viable farming economy in the Town of Orange, it is necessary to limit the circumstances under which farming may be deemed to be a nuisance and to allow agricultural practices inherent to and necessary for the business of farming to proceed and be undertaken free of unreasonable and unwarranted interference or restriction.

Discussion followed on animals per acre permitted and what exactly is considered farming. After the public was heard and with no objections to the law the public hearing was closed at 6:40PM.

RESOLUTION #130

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Ron Froebel Local Law #2 for the Town of Orange the Right to Farm was passed.



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the dust and noise problem but Sheriff Yessman has no answers for that issue yet either. He will let us know as soon as he gets some answers on those items.

Tom Bloodgood, Director of Real Property Tax Office in Schuyler County was here to give us a heads up on the start of reevaluation project for 2012. 2008 was the last time it was done town wide. The County is trying to maintain a little at a time with not a lot done in the west portion of the County, which is Town of Tyrone and Orange.

Town of Orange has the oldest and lowest tax rate at .8443. Waterfront property has been hit with the highest increases in land values. Where it was \$1,000.00 per acre is now \$1,400 to \$1,500.00 per acre plus. Land values are higher now 10 to 15%. An increase in the land value does not translate into a higher tax rate. \$6.69 is tax rate per \$1000.00. Therefore, on a property worth \$55,000.00 the town tax would be \$367.94 at 10 and 15% averages out to 12% which changes the tax by \$61.60 or \$5.97 lower.

Of course, all of this depends on changes in Town wide average valuation. Tom and Vicki will take each parcel description sheet and review from the public right-of-way. If the information they are looking is exactly the same they will move to the next parcel. However, if the property has changed in any way they will need to do an inspection and you will get a request. All of this information from each parcel will be inputted from comparable sales. In January or February notices will be sent out regarding a public meeting on the final outcome of this reevaluation.

At that time you can set up a meeting to contest the County's findings. He also reminded us that a 2% tax cap is in place for the budget process this year and an increase in taxes can only be 2% above \$580,867.00 without a public vote, in which 60% of the voters must approve the increase over 2%.

Zachary Waters working on an Eagle Scout project addressed the board regarding primer and paint for the Recycling Building. He stated that the scouts cannot pressure wash the building because of flying paint chips and other hazards and this would need to be done before painting can begin.

Monterey Event Committee wants to beautify the Town by eventually painting a mural on the building once it is painted. To get his Eagle Scout badge he will paint the building and will recruit other scouts to help him in this project. He would like to have the Town purchase the paint and he also asked about brushes, rollers, and ladders.

Discussion followed on liability, if this would be covered by Town or do the Scouts have insurance that might cover. The quote Zach got for paint was \$323.46 for 10 gallons of white paint from Home Value Center. He also asked who might have equipment Zach and other scouts can borrow rather than have the Town purchase, such as paint rollers, paint poles, rather than scaffolding and paint pans, brushes etc.

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RESOLUTION # 131

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever the board decided to furnish the paint and other necessary equipment for this project but it is not to exceed \$500.00.

ADOPTED                      AYES    4                                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #132

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Minard LaFever the General Fund Bills on Abstract #009 in the amount of \$4724.30 were paid.

ADOPTED                      AYES    4                                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #133

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Jim Pinkard the Highway Fund bills on Abstract #009 in the amount of \$104,275.88 were paid.

ADOPTED                      AYES    4                                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #134

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever the August minutes were accepted as read.

ADOPTED                      AYES    4                                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #135

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Ron Froebel the Workshop minutes of August 15, 2011 were accepted as read.

ADOPTED                      AYES    4                                      NAYS    0

REPORT OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Vicki Flynn reported she has heard nothing about the small claims dates for hearings. She was in class from August 15<sup>th</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> and will be on vacation for half of September. She has a notice posted to call for an appointment because of road work and Tom Bloodgood will cover for her while she is on vacation.

RESOLUTION #136

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever the Assessor's report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    4                                      NAYS    0

Al Buckland reported the Farm Sanctuary is adding another large building 3600 square feet or 36 X 50 two stories for a veterinary clinic with housing in the upstairs. The old

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 farm house will be removed. Al received the blueprints delivered by UPS and Al charged them \$652.00 for the building permit.

**RESOLUTION #137**

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Minard LaFever the Building Code Officers report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    4                      NAYS    0

**RESOLUTION #138**

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Jim Pinkard the Superintendent of Highways report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    4                      NAYS    0

Darold reported that they have been ditching and putting plug mill on Sexton Hollow Road. They have also been getting equipment ready and hauling sand for winter. On Switzer Hill they have been readying the approaches and getting ready to change the sluice pipe. When asked about the cemetery destruction, Darold said all of the kids have been arrested and believes they have to be in court on the 20<sup>th</sup> which was postponed from the 13<sup>th</sup> due to elections.

**RESOLUTION #139**

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever the Justice reports for July and August were accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    4                      NAYS    0

The next planning board meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed on planning board and sub divisions due to selling of property on Corbett Hollow road over the internet that is being split up into multiple parcels after the sale. Some are very small lots according to Vicki. She gets this information after the sale from the County. Due to the prices some people are paying for this property it could affect all the property owners in the Town of Orange.

**RESOLUTION #140**

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Jim Pinkard the Town Clerk's report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    4                      NAYS    0

**RESOLUTION #141**

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Minard LaFever the Supervisor's report was accepted as submitted.



Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

## WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

A workshop meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, September 19, 2011 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:45PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Jocelyn Harrison, Supervisor  
Lori Ellison, Councilman  
Ron Froebel, Deputy Supervisor/Councilman  
Minard LaFever, Councilman  
James Pinkard, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: William Meehan, DEC Officer, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

The discussion commenced on the shed for Bernie for the recycling center. It will be 8 X 10 and on a treated skid, glass in entry door, sliding window with 16" studs. It also has a plywood floor and be built by the Amish in Ovid and can be delivered within a week or two for \$1445.00. It will be white with green trim.

Bill Meehan addressed the group about opening Town highways for ATV use. He handed out the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law #240 stating that the most important part is stated that when in the determination of the governmental agency concerned, it is otherwise impossible for ATV's to gain access to areas or trails adjacent to the highway. He also passed around several cases that were taken to court, Town of Leyden, Lowville, and showed some other Towns in the Adirondacks, Lewis County that were tossed out of court and most of them stated that they do not comply with state law.

The same was upheld by the State Supreme Court. He reiterated that if the Town was to open Town roads it must be only to get from one trail to another and a certain section of road not the whole road or we could be taken to court by residents of that road.

As far as the ATV units policing themselves, he is not sure that works that well either and that could end up in a law suit also. His recommendation is that we tread very lightly on this issue because as far as he knows most Towns have ended up in court and their intentions were meant well from the beginning.

We received copy of the resolution passed at the last legislature meeting stating that the County will sell the lot next to the Town Hall for \$100.00. It is now in the hands of the County Attorney and we will be notified when the paperwork is ready to sign.

Charles Wilson has requested the Justice Report and Town Clerk's report under foil. Jocelyn called the FOIL Office and they stated that yes he can have them, but must fill out a formal request, before he can receive them.

Minard LaFever reported that the paint for the Recycling Building from Watkins Glen Supply will be about \$21.00 per gallon. It will take two coats and one gallon will cover 40 square feet.

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Zachary Waters called and said he got approval to do the painting as an Eagle Scout project. He would like to paint this weekend. According to Minard the primer is in the paint. They figured 15 gallons times \$20.00 for total cost along with brushes, rollers etc. The board has already approved a budget of \$500.00 so make sure it does not go over that amount.

A donation of eight (8) picnic tables, eleven (11) benches, and five or six plastic chairs were donated to the Community Committee and they would like to store all of the above in the Recycling Building. Then they can possibly be used on the lot next to the Town Hall when that is ready next spring.

The date was set for Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM to have a budget workshop.

Jocelyn is writing a letter to the IRS after they sent a notice of an \$18,000.00 fine for not filing the 2008 W2's on time. She is claiming all the state land, our population and that we have paid multiple fines and penalties and the W'2's took some time to retrieve from past employees.

Discussion followed on setting up a meeting with the highway department employees regarding the money they are owed or we owe them. We return to standard time on November 6<sup>th</sup> and according to the contract the highway employees go back to eight hours per day at that time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETINGS, TOWN OF ORANGE, SEPTEMBER 26,  
OCTOBER 17, 2011

A budget workshop meeting was held on September 26, 2011 at the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:30PM with the following members present.

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PRESENT: Jocelyn Harrison, Supervisor  
Ron Froebel, Deputy Supervisor/Councilman  
Lorie Ellison, Councilwoman  
Minard LaFever, Councilman  
Jim Pinkard, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Joanne Randall, Town Clerk. Darold DeCamp, Superintendent of Highways at 10/17 meeting.

At the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting each line item of the Highway budget was reviewed, discussed and left the same or changed. Some items need to be discussed with Darold DeCamp, Superintendent of Highways to get an accurate figure for the 2012 budget.

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General Fund accounts were reviewed, discussed and left the same or changed for the 2012 budget.

Bernie VanAlstine and Al Buckland both requested a wage increase. This was discussed and decided that it was feasible for both of them.

Jocelyn has decided to pay the withholding taxes for Federal and State monthly. This will cut down on a huge lump sum being taken from the accounts at the end of every quarter and will also be easier for her to complete the quarterly reports.

Town of Orange website was discussed because we have received a bill for \$600.00 for 2012 yearly fee from Digital Towpath. No decision was made but Jocelyn would like to see a knowledgeable person with training on websites to keep it up to date if we decide to pay the fee for next year.

Discussion followed on David O'Dell pumping his basement on Chambers Road out into the road and what could be done about it before the road completely disintegrates. Darold suggested a ditch from his place to County Road 22 that empties into the creek. David would have to pay for the sluice pipes to be installed at each driveway if that is going to be the choice.

Due to the disturbance at the last board meeting, Jocelyn proposed designing a complaint/compliment form residents/taxpayers can use that can be submitted to any Town Board Member, Superintendent of Highways, or Town Clerk.

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2011

This form would be discussed at the workshop meetings, a letter addressing the issue would be sent to the resident/taxpayer within thirty (30) days explaining what will be done to remedy the situation or thanking them for their input. This should cut down on name calling, shouting and heated arguments at the Town Board meetings, so things brought up at the meetings will be of interest to all residents or taxpayers, not self serving.

Halloween trick and treat was discussed and the board decided to have it on Halloween, Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> from 4 to 8 PM. Signs will be put up around Town so everyone knows.

The Monterey Fire Department has requested an application to start Bingo. It was given to Sylva Lewis and she is taking it to the Auxiliary at their next meeting. If the Firemen do not want to apply the Auxiliary will apply and conduct the bingos.

Jocelyn told everyone that the Planning Board took in three new people at the last meeting after the announcement at the last Board Meeting that we needed volunteers. Delinda Dann, Dale Harrison, Nick Haner and Rick Hendricks as an alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

REGULAR BOARD AND PUBLIC HEARING MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE,  
NOVEMBER 14, 2011

A regular meeting and budget public hearing of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 6:30PM at the Town of Orange Town Hall with the following members present:

PRESENT: Jocelyn Harrison, Supervisor  
Lori Ellison, Councilwoman  
Minard LaFever, Councilman  
Ron Froebel, Deputy Supervisor/Councilman  
Jim Pinkard, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Nezerono Tudi, Chuck Wilson, Vicki Flynn, Assessor, George Whipple, Al Buckland, Building Code Officer, Nicholas Haner, Kristin Haner, Dale Harrison, Harold Mattison, Jane Nichols Rodney Hoad, Bradford Fire Dept, Joe Dillon, Bradford Fire Dept, Sharon Clark, Delinda Dann, Mary Olin, Jon Olin, Darold DeCamp, Superintendent of Highways, Keith Baker, Julie Putnam, Roberta Bailey, Rita Schreiber, Planning Board, Larry Baker, Planning Board, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 155

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever, the Trust & Agency bills on Abstract #011 in the amount of \$21,357.62 were paid.

ADOPTED                      AYES 5                                      NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #156

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Jim Pinkard the General Fund bills on Abstract #011 in the amount of \$6978.34 were paid.

ADOPTED                      AYES 5                                      NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #157

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Minard LaFever the Highway Fund bills on Abstract #011 in the amount of \$144, 841.07 were paid.

ADOPTED                      AYES 5                                      NAYS 0

**Public Hearing for the 2012 Budget was called to order at 6:33PM**

All fire contracts remain the same as 2011, which is collected through the fire tax on the January Town and County tax bills. Workers Compensation is paid for the Monterey Fire Department by the Town in January but the fire department reimburses the Town out the of their contract monies in March.

Question was asked if the town receives a report from the fire department. It was stated we receive a report but it is about the calls and training not a financial report.

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Question was asked who the Treasurer of the fire department is. Kim States is Treasurer. Delinda Dann asked if the fire department should not be accountable, at least quarterly to the Town Board regarding finances.

Jocelyn explained that there will be a workshop next Monday and the fire department reports will be discussed. She will also try to get a hold of Larry States, Fire Chief beforehand.

Jon Olin asked if there was money in the budget for dust control next year. It was explained the money in the highway budget is at the discretion of the Superintendent of Highways and how he wants to spend it.

The Towns budget remains the same as last year but some of the line items were changed to make them more appropriate for the amount of money being spent in those areas.

With no other comments or questions on the budget the public hearing was closed at 6:55PM by motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Minard LaFever.

RESOLUTION #158

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jim Pinkard the 2012 budget was adopted as submitted to the public.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #159

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the October meeting minutes were accepted as read.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

Vicky Flynn, Assessor reported still doing road work. Tom Bloodgood is doing the Town of Orange and should be done by the end of this week. She did say land values are higher than previously. She is still only working on Mondays in the office from 9 AM to 10AM because she is doing the road work in the Town of Dix and Reading and finishing up Town of Tyrone.

RESOLUTION #160

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison the Assessors report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

REGULAR BOARD AND BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING, TOWN OF ORANGE,  
NOVEMBER 14, 2011  
RESOLUTION #161

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Ron Froebel the Building Codes Officers report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

Darold DeCamp, Superintendent of Highways reported the report has been submitted to CHIPS and we should be receiving a check sometime in December. The roll over amount is \$151,479.56. The highway department has been applying cold patch through the County.

RESOLUTION #162

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Lori Ellison the Superintendent of Highways report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #163

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the Justice report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #164

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the Justice report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #165

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Lori Ellison the Town of Orange Town Board hereby authorized Town Justice Melissa Miller to file an application for grant funding from the New York State Office of Court Administration 2011 Justice Court Assistance Program.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #166

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Ron Froebel the following members were accepted into the Town of Orange Planning Board. Delinda, Dann, Nicholas Haner, Dale Harrison, alternate will be Rick Hendricks.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

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Discussion on the Christmas decorations. NYSEG needs proof of liability insurance. Jocelyn was given the name of the woman to contact at NYSEG. Permission was granted by Verizon because the poles belong to NYSEG and they just rent the space for their lines in this area.

Dumpsters in the center of town were discussed and some residents would like to have them moved to a different area, like the Highway Department. Jocelyn and Joanne drove around the Highway Barn and could not see any available space large enough to accommodate all the dumpsters and traffic this would cause in that area. Besides if we have illegal dumping now with the dumpsters being surrounded by residents, just think how much would go on over at the highway barn not close to any residence.

RESOLUTION #167

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Lori Ellison the Town Clerk's report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #168

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the Supervisor's report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

Bradford Fire Department's report showed fourteen (14) total calls. Thirteen (13) ambulances and one (1) fire. Eleven training drills and twelve (12) CFR classes. The now have a total of forty seven (47) members and five (5) EMTS.

Monterey Fire Department reports for Aug, Sept, and Oct reported 251.9 hours in work bees. Call hours – man hour's total 132. One Leadership, two fire police.

RESOLUTION #169

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the fire department reports were accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

NEW BUSINESS:

A form has been designed for complaints and compliments to be completed by any resident. They will be reviewed at the workshop meetings and an answer will be given (if appropriate) within thirty (30) days. Hopefully, this will keep the Town Board meetings more civil and orderly.

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NOVEMBER 14, 2011

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS

Does the Town of Orange share services with Town of Tyrone to maintain Huggins Road? According to Darold usually they do share portions of the road maintenance. Town of Tyrone graded to Spicknall's house and there have been complaints since this was done because their Highway department is maintaining Town of Orange roads. It was considered an agreement should be written regarding shared services.

Jocelyn also asked if the screening plant was still in the Town of Tyrone gravel pit. The town needs to know if they are insuring or if it remains on our insurance policy for replacement if something happens to it.

George Whipple asked when the highway department plans on working on Chambers Road. He says it is all marked out and Darold said they will start in a day or two, depending on weather.

According to Roberta Bailey she asked if when the Haefele TV franchise is up that the Town Board not renew until they cover the whole town. How can it be called the Town of Orange cable when only a portion of the Town is covered? Discussion followed on the last time Mr. Golden attended the board meeting and if he has contacted the residents along the roads he discussed. Roberta and other residents from that area said they have not heard a word from him. Some residents seem to think the franchise can be switched over to Time Warner.

Jon Olin made the comment that in 1970 it cost him over \$2,000.00 to run less than a one hundred (100) foot line to his house through Time Warner. He said at today's rates it would probably be \$6,000.00.

Questions were asked what is the Planning Board doing. They have been in place going on three (3) years and have not submitted the Comprehensive Plan to the Town Board for approval. This land use and comprehensive plan must be in place to control the subdivisions and land splits that are happening at this time. Their next meeting is January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7PM and Danielle Hautanni from Schuyler County will attend to give them some insight on the next steps. They will also discuss the abundance of land selling and splitting especially in the Corbett Hollow area.

According to Vicki Flynn if the Planning Board had this plan in place they owners would have to have to submit the plan to the board and the board could take up to ninety (90) days to approve. Right now there are forty or more major or minor splits happening on small lots. Al Buckland stated that there is a minimum of two acres necessary for the water shed approval for building purposes.

Jocelyn thanked everyone for their vote. (She thinks)

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On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever the meeting adjourned at  
7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, November 21, 2011

A workshop meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, November 21, 2011 at the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:35PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Jocelyn Harrison, Supervisor  
Lori Ellison, Councilwoman  
Ron Froebel, Councilman/Deputy Supervisor  
Minard LaFever, Councilman  
Jim Pinkard, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Miller, Town Justice, Charles Wilson, Darold DeCamp, Superintendent of Highways, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

Melissa spoke to the board members regarding the J-Cap grant she applied for. It will be used for court security, because recently a small town judge was shot through his window. She is applying for \$4,300.00 in grant monies. If the full amount of the grant is granted she will buy a hand held scanner, will need a transaction window, rather than people coming into the court office, she will need to lease a policeman/bailiff or rent one from the Sheriff's department, also special chairs that are linked together, so they cannot be used as weapons. Melissa stated that she will expect the judicial committee to help in these matters. Discussion followed on heat efficient windows and doors for the building and blown in insulation, which part of the money can be used for this purpose if put on the application.

Chuck Wilson asked if they can put test lights on the decorations and then put them on the recycling building. The Community Group has ordered two sets of LED lights, that use no electricity and they will stick them on the wreaths and test to see how they look.

The highway department is still on ten hours per day, four days per week. According to the contract and a letter from the union they should be on five days per week from November to May. Darold maintains that the four day week saves the Town money. He calls the employees in at 4AM and after ten or eleven hours they go home if they are not needed. The board reminded him that there were four or five Fridays last year that they had to be called in and it was all overtime.

To get the equipment on the website for Auction International there has to be an equipment condition report filled out for each item. Jocelyn would like this done by tomorrow afternoon. A reminder that we always have the option to accept or reject the bids on the equipment.

Bernie is happy with his building but the window is too high. Rather than raise the floor or build a platform that he might fall off from perhaps a stool could be used. Jocelyn suggested everyone check around for a stool that is not being used.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

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Executive session called at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, DECEMBER 5, 2011

A regular meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, December 5, 2011 at 6:33PM at the Town of Orange Town Hall with the following members present:

PRESENT: Jocelyn Harrison, Supervisor  
Lori Ellison, Councilwoman  
Minard LaFever, Councilman  
Ron Froebel, Deputy Supervisor/Councilman  
Jim Pinkard, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Sharon Clark, Delinda Dann, Chuck Wilson, George Whipple, Rick Hendricks, Chuck Tarshus, Office of the Aging, Lewis Harrison, Rodney Hoad, Bradford Fire Department, Nezerone Tudi, Joe Dillon, Bradford Fire Department, Darold DeCamp, Superintendent of Highways, Dale Harrison, Vicki Flynn, Assessor, Al Buckland, Code Enforcement Officer, Nicholas Haner, Kristin Haner, Sam Mattison, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 170

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Lori Ellison the Trust & Agency vouchers on Abstract #012 in the amount of \$39,454.80 were paid.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #171

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever the General Fund bills on Abstract #012 in the amount of \$2530.99 were paid.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #172

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the Highway Fund bills on Abstract #012 in the amount of \$7879.66 were paid.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #173

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jim Pinkard the minutes of the November meeting were accepted as read.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #174

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison the workshop meeting minutes for September 26 and October 17, 2011 were accepted as read.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, DECEMBER 5, 2011  
 ADOPTED                      AYES 5                      NAYS 0

**RESOLUTION #175**

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Lori Ellison the workshop meeting minutes for November 21, 2011 were accepted as read.

ADOPTED                      AYES 5                      NAYS 0

Vicki Flynn, Assessor reported Tom Bloodgood should be done with the reassessment of the Town of Orange this week. Tax bills will probably be printed within the next two weeks. Vicki should be done with the Town of Tyrone and then she and Tom are moving on to the Town of Reading and Dix.

Vicki has sent out the STAR exemption notices, but not many have come back in yet. They have until March 1<sup>st</sup> to get this information to her.

**RESOLUTION #176**

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Jim Pinkard the Assessors report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES 5                      NAYS 0

**RESOLUTION #177**

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever the Building Code Officers report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES 5                      NAYS 0

Darold DeCamp, Superintendent of Highways said they have been working on the small sander and have it running now. They have all the trucks ready to plow. Snow fence has been put up. They should be ditching Chambers Road and will also put up new signs.

**RESOLUTION #178**

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Lori Ellison the Superintendent of Highways report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES 5                      NAYS 0

NO Report from Town Justice.

Larry Baker reported the Planning Board will not have a December meeting. He did notify all the new members that they were approved by the Town board. In January there will be an election of new officers.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, DECEMBER 5, 2011  
RESOLUTION #179

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Ron Froebel the Planning Board report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES 5                      NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #180

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Lori Ellison the Town Clerks report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES 5                      NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #181

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Ron Froebel, the Supervisors report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES 5                      NAYS 0

Chuck Tarshus told the group that he is moving out of town to Watkins Glen. Thirty six years of living on the hill is enough so he is moving to the flat part of Watkins. He has been the liaison for the Office of the Aging for four years and has also been part of the advisory board for RSVP and Senior Meal site.

He was instrumental in getting the site moved from the Monterey Baptist Church to the Fire Hall. There are 1500 seniors in the town and to-date 30% of them takes advantage of the meals. However, this is a work in progress and he would like to see someone take over his representation from the Town of Orange.

The Food Bank of the Southern tier is on the calendar almost forever. Approximately 125 people participate every time at the Monterey Highway Department. Food Pantry and Catholic Charities are part of Schuyler Outreach and approximately 40 families are helped by them. Cornell Cooperative extension programs are well received and always have a good turnout and are on the schedule. EOP, WRAP & HEAP, food stamps, and the summer backpack food program in conjunction with the summer swim program all have to be continued. Chuck was also instrumental in helping to get the Veterans Tax Exemption implemented in the Town of Orange. He has also helped with the County transportation system, Alcohol and Drug programs with Dennis Morris, Paul Marks, and Tim O' Hearn. He would like to see a new person step up to the plate and keep these programs running smoothly.

If anyone has any questions as to what the job entails he will talk to them about it, until then he will let us think about it and perhaps come up with a volunteer. Chuck will not be at the next meeting, but everyone wished him well.

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A question was asked what services are available when. The second Monday of the month is the mobile food pantry from Southern tier food Pantry; third Tuesday is the food pantry at the fire hall handled by Ed and Sylva Lewis. The food pantry has grown immensely from eight to ten people to forty plus. The equipment is state owned and the fire auxiliary is in charge of it. Right now they have 1300 pounds of non food items for the Christmas Holiday. This is not only for the food pantry but also as an emergency supply for the Town in the event of a major catastrophe.

Bradford Fire Department reported six calls, three ambulances, three fires. Four drills, four Certified First Responders classes and 5 EMT.

Monterey Fire Department report read 47 hours of training and 107 class hours in fire leadership. Jim Pinkard stated that it really was 98.7 hours of training and 184 hours of of fire leadership with the attendance of John, PJ, Hunter, and himself.

**RESOLUTION #182**

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the fire department reports were accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED            5            NAYS 0

**NEW BUSINESS**

Special thanks to Nick Haner who has our website up and looking very good. [www.townorangenyc.org](http://www.townorangenyc.org). He has the minutes, calendar, list of Town Officials and lots of other information and it is still growing.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Christmas decorations. There are 22 large wreaths approximately 56 inches in diameter and 24 small. They are wrought iron covered with plastic some are tree shaped. Because we are not going to use all of them the public would like to have access to them and they would put them in their yards and then return to the Town at the end of the season. Discussion followed on a signup sheet at the recycling building on Saturday mornings. It would have name, address and phone number and number that the person takes. Because they must be returned to the Town. Several members of the board and public will meet tomorrow night to check out the size and number of decorations the Town has and will determine how many can be available to the public.

**RESOLUTION #183**

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jim Pinkard the Town will make available to the public any excess Christmas decorations and a signup sheet on Saturday mornings.

ADOPTED            AYES 5            NAYS 0

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PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS

With Gary Whyman's elected as County Treasurer he cannot be Chairman of the Board of Assessment Review. Vicky will check with Kirk Frost and Keith Baker to see if either one wants to take over the Chairmanship. If not the Town will have to seek a new member and appoint them.

Public wanted to know what the job entailed. Vicki explained they hold the informal hearings on assessments in June and taxpayers can grieve their assessment and the three panel board along with Vicki makes a determination. If this does not make the owner happy they then take it to small claims for a determination. There is also a three hour class that the Board of Assessment Review person would have to attend before they can sit on the board. They also must be appointed by the Town Board.

The need for a third person should be advertised in a public form, perhaps the Hi Lites.

Jocelyn said the workshop meeting will be December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

Discussion followed on the year end meeting. It was decided that it will be on December 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

On motion of Jim Pinkard, seconded by Lori Ellison the meeting adjourned at 7:13PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

## WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, DECEMBER 19, 2011

A workshop meeting for the Town of Orange was held on Monday, December 19, 2011 at the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:30PM with the following members present:

**PRESENT:** Jocelyn Harrison, Supervisor  
Lori Ellison, Councilwoman  
Ron Froebel, Deputy Supervisor/Councilman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tim Mattison, Town Attorney, George Whipple, Rick Hendricks, Chuck Wilson, Jon Olin, Mary Olin, Darold DeCamp, Superintendent of Highways, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

Because of the dispute over the Highway Department Contract and the workers hours as defined in the contract Tim Mattison, Town Attorney was present to present the options to the Town Board after researching the issue and as he sees it.

Dissolve the Highway Department. Because the contract is a bargaining agreement between the Town Board and the Highway Department laborers, the Superintendent of Highways really has no say in the matter. This is a signed, binding contract as presented to both sides in the negotiations.

Issue a letter to the union members stating that they failed to report to work on a scheduled work day, causing insubordination. This will probably trigger a grievance and the union will claim it is written in the contract which is legal and binding. An arbitrator will probably be brought in and some union members could be reinstated and paid. There is a risk involved with this method but it could benefit the town in the long run.

The next option would require court action. An injunction issued to the union members to follow terms of contract. This could cost the Town some money in filing paperwork and Tim's hourly fee. It would direct the Highway Superintendent to schedule the workers for five days per week at eight hours per day.

Darold stated that they work 7 to 3 but on snowy days how would they get the plowing done before the bus runs. If they work 6 to 2 they will have the bus runs plowed in time in the morning but not the afternoon. Darold also stated that according to the Superintendent of Highways manual he was in charge of the work schedule. The Town Board is in charge of the budget. He still claims it is more cost effective to work four ten hour days.

According to Tim Mattison it is the Town Board's decision because the contract is between the bargaining unit and the Town Board and the contract should trump the Superintendent of Highways wants.

It is also up to the Town Board to set the working conditions and the binding terms or invoke an Article 78.

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Tim also stated that it is up to Superintendent of Highways to enforce the terms of the bargaining unit agreement and Darold has made it very clear that he wants it his way, disregarding the union contract.

Tim stated that he cannot recommend the dissolution of the Highway Department at this time. But 40 hours is 40 hours no matter what the start and end time is. He asked Darold for the names of the Highway Superintendents he has talked to regarding how much money the ten hour days saves the town. He also asked if Darold has contacted the NYS Association of Towns. Tim forgot to bring the research information he has obtained from the folder at his office. He will get it to Jocelyn for review.

Any legal action has to be by resolution of the complete Town Board. The Superintendent of Highways is out of the picture in this decision because he is not a member of the bargaining unit. It appears to Tim that the stand-off is between the Town Board and the Superintendent of Highways, which should not be the case when you have a union contract.

If nothing else a Judge will have to settle the matter, once an injunction is filed.

When the full Town Board makes the decision Tim will need a copy of the resolution. This will give him the authorization to file whatever paperwork is necessary. He will get an opinion letter together and send it to Jocelyn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

YEAR END MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, DECEMBER 26, 2011

A year end meeting was held on Monday, December 26, 2011 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:30PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Jocelyn Harrison, President  
Lori Ellison, Councilwoman  
Ron Froebel, Deputy Supervisor/Councilman  
Minard LaFever, Councilman

ABSENT: Jim Pinkard, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Darold DeCamp, Superintendent of Highways, Sam Mattison, Jane Nichols, Pete Mattison

Minutes as recorded by Lori Ellison.

RESOLUTION #184

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the General Fund bills on Abstract #013 were paid in the amount of \$3669.18.

ADOPTED                    AYES    4                    NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #185

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the Highway Fund bills on Abstract #013 were paid in the amount of \$31,829.10.

ADOPTED                    AYES    4                    NAYS    0

Darold DeCamp wanted to clear up the ten (10) hour day's issue. Minard LaFever reminded everyone that the whole board needs to be present to make the final decision and Jim Pinkard had responded to a fire call. Ron Froebel asked what we should tell the Town residents.

Ron Froebel approved calling to attorney and said Jocelyn had instructed him to do so.

Jocelyn called the Town Attorney, Tim Mattison and asked him to come to the meeting and what the options were for the Town Board regarding the work hours for the highway department.

Darold wanted to know if Ron had permission to call the Town Attorney.

Darold reminded everyone that at the last meeting it was suggested that a letter to union members regarding insubordination, must be the Town wants to spend money to take this to court. Jocelyn said this will be decided at the next meeting on January 2, 2012.

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Workshop meeting worded different than worded here according to Darold reading last month's meeting minutes.

Pete Mattison said he did not sign the contract with John Farwell. He was not given the option to agree or disagree with the contract before adopted. Jocelyn said he needs to contact the union regarding options to do in that case.

The Union members stated they did not vote on the contract before it was signed.

Did they give Union Steward permission to sign?

Pete Mattison wants the Town to look at the contract again because he does not think it is legal, because the only one to sign was Doug Veyley and John Farwell.

According to Tim Mattison the contract between the Town and Union is legal and binding.

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever the meeting adjourned at 7:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk