

REORGANIZATION & REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, JANUARY 18, 2021

A reorganization and regular board meeting for the Town of Orange was held on Monday, January 18, 2021 in the Town of Orange Highway Department at 6:30PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor

Heather Waters, Councilwoman

Norma Burris, Councilwoman

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman

Vacant, Councilmen

OTHERS PRESENT: Al Buckland CEO, Thomas Webster, Clinton Webster, Darron Miller, Skip Harrison, Jocelyn Harrison, Duane Rinker, Mary Olin, Jon Olin, Rick Hendrick, Larry Baker, Chris Sandford, Aaron Sandford, Sam Mattison, Harold Mattison, Jeremy Abbey, Highway Supervisor, Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

Joanne read aloud a letter presented by the Office of the State Comptroller. This can be found on record with the Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION #1

On the motion Norma Burris, seconded by Maryann Friebis that the Town of Orange Reorganize with the following: official blanket undertaking for insurance coverage of all Town properties will be Sprague Insurance for the premium, the employees, building; equipment will be covered by insurance through Sprague Insurance and NYMIR, the board meeting will remain at the first Monday of the month at 6:30PM, that the town board Established Standard Work Day being Eight hours of consistent work, Pat Bartolomeo was appointed as Town Assessor until the term expires in September 30th, 2024, that the town will table the appointment of the Town Attorney while searching for a new one, to Al Buckland was appointed as Building Code Officer, to appoint Registrar of Vital Statistics to be Thomas Peer, the Highway Superintendent and employee wages were set by budget and union contract, Appoint of Deputy Highway Superintendent will be held by Doug McCann, the board appointed Jocelyn Harrison as Deputy Supervisor, the Town Historian will be Thomas Peer, Community Bank will be retained as the Official Depository for the Supervisor, a second signature on Supervisor checks will be required, Town Clerk and Tax Collector, the board authorizes the tax collector to deposit tax collection monies in an interest bearing account, the Justice Department will retain Community Bank as

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depository for Justice Funds, the Hi-Lites and Southern Tier Shopper will be the official newspapers for the Town, the mileage rate for town business will be \$.58 per mile as set by the federal government, the board authorizes the Supervisor to pay certain bills as prepaids to avoid late fees and service charges, the Assessor Pat Bartolomeo was appointed to handle all dog inflicted damage, the return check fee of \$30.00 will be charged by the Town, the board authorizes the Supervisor to invest surplus fund in C/D's, the Recycling Supervisor will be Scott McIwain with Jeff Sonner being the deputy , all salaries for elected officials were set by budget, and to table all salaries for appointed officials, the BAR members appointed are Gary Whyman, Chair, Lewis Harrison, and Nicholas Haner.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - ayes

Heather Waters, Councilwoman - ayes

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – ayes

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman -ayes

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #2

On the motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Maryann Friebis that the Reorganize the Town and County Committees: Landfill Commission - NA, Member/Delegate for Schuyler County Council of Government will be Joanne Randall, Alternate to Above Maryann Friebis, own with the Schuyler County Historical Society will be Thomas Peer, the coordinator of the Summer Swim Program will be Thomas Peer with Misty Simms, Highway Committee will consist of Heather Waters, Maryann Friebis, and Jon Olin, Town Hall building and grounds will be handled by Thomas Peer and Norma Burris, The Fire Department Committee will consist of Gary Dann, Highway Department building and grounds will be taken care of by Jeremy Abbey and Heather Waters, Cemetery Committee will consist of Maryann Friebis and Norma Burris, Town Justice session will be attended by Heather Waters, Town Planning Board Chairperson will be picking back up in March, Worker's Comp Alliance safety and regulations will be handled by Jeremy Abbey and Doug McCann, Norma Burris was appointed to the Schuyler County Regional Planning Board for two years, By contract the dog control officer is Renee Hatch through the Schuyler County Sheriff's Department, Environmental Management Council is attended by Larry Baker. Run an ad on letter on interest for the open Town Board position.

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Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - ayes

Heather Waters, Councilwoman - ayes

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – ayes

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman -ayes

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

Audit of Vouchers

RESOLUTION #3

On motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Heather Waters the General Fund Vouchers on Abstract #001 in the amount of \$32,411.66 were paid.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - ayes

Heather Waters, Councilwoman - ayes

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – ayes

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman -ayes

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #4

On motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Heather Waters the Trust and Agency Vouchers on Abstract #001 in the amount of \$201.00 were paid.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - ayes

Heather Waters, Councilwoman - ayes

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – ayes

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman -ayes

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NAYS 0

Monthly Reports

Building Code Officer – Al Buckland – 14 inspection, one without a permit, 26 hours, 310 miles. In 2020 there was a construction cost of \$4,598,952.00, and the cost of those permits were \$11,454.00. So far this month I have issued four permits with a \$390,00 construction cost so far.

Justice Report – Joanne Randall – This is for November and December. November was a total of \$351, and \$165 with stay with the town, and the state gets \$186. December was a total of \$373, and \$230 will stay with the town, and the state gets \$93.

Thomas Peer – Just to add to the report, our town website has a link to do the court online. There is a link you can use to sign in to go to court, they are doing it only for the Covid-19 increase in the area.

RESOLUTION #5

On motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Maryann Friebis to approve the Building Code Officer, and Justice Reports as presented.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - ayes

Heather Waters, Councilwoman - ayes

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – ayes

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman -ayes

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

Town Clerk – Thomas Peer – Ill just start with the Town Clerk, in December the amount taken in was low, I did \$160 dollars in business. The town will get \$49.90, Schuyler County Humane Society will get \$93.10, and the state will get \$17, for a total of \$160. I did do a birth certificate, some death certificates, but mostly preparing for the tax season coming up. As of January 17th, I have collected \$318,057.15, \$289,772.99 being full payments. A lot of people are paying full payments and are on time, which is a good time. I believe we are on track like last year to meet the tax warrant. I have also received may phone call, but as I know right now there is no tax relief for people paying taxes due to the global pandemic for town and county taxes.

RESOLUTION #6

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On motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Maryann Friebis to approve the Town Clerk report as presented.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - ayes

Heather Waters, Councilwoman - ayes

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – ayes

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman -ayes

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

Supervisor – Joanne Randall – This is for the month of October, the general fund checking account is at \$76,409.09, retirement account is \$14,454.26, cemetery reserve is \$9,028.71, capital reserve is \$ 48,790.09, Sugar Hill cemetery reserve is \$1,166.56. The Highway checking account is \$39,804.18, the capital reserve is \$11,632.24. The trust fund is \$-670.36. The November report is, the general checking account is \$76,409.72, retirement account is \$14,454.26, Sugar Hill cemetery reserve is \$1,166.63, capital reserve is \$48,790.99, cemetery reserve is \$9,028.71. The Highway checking is \$21,371.80, capital reserve is \$11,634.00. The Trust fund is \$1,412.83.

RESOLUTION #7

On motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Maryann Friebis to approve the Supervisor report as presented.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - ayes

Heather Waters, Councilwoman - ayes

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – ayes

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman -ayes

ADOPTED

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Planning Board – N/A

Fire Department

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Bradford – Ten calls in the Town of Bradford, eight ambulance and two fires. In Orange, one ambulance call. 191 calls, 142 ambulance and 49 fire for 2020.

Monterey – Here is the end of the year for Monterey. 95 calls, 420.5-man hours, EMS calls be the most calls, even though they are not contracted for EMS. Their general account has a balance of \$36,417, and with a two percent account with \$2,543.

New Business

Community Host Agreement – Delaware River – Joanne Randall – During the summer we agree that they would pay \$20,000 total a Host Agreement. Well after working out more details with SCOPE, they said that Delaware only had to pay Orange \$7,000, or no PILOT program could be created. After some time, Delaware got a hold of myself and stated that working with Orange was a seamless process, that they would pay the remaining \$13,000 to bring the project back to a total of \$20,000. The check stated that they would be back to the amended agreement between Orange and Delaware River. This can all be found of file in the Town Hall. This money has been placed into the capital reserve account. December 16 is when the \$13,000 was deposited in to that account.

Old Business

Decommissioning Plan – Guaranty Bond – Joanne Randall – We first approached them with a cash account for the plan. Their counteroffer was for a performance guarantee bond in leu of the cash account. They stated that the cash account will not benefit either party, or that they are part of a Travelers Company rated AA by S&P for the past few months and can now offer this plan for decommissioning. The bond would post now for \$55,268 then increase the amount of the bond by two precent each year to keep up with inflation. This bond will be good for 25 years, and at the end of 25 years the bond would be worth \$99,973. Our attorney will be looking this over and seeing if it looks to be true. I feel it is better than the cash option right now, because of the time trial.

Maryann Friebis – Joanne my concern is that these companies are sold all the time, what is it to say in 25 yeas who will own that solar farm.

Joanne – Yes, but the bond would be transferred with the sale of the solar farm, though the Travelers Company.

Norma – I thought is that the first offer had the decommissioning around \$110,000, now this plan shows it around \$99,000. That is some difference. Again, the new states the plan would take

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effect with in 120 days of now power being made, but the old one stated in took effect 90 days after now power was being made.

Maryann – Well our town law say six months after now power is being made.

Norma – I think we need to ask more questions.

Floor and Public Concerns

John Olin – Who is to say how much this will cost in 25 years, how much money the county making on this project. I feel that the \$20,000 is nothing and means nothing to our town. Who know how much this will cost.

Heather Waters – That is why Joanne has submitted all the information to the attorney of the town, he will look it over and see how it can best fit our town.

Joanne – Anyone else from the floor?

James Rose – Yes, I am new back to the area, and I am just listening. I just want to offer my knowledge; I have a hug background in accounting and could help taking a look over the budget and seeing what could be expressed and where things could be adjusted.

Norma – How about applying after the ad is ran and come present then in more detail.

James – Okay.

Rick Hendrick – I have a question back when we held the public hearing on the Highway Supervisor going from elected to appointed was never on the ballot in November.

Joanne – Because we had a public hearing and no one there wanted it, it seemed like the majority of the room wanted it to remain elected.

Thomas Peer – There was no formal vote taken by the board that night. Without a supporting resolution I cannot submit to the board of elections. There was not formal motion made, no vote taken after that public hearing was taken. Without direction from the board, I can not do my part.

Rick – Why did you not tell anyone.

Thomas – It is not me role to tell the board to vote or make motions. As the clerk that is not my role. Its your job as a board member to enact a local law.

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Joanne – Most people at the meeting did not want it either that night.

Norma – Well I want to make a resolution that states we have two signatures on each check.

Heather – Joanne was looking into it before we have to redesign the check.

Norma – I understand that, but we need a resolution stating that is what we want.

Heather – All I am saying we should look into it before it cost us more money to do.

Maryann – Lets bring that up at our next board meeting.

Joanne – Okay I will contact the bank.

Norma – Also we need to work on the new emergency planning, it is due by April 1 and it will take some time putting it all together. It was in our Towns and Topics magazine; I only copied the page to hand out. We might need two of us to work on it.

Heather – We all can't work on it?

Norma – We could, but we would have to make a work meeting because then it is a quorum. I'll also be asking around to see how other towns are doing it as well.

Joanne – Any more for the floor?

Thomas – Yes, I would like to talk about the contract for the computer and technology. It is to the point of feeling comfortable to move forward to get this stuff ordered and have it installed sometime in February. The Court will also be taken care of as well, they need to be more secure with their information, and by having their own network only creates more walls to get into their system. If not done it a timely matter, they will spend with own public funds to move forward with what the state says they must do.

Maryann – I see the contract, but have a few issues, mostly parts 18, 19, and 27.

Thomas – Okay, well 18 is only allows the contractor to engage with a third-party sub-contractor when the job calls for it. If he is unable to do the work, or finds himself in a area where he can not fix the problem, why not bring in a new contractor? It is like if we can not fix our trucks in house, they get sent out. 19, just states the sub-contractor works for him directly not the town, so he will be in charge of them. We only have to pay for the sub-contractor after his pay them, and the work is done. I am sure we will have an idea on what something like that would cost before he hires them. 27, really, he would sell our contract to a new party without prior written notice.

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really only see this coming into play as this is a small company, people only work for so long, I sure he would find us someone really nice to take over our contract when it is that time, but I am not sure that this will happen anytime soon.

Maryann – I would just like to see the liability and workers comp.

Norma – Agreed.

On motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Heather Waters the meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, FEBRUARY 8, 2021

A regular board meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, February 8, 2021 in the Town of Orange Highway Department at 6:30PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor

Heather Waters, Councilwoman

Norma Burris, Councilwoman

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug McCann, Bob McConell, Al Buckland, Darin Miller, Mary Olin, Misty Simms, James, Rose, Sam Mattison, Jim Overhiser, Clinton Webster, Jeremy Abbey, Superintendent of Highways, Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #8

On motion of Maryann Friebis, seconded by Heather Waters the General Fund Vouchers on Abstract #002 in the amount of \$16,504.57 were paid.

ADOPTED

AYES 3

NAYS 0

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - ayes

Heather Waters, Councilwoman - ayes

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – ayes

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman -ayes

RESOLUTION #9

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Maryann Friebis the Highway Fund Vouchers on Abstract #002 in the amount of \$50,799.61 were paid.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - ayes

Heather Waters, Councilwoman - ayes

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – ayes

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman -ayes

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #10

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Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - ayes

Heather Waters, Councilwoman - ayes

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – ayes

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman -ayes

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

Town Clerk – Thomas Peer - \$1,382.59 money collected this last month. Most of the money came from Al’s building permits. \$250 came from a logging permit for Switzer Hill. \$86.80 will go to the Human Society, and \$16 will go to the state. \$169.95 is in there for our first Hometown Hero Banner, I plan on putting in the first order by the end of the month. So we can get them in to show people what they look like to drive of the attention. Now to the Tax Collector, as of February 8th I have collected \$1,030,557.78. A lot are full payments, \$86,770.50 are first installments. So that check will be written to the County, plus a few fees and services. I think we are no track with late year. I think there is a bout another \$220,000 out there to be collected. To get us to last year numbers. We normally high the \$1.3 million mark, so I think we are at a good point in collections. Just been a very busy January, on the 30th I did \$227,000 worth of taxes, and spent 11 hours in my office that day making sure everything for January was processed to that point. It is a big task, but it needs to be done.

RESOLUTION #13

On motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Maryann Friebis approve the Town Clerk report as presented.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - ayes

Heather Waters, Councilwoman - ayes

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – ayes

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman -ayes

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

Supervisor – Joanne Randall – As of December 31st, 2020 the General Fund had \$62,643.90, in the Highway Funds had \$171,486.19, we got the CHIPS money in for \$155,000. The Trust and Agency had \$7,848.11.

RESOLUTION #14

On motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Heather Waters approve the Supervisor report as presented.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor – ayes

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Heather Waters, Councilwoman - ayes

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – ayes

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman -ayes

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

Planning Board – NA

Fire Department

Bradford – January we had 24 calls, Town of Bradford. One ambulance call in Town of Orange. Bath we had three mutual ad calls. 117 hours on the ambulance, and 11 hours on the fire, 16 of class training,

Beaver Dams – Joanne Randall – They gave an end of the year report for 2020. 181 calls, an average of ten members per call, 1710 personal response hours, Town of Dix 91, Town of Catlin 59, Town of Orange Nine calls, mutual ad 29 times Watkins Glen/Montour

Falls/Hornby/Tompkins Corner/Monterey. There was 6534 training hours, truck night totaling 324 hours, meeting 78 hours, board meetings 1119 hours, total station hours 2835, state training hours nothing, total volunteer hours were nothing. Made purchases of 2020 of a 2001 Pierce Engine, 20 set of gear, replaced all out of date hoses, and new LED sign in from of the station.

RESOLUTION #15

On motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Maryann Friebis approve the Fire Department report as presented.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - ayes

Heather Waters, Councilwoman - ayes

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – ayes

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman -ayes

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

New Business

Letter of Intent – Joanne Randall – I would like anyone here to present and read aloud their letter of Intent and submit to the Town Board.

Letters were read aloud and present to the board by the following people:

James Rose

Misty Simms

Rick Hendrick

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Internal Audit Justice/Letter – Joanne Randall – A letter was send to town by the unified court system requesting an audit from the Town Board of the Town Court. You will have to talk with Mindy about what time will work for her. I just need two people to do this. Tuesday nights are the normal nights. Heather and Maryann I would like to know if you two can do it.

Heather Waters – I have no issue.

Maryann – I have no issue either.

Joanne – Okay I will put the forms in your mail box, they just need to be returned to me, so I can mail them in.

Continuation of Operations Protocol Review – Joanne Randall – Has everyone been able to read this and review it. We are reviewing this so we can be better prepared for the future in the case of events such like a pandemic, we are ready to start putting a plan into place. It could also be a fire, flooding, etc. This is also mandated from the state that we create and review an operation protocol. A copy was sent to the union by Norma.

Norma – Yes, now I am just waiting for feed back from the board.

Joanne – On page two, under response time the wording should be changed to reflect a “limited time” to respond to such event. We don’t want something to take three months, six months to do something that could be taken care of sooner. It forces us to act quicker in a way to get our operation protocol working faster. Also where it reads department heads, they are the same thing as the person who is doing the job, they are the department. A lot of our department heads are just made up of individual people. Also while the town does have much to say about the operations. The Court is ran though the Unified Court System and are over seen by them, we do not have any control over the court and how they operate. That is what they did this time around. They order the Justice to go to the office and when they can be open for court.

Norma – Yes, but they still need to coordinate with the Supervisor and the Clerk. So, it is just sharing information and what they are doing.

Joanne – Yeah, because I did not see anyone from the court for three or four months.

Thomas – Yes, they were not even allowed to open the mail for the court for a long period of time.

Norma – You roles are to act a the hub with information sharing the next time something like this happens.

Joanne – Okay, when did you need it by, the end of April.

Norma – Yes, I believe so.

Joanne – Okay everyone email Norma your comments so she can put them all together.

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Budget Adjustments General and Highway Funds – Joanne Randall – It is not a AUD and more it is a AFR, this just helps with the closing of the books and makes all accounts balance.

General Fund Adjustments –

To: A1110.2 Justice equipment of \$169.57 From: A1110.4 Justice Contractual \$169.57

To: A13330.1 Tax Collector P/S .20 From: A1330.4 Tax Collector Contractual .20

To: A1410.4 Town Clerk Contractual \$74.44 From: A1410.2 Town Clerk Equipment \$74.44

To: A1620.2 Building Supplies \$202.84 From: A1620.41 Building Utilities \$202.84

To: A1620.4 Building Contractual \$8,791.39 From: A1450.4 Elections \$3,733.36, A1420.4 Attorney Contractual \$1,936.50, A1620.41 Building Utilities \$1,660.32, A1355.4 Town Assessor \$1,461.21

To A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance \$2,252.25 From: A3310.4 Public Safety Traf Cont. \$1,000, A7310.4 Youth Program Contractual \$1,252.25

To: A3620.4 Safety Inspection Contractual \$553.35 From: A1990.4 Contingency Account \$500, A4025.4 Drug Testing \$53.35

To: A5132.4 Garage- Town Barn \$6,493.58 From: A5010.2 Highway Equipment \$500, A4025.4 Hearing Testing \$200, A5010.4 Highway Sup Contractual \$579.13, A9010.8 State Retirement \$5214.45

To: A5132.41 Garage Utilities \$1,696.33 From: A7310.4 Youth Program Contractual \$903.33, A9050.8 Unemployment Ins. \$500, A1220.2 Supervisor Equipment \$293

To: A6410.4 Publicity Contractual \$480.63 From A8989.4 Home & Comm Service \$50, A8020.4 Planning Board Contractual \$300, A9040.8 Workers' Comp \$130.63

To: A8160.1 Garbage P/S \$467 From: A9040.8 Workers' Comp \$467

To: A8160.4 Garbage Contractual \$2,107.78 From: A9040.8 Workers' Comp \$2,000, A9010.8 State Retirement \$107.78

Highway Fund Adjustments –

To: DA5110.1 General Repairs – Pers. Serv. \$15,543.43 From: DA5112.2 CHIPS \$10,016.02, DA5140.1 Summer Help \$5,527.41

To: DA5110.4 General Repairs- Contractual \$72,816.34 From: DA5142.4 Salt and Sand \$31,759.46, DA5142.41 Fuel \$19,802.02, DA5130.2 Machinery Sm Tools \$13,093.80, DA9010.8 Retirement \$5,157, DA9040.8 Workers' Comp \$3004.06

To: DA5110.42 General Repairs – Fuel \$386.90 From: DA5140.1 Summer Help \$386.90

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To: DA5110.42 General Repair – Clothing Allow \$3975.75 From: DA5140.1 Summer Help \$3,975.75

To: DA5140.2 Misc. Contractual \$1,074.73 From: DA5140.1 Summer Help \$1,074.73

To DA5142.1 Plowing Wages \$338.71 From: DA5140.1 Summer Help \$338.71

To: DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual \$241,239.03 From: DA5140.1 Summer Help \$2,535.51, DA9040.8 Workers' Comp \$6,768.22, DA9050.8 Unemployment \$1,000, DA9055.8 Disability Ins \$269.05, DA9060.8 \$15,955.47

Joanne – I just need a motion to approve these adjustments.

Heather Waters – Are these numbers normally this high?

Maryann – Yes, this seems to be very high, and what do we do. Just submit it and the state will be okay with the numbers being over.

Joanne – Well there is nothing we can do now, and they knew this after doing our audit. All we can do is balance close as we can and move on.

Norma – Well we need to do something in the future to not have his issue, If we where able to see the accounts month to month we can see where we can freeze or stop spending. Then we can talk about how we can fix these issues.

Maryann – We need to start talking about making budget adjustments now for 2021 and look at build one for 2022.

Norma – We are just over budget, and we need to do something about it. At this point we need to stop and look at everything to see where the overspending it is coming from.

Heather – I agree with you, but we need to work out a time.

Maryann – We need to look more into grants and see what money is out there and see what we can get.

RESOLUTION #16

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Maryann Friebis approve the General Funds and Highway Funds budget adjustments for 2020 as presented.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - ayes

Heather Waters, Councilwoman - ayes

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – ayes

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman -ayes

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

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Old Business

Decommissioning Plan – Joanne Randall – Jon is looking into it for us.

Floor / Public Concerns

Mary Olin – How are the minutes coming along? Why haven't you answered my FOIL request?

Thomas – I am trying my best to keep up on them. I mailed out a letter to you, and I have not control over the mail and the time it takes letters to get place to place.

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Maryann Friebis the meeting adjourned at 7:289PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, APRIL 5TH, 2021

Town Clerk – Thomas Peer – The town will get a check for \$672.81, DEC will pull \$47.24, Humane Society of Schuyler \$92.40, and NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets will get \$18. Transitioning into getting ready for my Town Clerk Conference this month. There is a \$125 registration fee, first two days I am going to the Town of Horseheads to be with other Clerks who are attending the conference as well. This is being held over the computer, so we are getting together because we feel we can learn more while together, like normal conference. It is a total of four full days of learning, really using this time to learn what my role is as a Town Clerk and what is new for this year. I will be close for that week, 26th to 30th. Tax Collection, I am just accepting what is coming in the mail, somethings are still dated for March, for a total collection of \$1,360,515.86, leaving a balance of \$143,252.63. In four years of collecting that is the lowest amount I have seen in the remaining balance, just show you a lot of people are paying. Again, first installments are low with \$87,823.87, but again show that people are paying in the full amount. Now Joanne has gotten all the monies for the general, highway department, and fire tax. Giving me a balance of \$273,063.19, my guess the county will ask for \$272,000 we get to keep some of the money of the fee collected. I saw with the state land in our town they paid a total of \$108,624.60 and the county gets all of that, and we don't see that money. With the franchises in town as well they pay a total of \$70,490.65 we are not seeing, now that is in the \$1.3 million collected, but it is not ours. I think it was a good year for taxes. Going on again, having Adam come in and do so computer stuff have been about 85% successful of all that we have done. He was here for about five hours, we ran some new wires and got all computers connected to one location, and with the copier as well, and the court does have their own network now. We have a plan B and plan C right now, we are working both to see what will work in the end. Plan B is to contact the copiers company to get the access code to override the copier completely and are just waiting to hear back. Plan C is to hardwire a computer to the copier to operate as switch to all other computers. Both plans do not cost us more, they are part of this same project, but we are working on it. I wrote the paperwork for the Summer Swim program, and submitted it as we are planning on going back to the pool, with things opening back up we hope to be back at the pool. Misty Simms will be helping use again this summer, she did the role last year and is glad to do it again. We a planning it out so we can get the \$1,200 from the Youth Bureau. I submitted the first batch for the hometown hero, so in two or three weeks we should get them, but we are going to be taking more orders moving forwards.

RESOLUTION #39

On motion of Maryann Friebis, seconded by Heather Waters the Town Clerk report as presented.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - ayes

Heather Waters, Councilwoman - ayes

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a project for our park. We are also talking about name the park after Carol Rhoades after her recent passing.

New Business

Minutes

RESOLUTION #41

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Norma Burris approve the minutes of the Budget Public Hearing on the 2021 Budget November 16th, 2020.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - ayes

Heather Waters, Councilwoman - ayes

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – ayes

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman -ayes

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

Ad – CDL Driver – Joanne Randall – We need to put an ad in the paper for a new CDL driver, we had a guy leave and we are paying him until the end of April. When he retires, we need to fill his position, we hope by the end of April we can have someone picked. We will run the ad of an MEO position. I would like to have it run for a few weeks, like the 12th and 19th of the month, so we could have someone starting May 1st, I hope.

Resolution – Finger Lakes National Heritage Area – Joanne Randall –

RESOLUTION #42 SUPPORTING THE FINGER LAKES NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

On the Motion of Maryann Friebis, seconded by Norma Burris to support the Finger Lakes National Heritage area as follows:

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes form a unique and diverse region in Upstate New York and encompasses a patchwork of cultures and history, as well as spectacular natural, scenic and recreational resources that reflect a unique contribution to the collective American identity, and

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes is distinguished by eleven pristine lakes formed over 19,000 years ago at the end of the “Ice Age” that have over the years been Native American hunting grounds and villages, rich agricultural lands that inspired settlement, villages and small towns, a world renowned wine industry, which have together formed a unique and distinctive landscape, and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has the authority to designate National Heritage Areas that encompasses a region where natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally distinctive landscape shaped by geography and cultural traditions, and

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WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area Feasibility Study was authorized by the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act of 2019, which directed the Secretary of the Interior to evaluate the natural, historic, cultural, educational, and recreational resources of the Finger Lakes, and

WHEREAS, the legislation identified the following counties to be considered as part of the study: Cayuga, Chemung, Cortland, Livingston, Monroe, Onondaga, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Wayne, and Yates, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Orange is within the Finger Lakes Tourism region, as designated by New York State law and the National Heritage Area study area and has a plethora of natural, cultural, historic, agricultural and recreational resources pertinent to the study, and

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance has worked since 2014 with regional and area civic organizations, local jurisdictions and local governments, business community and numerous other stakeholders and non-profit groups in submitting the original request to the National Park Service which resulted in the Feasibility Study in 2021, and continues to work the National Park Service to gather input from the public regarding the creation of a national heritage area in the Finger Lakes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Orange supports the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area designation and the inclusion of all fourteen counties including Cayuga, Chemung, Cortland, Livingston, Monroe, Onondaga, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Wayne, and Yates counties in the National Heritage Area, and supports Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance in their current and future leadership role in administering the National Heritage Area.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - ayes

Heather Waters, Councilwoman - ayes

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – ayes

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman -ayes

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

Legalization of Marijuana – Joanne Randall – This next part was given to me by Tom O’Hearn, and what do we do if someone wants to open up a shop in the town.

Maryann Friebis – I think we should revisit this because it is still too early. We can put it on a future agenda.

Joanne – Well having plan before they are here is better.

Maryann – I know, but we need more information.

Heather Waters- I am just looking at it as a form of revenue, its up to them to put the work forward to open the business, but come on it is here already, and if they don’t have a real business, I am sure they will get in just as much trouble. Let’s make money where we can.

Joanne – Okay, we can talk about this later.

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Old Business

Continuation of Operations Plan – Joanne Randall – Were are we on this.

Norma Burris – We passed this at the March meeting, and it has been submitted.

Joanne – other old business?

Norma – Yes, I have something. Eric Machuga is looking to get paid. So, we need to find out why this is outstanding, an \$2,638.95. This bill dates back about a year. They are looking to get paid. Gary has spoken with them personally.

Heather – Is there any way to look back and see if we even got gravel back around that date? Is there a record?

Thomas Peer – I just find it odd that I haven't gotten anything from him. I asked to be CC in emails and faxes, and when I get them, I put them in Jeremy mails box here in the office. He needs to fill out to forms to have them paid.

Maryann – But when we are being handed this now, there is an issue.

Thomas – Again just find it odd that Eric has not reach out to Joanne or me prior to what is going on right now. This being over a year, and other bills being paid in between. Why find a bill if it is not being presented and others are?

Joanne – Yes, because we did pay Eric in 2019 and all of 2020, so I don't see why this one was not submitted. We first need to talk with Jeremy and find the date this was date for and see if he has a copy of it.

Maryann – I think our next move is to go into executive session to talk about this next bill.

Joanne – I am not talking about it, and was told not to talk about this because it could lead to another case.

Maryann – But a check was written on something the board did not agree to.

Joanne – How can we agree if two of us do not recuse ourselves.

Norma – We should be in executive session.

Thomas – I do not think you can go into executive session to talk about paying a bill, the use of money can not be talked about in executive session.

Norma – We would prefer to not do it tonight, as the lawyer is not here. Neither is James Rose. Is that fine.

Maryann – I guess it will have to be. The check is mostly cashed already.

Joanne – What do we do if the lawyer does not show up?

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Norma – If we all invite him, he will show up. As long as we agree to pay him, he will show up, and on that note I would like to close the meeting.

Joanne – Well the public has a right to speak at the meeting, and we haven't gotten to them yet.

Privilege of Floor

Wendy Veley – Well April is here again, would anyone like to ride along with me, I know it was talked about last year. But right now it will take us about a month to get all cleaned up a ready for the mowing season. We plan on starting Friday.

On motion of Joanne Randall, seconded by Heather Waters the meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS, REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, APRIL 13th, 2022

A public hearing on the Fire Department Contracts for 2022 regular board meeting for the Town of Orange was held on Wednesday, April 13th, 2022, in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:31PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Norma Burris, Town Supervisor

Heather Waters, Councilwoman

Rick Hendrick, Councilman

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman

James Rose, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Duane Rinker, Delinda Dann, Gary Dann, Wendy Veley, Gary Whyman, John Rappleye Highway Supervisor, Joanne Randall, Audrey Pane, Darin Miller, Erick Barrber, Larry Baker, Cedric Steward, Jon Olin, Chris Sandford, Jocelyn Harrison, Lewis Harrison, Jim Pinkard, Thomas Peer Town Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING FIRE DEPARTMENTEN CONTRACTS 2022

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS: This hearing is to permit comments prior to the board entering into a contractual agreement with the Beaver Dams Volunteer Fire Department in the sum of \$17,747; the Bradford Volunteer Fire Department in the sum of \$19,500, and the Monterey Volunteer Fire Department in the sum of \$88,085.

Resolution #27

On motion of Maryann Friebis, seconded by Heather Waters to approve as presented the 2022 Town of Orange Town Budget to entering into a contractual agreement with the Beaver Dams Volunteer Fire Department in the sum of \$17,747; the Bradford Volunteer Fire Department in the sum of \$19,500, and the Monterey Volunteer Fire Department in the sum of \$88,085.

Norma Burris, Town Supervisor – AYES

Heather Waters, Councilwoman – AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman – AYES

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – AYES

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Resolution #30

On motion of Maryann Friebis, seconded by Heather Waters the Trust and Agency Fund Vouchers on Abstract #004 in the amount of \$824.45 were paid.

Norma Burris, Town Supervisor – AYES

Heather Waters, Councilwoman – AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman – AYES

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

New Business

Supervisor Report – Norma Burris – The IMA with the County for Web Services is now live. Our site is townoforangeny.us

We have requested additional quotes for security coverage for the Highway Department and have yet to receive any, we have one from Eastern Security which may utilize in order to get the site secure. We need to get Eastern back into town hall as well to add an inside camera and relocate the alarm pad to be closer to door.

Heather Waters - I still think we need another bid, whether we call around ourselves to see, not have them come to us.

Rick Hendrick – I agree with Heather, there must be another company out there to cover what we need.

Norma – But Eastern already is covering us and would only be updating and adding to our system.

Maryann Friebis – We should just stay with them if they are already here.

Resolution #31

On motion of Maryann Friebis, seconded by James Rose to stay with Eastern Security.

Norma Burris, Town Supervisor – AYES

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Heather Waters, Councilwoman – NAYS

Rick Hendrick, Councilman – NAYS

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 3

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Norma - We have secured a quote from First Net cell phone service. We are considering switching all Town Hall and Highway Department phones to this service which gives priority use for local band with usage. This service also provides several hours of back up for our security cameras in the case of power outages. The Highway Supervisor and Code Enforcement will each have a cell phone to be reached on.

Norma - The town will be entering into a contract with Deforest Lawn/Wendy Veley for outside lawn maintenance. In the amount of \$19,600 annually. Payments to start in May of 2022.

Rick – We just want to make sure that mowing and picking up and cleaning are part of the contract as well.

Norma – Yes, they are.

Resolution #32

On motion of Maryann Friebis, seconded by Heather Waters to accept the contract for lawn services with Deforest Lawn/ Wendy Veley.

Norma Burris, Town Supervisor – AYES

Heather Waters, Councilwoman – AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman – AYES

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

Monterey - NA

Beaver Dams - NA

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Highway Supervisor Report - John Rappleye - We are putting pipes in on Switzer Hill Road, and we have one more to do on West Lake Road due to water damage.

Heather - Is that pipe going to be that high? It seems like it is a ramp.

John - Yes, we are just wanting to the ground to settle a bit before we cap over the pipe. We want to see that dirt compact itself down before we do more.

Heather - That is great to hear.

John - Yes, and the town clean up day is planned for May 14th, 8 am to noon at the town barn.

Thomas - Yeah, I can put an ad in the paper so everyone else knows about it.

Delinda Dann - What don't they take?

Thomas - Just household chemicals, like paints, bleach, cleaning supplies, etc. Schuyler County does have day for that, but believe it is later in the summer. You do need to sign up a head of time. The only thing we charge for is tires, and they are \$3 per tire.

Delinda - What about tvs, and small appliances?

Thomas - We take those any Saturday, we do not charge for those items. We would rather you to bring them to us vis them needing to be picked up on the side of the road. This is only for residents of the Town of Orange. We do have five zip codes, and if anyone has any questions, just have them call the town hall.

Procurement Policy - Norma Burris - I hope you all had time to review these document, and I hope we can move forward with this.

Heather - I was reviewing it, and as long as we look for used items first, then I would be okay with it.

Norma - I do think we try to find used items first.

Thomas - I think it reads that it's up to the discretion of the person putting in the procurement, but we normally try to find used items.

Heather - Okay, thanks.

Resolution #34

Rick Hendrick, Councilman – AYES

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – AYES

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ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

Williamson Law Book - Norma Burris - I think we need to a resolution to not use or sign an agreement of services to not renew. Ralph said that he will not be using it, so we can save money there.

Heather - Then what will he be using to do his work?

Norma - I am not sure what he will be using, or what his plan is.

Heather - Should we wait to see what he wants to do.

Norma - If he is not going to use it, why pay for it.

James - Is this just an add on?

Thomas - It was requested by the town board about an year or two ago, so that is why we got Al the program to use.

James - How much is it?

Thomas - I believe \$1,080, or at least somewhere in that range.

Heather - So will he use a program that we would have to pay for at some point?

Norma - He will let us know how he will be reporting to us.

Thomas - Just to add to it, Al had filed most of his paperwork via paper with his old reports, so for 18 years it has already been done like that. All Williamson is a tool in the toolbox to use to help do the job better on the paperwork end. If they can do it without the program, it should be fine. The report is still the same at the end of the day with the State.

Resolution #37

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Maryann Friebis to not contract with Williamson Law Book for the Building Codes Program.

Norma Burris, Town Supervisor – AYES

Heather Waters, Councilwoman – AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman – AYES

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman – AYES

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James Rose, Councilman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

Public Comments

Rick Hendrick - I have some questions on the use of yellow trucks dumping wood on the State Land on Hornby Road at the old dump site. I heard that all this tree debris is coming from the clearing of that land for the new stable up on the State Land.

Norma - I am not sure, but John might know.

John - I thought it was from the clearing of County Road 22 so the utility company can get the services.

Rick - Well here is something to add to it. I know Jeff Sutton was going to get a wood chipper. Does the town have one, and if so could be use that to provide the townspeople a way to be able to use it. Whether it is once or twice a year. But I know when he was looking into that he stated that we only have a little bit of land to do it over there. I know right now they are over that part of land we take care on, and they are now encroaching on State Land. I just don't want the State coming along and blaming us for poor management.

Larry Baker - Yes, they are pushing over pine trees that have been there for decades. That is State Land they are putting most of that debris.

John - Yeah I can call the County and see who is all in charge of that operation and see who we can get to manage it better.

Heather - So the County is the one putting over there on that land we have to manage.

Rick - Yes, and a lot of people are asking me why they are doing that. We should have been involved and got something in writing so we have been covered.

John - Yeah I can call the County to see what is going on.

Audrey Pane - I have a question, what is going on with Camp Monterey?

Thomas - Nothing so far, as I know.

Norma - It is being sold soon. That process is still going though.

Audrey - So nothing to do with cannabis.

Thomas - As far as I know that was a rumor.

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Audrey - When will they let us know?

Norma - I believe when the State does all the paperwork. Once that happens, we should know.

Darin Miller - So what happened to Cody Morehouse bid for lawn mowing?

Norma - After calling him, he withdraws his bid.

Darin - You called him?

Norma - I called his insurance company, they added him to the call, and stated he did not want the job.

Darin - Is not the contract with Deforest Lawn over the budgeted amount set out by the 2022 budget.

Maryann Friebis - She was the only one at the point to have put in a bid.

Darin - I thought you were going to rewrite the contract and put it back out there for bid.

Maryann - We did not have enough time.

James - This is where community action needs to come in and take part.

Jon Olin - What about the revelation of the assessment of the town. That is the hot topic right now. One they are comparing us to Tyrone, two 20,000 plus acres of State Land here, three the solar farm here in town are a factor. The first solar farm the county got the first \$45,000 and the town got nothing. What is going on with the other two as of farmland being converted to non farmland. They are all getting exemptions if not turned over to the assessor.

Heather - Okay, we are in a right to farm area. The only way you would be able to find that out is if it was on for those exemptions. Whomever was farming it would have had to fill that out with the assessor and file the right paperwork. Whomever sold that or did whatever needed to report that. Believe me I fill out the paperwork every year because of the farm we have.

Jon - Is that our job to be checking that as taxpayers or should the assessor and county be checking into that.

Thomas - Just to add, we wrote two contracts with those two later solar farms, so they do not fit under those rules.

Jon - Who did that, who was given the authority to do that?

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Thomas - The town board at the time. They are the one at the time who wrote out those contracts. Those two farms are through our local law, and went step by step to complete what needs to be done at the local level and county level. We came to an agreement through our PILOT Program, and the taxable rate is set out in that program.

Jon - So we are all paying for that now?

Heather - No, they are paying a different tax rate now. They are no longer considered farmland according to the assessor.

Thomas - They are not affected by what you are reading online because that does not play a part due to our local agreement.

Heather - Yes, they should be paying more than as if it was labeled farmland, they are paying more right now.

Jon - Then how did the county get \$45,000 off the first one before? How are we not effective?

Thomas - Well that solar farm was put in prior to our 2019 local law. That was all ran through the county, IDA Judy Cherry, but to say that they are the ones who had their hand in it. That was the deal that they made.

Rick - It came to Al, he signed it and moved it forward.

Thomas - Al did his job, without our local law, or any kind of regulations to stop or slow it down, he did his job. It would have been or acted like a normal building permit. We don't have zoning, nor do we have a planning committee to oversee projects like this.

Heather - He had to sign it.

Thomas - Yes, that is why we created the local law. To slow or be more involved in solar in our town.

Heather - Now we can be all a part of this project or projects in the future.

Thomas - We are getting a better deal than the first farm. Our local school gets a better deal. We wrote in the contract that we want schools to get the largest part of the money. Then the town and followed by the county with the lowest amount from taxes. The county first cut the other two parties out, and now we are in charge of the deal, so we get the most say in what is going on.

Jon - As long as we can trace the money and know where it is coming from and going.

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Thomas - I think one thing we should hi lite is the decommissioning that is covered in our local law. When the solar farm reaches its lifespan, there is money set aside for it to come down. There was no concrete used in making the farms, and it states that the land must be returned to the state prior to the solar farm being there. This all should take place 25 to 30 years or the lifespan of the farm. If they update the panels that time line could change.

James - Jon what can we do for you.

Jon - There is nothing that can be done. Your cards are on the table.

Gary Dann - Where are the Fire Contracts, and why have they not been signed yet, March 1st was the deadline.

Norma - Well we could not reach an agreement at this time, but we are working on putting something together.

Chris Sandford - Yeah, our contract was submitted to our membership and they did not agree with it, so we are working it out.

Norma - Yes, that is true.

On motion of Maryann Friebis, seconded by Heather Waters the meeting adjourned at 7:34PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

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Joanne – What the auditors told me is to not say anything as of right now, because DOT in Hornell has not notified us yet and to review the records to audit and refuses them. Then we could pay them back. It really is ify right now.

Maryann – Yeah, but could we take money to put in a different account to pay it back. The state is going to want their money back.

Joanne – We have to use the money in order to get money beck from CHIPS, we can not hold on to money and roll it over year to year, or they will take more from us. But we could pay up to about \$86,000 in back CHIPS. But again we do not know at this point, I am sure the auditors are unsure as well. They said this could be three or four years from now they bring it back. Again to auditors stated that DOT should have said something too, they should be the ones reviewing them before submitting them to the state for payment. It could be as much their fault as our fault because they where not review right at DOT. We just need to wait and see what happens.

Heather Waters – Any luck on new hires?

Joanne – We have had two applications. Ron LaFever and Russ Breon. Just waiting Jeremy to meet with them to have interviews.

Town Clerk – Thomas Peer – The town will get \$1,218.65, DEC will pull \$23.62, Humane Society \$23.20, NYS Agriculture and Market \$4, and NYS Health \$22.50. I would like to take the time to thank the constituents for paying for my virtual conference. I have learned so much more about my job and my roll that I am elected to. Everything is changing, and a few things I took away. Our group opposes the virtual recording and posting of meetings, as it would be a costly unfunded mandate. There are a few changes to the STAR Program for 2022-2023, I think it will affect about 65% to 85%, mobile and modular homes they will be affected, the STAR Credit could go away. A big take away is with working with the town board we could pass a games of chance law in our town. I would like to see if we can come up with a local law that could help bring more revenue into the town. Anyone can really apply to get a license after the law is passed if they have state ID for games of chance. Really this would allow Bingo, Queen of Hearts, Pull Tabs, etc. By giving a chance to our community to take part in this I would be willing to do the extra work on my end. Now, going to the Tax Collector, \$273,000 and some change was written to the county, that ends our tax season with them. The town will get a check for \$11,000 and some change. I think it is a good deal of money after seeing a lot of full payments early on. People are paying on time which is a very good thing, and we should be proud of that. I know people do not like paying their taxes, but it shows how strong our community is. Last thing two books were donated to the town. They were found in a house clean up, one book belonging to the district four school located on Donovan Hill Road, that book is Called Fair Tails Near and Far. The other to district eight, which is the current town hall, when it was a

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schoolhouse, it is tiled Paths to Knowledge, The Insect Folks. These are cool that someone donated them back to community.

Norma – I have a question, you talked about cemeteries not being incorporated. If our town looked into and able to do an incorporation of the cemeteries, then could be we get funding?

Thomas – They are already incorporated with the town, and have been for a long time.

Norma – When?

Joanne – The last one being Sugar Hill was in the 1960's. There are currently 13 in the town, but manage up to eight.

Norma – Okay, next do you have a copy of the local law on Bingo and Games of Chance.

Thomas – Yes, I have that. It is from Horseheads, it is 13 pages and covers the public hearing ad, newspaper article attached. I will be sharing all this with you, I just want to put together a packet and lay out some more attached information. After reading it and see what we need to change, we too can hold a public hearing and pass a local law to allow it. I truly look at this to gain more income as a small town for those willing to try.

Norma – It also creates an activity for people to do.

RESOLUTION #49

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Maryann Friebis to approve the Town Clerk report as presented.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - ayes

Heather Waters, Councilwoman - ayes

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – ayes

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman -ayes

James Rose, Councilman - ayes

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

Supervisor – Joanne Randall – N/A – I do not have the report for February, I have worked on in for two or three days now, and it is not finished yet.

Friends of the Park – Larry Baker – Donation are over \$6,000. Audrey Pain has sent out letters to all those who have given money. A 3x5 sign will be made to mark the name of the park. The Park play equipment will be ordered soon and will be set up by the company we order from. Max Bailey and Eagle Scout finished his project on the park rule sign and built a bench.

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Joanne – Yes, but she knows the job and can be the most help right now. By taking away the pay, it does not help me to train Jim when I need the help right now.

Maryann – But the town needs that money to do other things with it. We need to pay for other things, and if Jim is willing to do it now for nothing then why not.

James Rose – Yes, but at some point I would like to be paid.

Maryann – You can appoint anyone from the board to this position.

Joanne – I did, I choose Jocelyn because she knows the job, but you won't let me pick my own Deputy.

Heather – Again some how we have our pay, and we voted on that earlier as well.

Code Enforcement Software – Williamson Law Book – Joanne Randall – Al now has a computer, so we would like to get some software for him to use to file his reports. He already knows how to use the program through Catin. The amount would be \$4,695, with annual fee of \$1,095 that includes all the program offers.

RESOLUTION #51

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Maryann Friebis to spend funds to buy Code Enforcement Software through Williamson Law Book.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - ayes

Heather Waters, Councilwoman - ayes

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – ayes

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman -ayes

James Rose, Councilman - ayes

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

Old Business

Legalization of Marijuana Discussion – Joanne Randall – Do we want to talk more about this, I attended a meeting where they stated that they would not really be up a running until three years from now. Opt-in or out will affect us in different ways, mainly the 3% tax that could be raised due to the sell of it. Would you want to schedule a public hearing?

Maryann – I think the sooner or later.

Heather – Maybe sometime in July? Maybe July 12th do it before our board meeting.

Joanne – Okay that sounds good.

TOWN BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, JUNE 7th, 2021

RESOLUTION #57

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Norma Burris approve the Justice report as presented.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - ayes

Heather Waters, Councilwoman - ayes

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – ayes

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman -ayes

James Rose, Councilman - ayes

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

Superintendent of Highways – Joanne Randall – N/A

Town Clerk – Thomas Peer – In May, \$1,357.35. Town will get \$771.77 and sluice pipe \$341.45 for a total of \$1,113.22, DEC will pull \$103.93, Humane Society will get \$98.70, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets \$19, and NYS Health Department \$22.50. I also closed out my tax account for the year, and a check for \$11,131.93, leaving a balance of \$5 in the account. We are working with the Cornell Coop Extension through a clean energy program. We are trying to get certified and credit for the programs we have done. We are trying to become a “Clean Community.” They are reviewing our solar law and permit to add points towards our program. So far, we have 350 points towards the program for benchmarking our buildings. What we are working towards is a free \$5,000 to spend as we please though the programs we are gaining points for. I have been working with IT stuff for our building, we have worked out plan B and C as far as we can, but I have a new solution to the problem that could fix and clear up some stuff. Toshiba has a county contract that we can use here, and with that we can piggyback on their contract, and get a copier, scanner, printer, and fax line at a monthly rate of \$87 which covers up to 2,000 pages black and white pages. I do plan to keep the larger copier, only because it can act as a work horse when having larger copy jobs; as well as, a larger scan top for older documents. The one I am looking at is the Toshiba e-Studio 330AC Color Copier. Which it is the smaller of the two models. I just got back from a trip to Albany for the New York State Town Clerk Association, we are getting ready for our 40th anniversary as an organization.

RESOLUTION #58

On motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Heather Waters approve the Town Clerk report as presented.

Joanne Randall, Town Supervisor - ayes

Heather Waters, Councilwoman - ayes

Norma Burris, Councilwoman – ayes

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman -ayes

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On the motion of Norma Burris, seconded by Heather Waters to the meeting adjourned at 7:49PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk