

REGULAR & REORGANIZATION MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, JANUARY 2, 2012

A regular meeting and the reorganizational meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, January 2, 2012 at the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:37PM with the following members present:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Sharon Clark, Delinda Dann, Beth Hendrick, Rick Hendrick, George Whipple, Mary Olin, Ned Tudi, Darold DeCamp, Superintendent of Highways, Jordan Frost, Jim Pinkard, Ed Lewis, John Kuehn, Sprague Insurance, Non Pinkard, Nick Haner, Dale Harrison, Lewis Harrison, Pete Mattison, Sam Mattison, Gary Stratton, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #1

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the General Fund bills on Abstract #01 were paid in the amount of \$22591.31.

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #2

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jon Olin the Highway Fund bills on Abstract #01 were paid in the amount of \$1160.33.

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #3

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison the Trust & Agency bills on Abstract #01 were paid in the amount of \$279.16.

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

John Kuehn from Sprague Insurance addressed the meeting regarding the 2012 liability and property insurance. The amount will be \$20,520.40 for 2012 which is slightly reduced from 2011 of \$21083.00. All our insurance is through NYMIR, which was formed in 1993 as a non-profit organization. There are now approximately 640 municipalities enrolled with NYMIR. It is a stable and solid common insurance program, member owned. When the Town of Orange first enrolled in 2008 they paid a cap contribution which was an opening percentage for the company to operate with. It was over and above the premium the town paid and a percentage would be returned to the Town after five years.

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The Board of Governors is an eleven member group that oversees the company. The Town of Orange has been receiving the 75% cap contribution for the last three years and will receive the final installment in 2012 sometime soon. The amount should be \$1810.90.

The balance of the program is for the road system and involves all parties. Existing road hazards, signage inspection and this is state wide. NYMIR also mitigates claims and gives legal protection for all employees. The town has one million in General Liability and one million in Public Officials insurance. NYMIR also does loss control inspection which is a balancing act. They check the physical premises and implement any necessary remediation. All aspects during policy and program are looked at and they do the post accident investigation.

The fiduciary responsibility as employer is to check with Department of Motor Vehicles to verify licenses and all information is correct. There are fifty municipalities in Steuben, Chemung, and Schuyler County and after checking with the Dept of Motor Vehicles NYMIR will pass this information on from the inspection. They support the operation of all highways operation. They make sure the signage law is proper and there is documentation behind the Superintendent of Highways in the placement of those signs.

With the prior notice law it does take care of some claims but if there is a proven defect in the road NYMIR is here to help with the case. Maintaining good records and an overall driving program is highly recommended, so any loss coverage can be handled properly. The Town Board needs to design the driving program and it should be recorded by the Town Clerk. Then any road defects can be passed on and the reported back as remedy. This is the first line of defense and response to the community or even any non-highway issue. NYMIR has a website with excellent resources regarding loss control, sexual harassment, handicapped personal use and insured by Town driving program.

The new recycling building will be added to the coverage. John just needs the dimensions of the building and the overall cost, when purchased.

**RESOLUTION #4**

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the minutes of the December board meeting were approved as read.

ADOPTED                      AYES 5                      NAYS 0

**RESOLUTION #5**

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the workshop minutes of December 19, 2011 meeting was approved as read.

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ADOPTED                    AYES 5                    NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #6

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever the year end meeting minutes of December 26, 2011 were accepted as read.

ADOPTED                    AYES 5                    NAYS 0

Assessor was absent – no report.

RESOLUTION #7

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

ADOPTED                    AYES 5                    NAYS 0

Darold DeCamp, Superintendent of Highways reported that ditching on Chambers Road was started but stopped due to weather. The highway department has been checking for black ice and downed trees due to unusual weather with lots of wind. They have been putting up a lot of new signs all around town and the wings and plows are on the trucks and ready for snow.

Next month he will have a written plan for what roads he will be working in the spring.

RESOLUTION #8

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

ADOPTED                    AYES 5                    NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #9

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Jon Olin the Justice Report was accepted for November.

ADOPTED                    AYES 5                    NAYS 0

NO planning board meeting in December, next meeting will be January 22, 2012.

RESOLUTION #10

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

ADOPTED                    AYES 5                    NAYS 0

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NO Supervisor’s report due to family matters, but promises to have it ready soon.

Fire Department report was hand delivered by Kim States, including the end of year financial report. Jocelyn will make copies of this report and give to Board members.

The December report stated 44 hours of training, 21.4 man-hours; total calls for the year were 110.4.

Yearend financial report stated a \$90,000.00 budget and expensed \$85,496.94.

RESOLUTION #11

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Ron Froebel the Monterey Fire Department report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED            AYES 5                            NAYS 0

NEW BUSINESS  
REORGANIZATION OF TOWN  
RESOLUTION #12

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Lori Ellison the Official Blanket Undertaking for coverage of all Town employees, buildings, equipment will be with Sprague Insurance and NYMIR.

ADOPTED            AYES 5                            NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #13

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Ron Froebel the Board meeting date will remain on the first Monday of the month at 6:30PM.

ADOPTED            AYES 5                            NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #14

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever Tim Mattison was appointed Town Attorney.

ADOPTED            AYES 5                            NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #15

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Jon Olin Al Buckland was appointed Building Code Officer.

ADOPTED            AYES 5                            NAYS 0

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RESOLUTION #16

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Jon Olin Joanne Randall was appointed as Registrar of Vital Statistics.

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #17

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the Highway Superintendent and Union Employee wages were approved as set by union contract and 2012 budget.

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

No Deputy Highway Superintendent was appointed by Darold DeCamp. He has thirty days to make a choice and will advise the board when he does.

RESOLUTION #18

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Jon Olin Lori Ellison was appointed as Deputy Town Supervisor.

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #19

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the Town Historian will be Joanne Randall.

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #20

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison the Supervisor will retain Community Bank NA as official depository for her accounts.

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #21

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jon Olin the Town Clerk/Tax Collector will retain Community Bank NA as the official depository for these accounts.

ADOPTED                    5                    NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #22

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jon Olin the Tax Collector was authorized to deposit tax collections into an interest bearing account.

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ADOPTED                    AYES            5            NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #23

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the JP Mogan Chase bank was retained as an interest bearing account for all tax collections.

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #24

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever Community Bank NA Will be retained by the Town Justice as depository for all funds.

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #25

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Ron Froebel, the Corning Leader and Watkins Review will be the official Newspapers for the Town.

ADOPTED                    AYES    5            NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #26

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Ron Froebel the mileage rate was set at \$.51 per mile.

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #27

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison the Town Supervisor was approved to pay certain bills as prepays.

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #28

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Ron Froebel Vicki Flynn was appointed to handle all dog inflicted damage cases as Assessor.

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

RESOLUTION# 29

It was decided after some discussion that the dollar amount to be charged for return checks be set at the same fee as the bank charges the Town. All board members agreed.



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RESOLUTION #36

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever Jon Olin was appointed as Alternate for the Schuyler County Council of Government in the event Ron Froebel cannot attend.

ADOPTED            AYES    5                    NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #37

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

ADOPTED            AYES    5                    NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #38

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jon Olin the Summer Youth Program director will be Joanne Randall.

ADOPTED            AYES    5                    NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #39

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the following were appointed as members of the Highway Committee, Jim Pinkard, Minard LaFever, and Ron Froebel.

ADOPTED            AYES    5                    NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #40

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Lori Ellison the following were appointed as members of the Fire Department Committee, Minard LaFever, Lori Ellison, and Delinda Dann.

ADOPTED            AYES    5                    NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #41

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison Jocelyn Harrison and Darold DeCamp are members of the Town Hall Building and Grounds Committee.

ADOPTED            AYES    5                    NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #42

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jon Olin Darold DeCamp was appointed as the Highway Barn and Grounds Committee.

ADOPTED            AYES    5                    NAYS    0



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OLD BUSINESS

Union contract decision regarding five- eight hour days or four-ten hour days.

On ten hour days the Superintendent of Highways can tell them the day before what hours to work in case of a storm. This pre-empts the need for a three hour call out pay per man.

According to the audience this is opening up the contract and the Town Board has a right to approve the ten hour days but it goes against the binding contract. It was suggested the board either sticks to the contract as written or call for arbitration to change it.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to postpone a vote until John Farwell, Union President can be contacted to redo the contract this whole issue will be settled by the end of January. It was mentioned that other options are available that would save the Town money, such as flex time which was proven by NYS to be most cost effective.

RESOLUTION #50

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison the board has approved input from John Farwell before a final vote is taken on this issue.

ADOPTED            AYES    5            NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #51

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Jon Olin the benefits for the Superintendent of Highways are set the same as the previous Superintendents with single coverage for insurance, same holiday and vacation time as past Superintendents.

ADOPTED            AYES    5            NAYS    0

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS

The question was asked about the previous amount owed by the Fire Department. Jocelyn will make this information available.

Delinda Dann want the dumpsters moved out of the center of Town or a lean-to built to keep them covered or fenced in to keep the trash from blowing around and illegal dumping to occur.

She would like to see a committee formed to review the space on Doane Road at the Highway Department to see if there is space to move this whole operation. Discussion followed on when the dumpsters are dumped, how unsightly it is and if larger dumpsters can be brought in to use. There were also complaints about the smell in the summer time and how the dumpsters are really never cleaned in anyway.

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Darold said if he had the help of Camp Monterey workers tomorrow he would have them clean up the area and it is believed that it is so bad right now because of the holidays.

It was also brought to everyone's attention that the increase in the amount is also due to the burn ban put in place by NYS DEC.

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Minard LaFever the meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, FEBRUARY 6, 2012

A regular meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, February 6, 2012 at 6:30PM at the Town of Orange Town Hall with the following members present:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Vicki Flynn, Assessor, Jim Pinkard, Ned Tudi, Rick Hendrick, Beth Hendrick, Chuck Wilson, Goldie Wilson, Steve Aldrich, Lorraine E. Woodard, Carol Rhoades, Don Rhoades, Pete Mattison, Jane Nichols, Sam Mattison, Kristin Haner, Nicholas Haner, Gary Whyman, Jordan Frost, Ed Lewis, Duke McPherson, George Whipple, Dale Harrison, Doug Veley, Rodney Hoad, Bradford Fire Department, Chris Sanford, Bradford Fire Department, Lewis Harrison, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

## RESOLUTION #52

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the Highway Fund bills on Abstract #02 were paid in the amount of \$19021.96.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #53

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Minard LaFever the General Funds bills on Abstract #02 were paid in the amount of \$8018.60.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #54

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison the Trust and Agency bills on Abstract #02 were paid in the amount of \$17,847.36.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #55

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jon Olin the January meeting minutes were accepted as read.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION#56 On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the workshop meeting minutes were accepted as read.

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ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

Discussion followed on Seasonal roads and that they have to be plowed according to the Superintendent's Manual.

Vicki Flynn, Assessor reported that all exemptions are due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. This includes agriculture, disability, and senior exemptions, which have to be done every year. The road work for reval has been completed. Grievance day is set for May 29<sup>th</sup> before the formal grievance day Vicki will hold informal hearings and will let everyone know when that will be. Her hours are back to normal on Mondays.

## RESOLUTION #57

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #58

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Minard LaFever AI Buckland's Code Enforcement report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #59

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #60

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #61

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #62

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



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The retirement system is requesting we adopt a standard work day with a minimum of six hours and a maximum of eight hours for elected officials. Discussion followed on what and how to decide on a standard work day. It was decided that an eight hour day would cover all elected officials in all capacities.

RESOLUTION #66

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Orange Town board be and hereby establishes the following as a standard work day for elected and appointed officials for the purpose of determining days worked reportable to the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System:

ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS

Supervisor  
 Councilperson  
 Town Justice  
 Justice Clerk  
 Town Clerk  
 Tax Collector

Up to a five day work week, eight hour day:

Superintendent of Highways

Five day work week, eight hour day:

APPOINTED OFFICIALS  
 Members of Planning Board  
 Special Committees

Up to a five day work week, eight hour day:

Dated: February 6, 2012

I, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk of the Town of Orange of the State of New York, certify that the full Town Board consists of five members, and that all of such members were present at this meeting and that each of such members voted in favor of the above resolution.

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jon Olin the standard work day as shown above is implemented as per NYS Retirement and Local Employees Retirement System for the Town of Orange.

There needs to be a contract drawn up between the Town and the Monterey Fire Department to recoup the \$26,064 in Workman's Comp insurance that the fire department owes for prior years. Lori contacted Larry States and he is willing to sign a contract stating that the Fire Department will pay back \$5,000.00 per year. Jon Olin

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asked where the \$26,000.00 was spent if not paid back to Town. Lori will try to get an answer from Larry.

## RESOLUTION #67

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison, the Town Attorney will be contacted to draw up a contract to recoup the monies owed by the fire department.

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

Union Contract between the Highway Department and Town was discussed. The board was given the options to amend the contract, or proceed with the Town Attorney to do an injunction so the men have to go back on the eight hour five day a week schedule. Of course, at this time it will probably take until April 1<sup>st</sup> to get the paperwork in place, by then they will be on the four, ten hour days according to the contract. However, if this is in place then this fall the contract will stand and November 1<sup>st</sup> of this year and all years covered by this contract will force them to go back to eight hours per day in the winter months.

Jocelyn stated that she has talked to the Union Representative John Farwell and Town Attorney and they both say that if both parties agree they could stay on four ten hour days, otherwise the employees are breaking the contract. They can be fired or dismissed, a grievance filed and it goes to court, so now it is up to the board to vote because it has been discussed long enough.

Lori Ellison and Minard LaFever voted for ten hours per day.

Ron Froebel, Jon Olin and Jocelyn voted to go with the Contract as it is written.

Jocelyn will contact the Town Attorney to start proceedings.

Recycling and garbage was discussed and Casella has not gotten back to Jocelyn with a list of options. Minard stated that Town of Reading has Cardinal Disposal and they charge \$3.00 per bag and the Town is not involved at all. The truck leaves after the hours are done and all the money is collected by Cardinal and they keep it.

We need to check into Casella's price for recycling without garbage dumping. Swarhout will do recycling for no charge. Dale Harrison will give Jocelyn a list of local trash haulers that she can contact to see what other options are available. This will be finalized at the next workshop meeting.

## PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS

New CDL Law passed by NYS states that if a driver is caught with a cell phone it is a \$2,500.00 fine for driver and a \$12,000.00 fine for the Town. Jocelyn will give the copy we have to Darold to be discussed with the Highway men. It needs to be retyped with the Town of Orange put in and then signed by each driver for the Town.

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A further discussion of fire department, regarding conflict of interest between former Supervisor and Fire Chief and that is how the money was never paid by the Fire Department for Workman's Comp. March 1<sup>st</sup> the tax monies will be delivered to the fire companies and a new contract signed. According to Larry the Workman's Comp money will be repaid immediately for 2012. It was also stated that they need to follow the new contract and submit monthly financial reports as well as the reports we are given at this time. Lori will contact Beaver Dams Fire Department to get them submitting reports again.

The next workshop meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 20, 2012 6:30PM.

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Lori Ellison the meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

## WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, FEBRUARY 20, 2012

A workshop meeting was held on Monday, February 20, 2012 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:30PM with the following members present:

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

ABSENT: Minard LaFever, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Charles Wilson, Goldie Wilson, George Whipple, Rick Hendrick, Mary Olin, Darold DeCamp, Superintendent of Highways, Rebekah O'Bryan, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

Jocelyn talked to Tim Mattison, Town Attorney on February 1<sup>st</sup>. He is starting the necessary proceedings to get the Highway Department to adhere to the Contract.

Jocelyn has called a list of trash/garbage hauling companies and none of the ones she has spoken to will furnish a truck on Saturday mornings and then haul it away after the recycling hours.

Jocelyn is working on the transfers necessary to the line items in the financial reports to prepare for the annual report. The board will get a list of them at the next board meeting and approval will have to be given by the board. This does not change the budget amount, it only changes the line items that too much was expensed against in a particular line item. The transfer consist of taking any excess from one line and puts it into the over expensed one to take it to zero.

The mobile food bank, held at the Highway Department once a month is under investigation by Jocelyn because she was over there and saw all the people with walkers and canes and made her think about how this is covered by insurance. It is time for a new contract and she talked to Sprague Insurance about insurance coverage and he said if someone is hurt the Town is covered for one million but if the lawsuit would be more the Town could be in trouble. Jocelyn is contacting the Food Bank to make sure of their insurance coverage and how it applies to the Town in the event of an accident.

Chuck Wilson is now involved in the Food Bank and Food Pantry and when he was at the Highway Department helping with the Food Bank, according to Darold DeCamp he asked Randy McDonald to borrow his coat so he could fill the pockets with nuts and bolts because Randy's coat would be bigger than Chuck's.

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According to Casella they have only been charging us a \$5.00 per container for years for the dumping fee. The costs have been going up but Town of Orange has been overlooked in the billing. Now that they have caught their mistake it will be close to \$100.00 per container per month. This may make a difference in how we handle the garbage and recycling, once we see what the actual billing will be per month.

The Affordable Portable at the highway department is not being maintained according to Darold. They have supplied the toilet paper from the shop to be used in the portable. Darold asked if we could get another company or at least talk to Robert Weber regarding cleaning and supplying this rental on a regular basis.

Jon Olin brought a bill from Jeff Sutton for work on Maple Lane for the Trail Tamers Snowmobile Club in the amount of \$3,200.00. He asked if the Town should not be reimbursing Jeff for this bill because it is a Town road, even though it is a seasonal road it should be worked once a year and it has not been done. According to Darold the bridge is OK and the road was passable by snowmobiles. Darold said he took the excavator and did some work on that road himself last year because Jeff asked him if he would have time to do Maple Lane. He told Jeff he did not have the time or manpower, his main priority is the main and bus routes, rather than seasonal roads.

Our meetings are not being recorded. Discussion followed on getting a tape recorder or some type of recording device for the meetings.

Lori reported that she spoke with the Beaver Dams Fire Chief and gave him our fax machine number and he will be sending in their report each month or possibly stopping in with the report.

Discussion followed on year- end financial report from Monterey Fire Department. The Town Board and public would like to see the expenditures for the month from each fire department. This is written into the new contracts they will be getting the first of March with their tax monies.

Lori asked if anyone had talked to Mr. Golden from Hoeffel TV to find out if he ever contacted the people on Sugar Hill, Wolverton and County road 22 about the expansion of the cable. She thinks we should get this moving again.

Darold reported logging on Beaver Dams and Donovan Hill road and discussion followed on logging permits and why this was taken out of his hands and responsibility placed with the Town Clerk. He never knows if a logging permit was ever acquired.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, MARCH 5, 2012

A regular board meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, March 5, 2012 at the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:45PM with the following members present:

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

## RESOLUTION #68

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Lori Ellison the bills for the Trust & Agency account on Abstract #003 were paid in the amount of \$7276.16.

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #69

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jon Olin the General Fund bills on Abstract #003 were paid in the amount of \$22,663.33.

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #70

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Jon Olin the Highway Fund bills on Abstract #003 were paid in the amount of \$16,538.99.

## RESOLUTION #71

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

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #72

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Ron Froebel the minutes of the February workshop meeting were approved with the following change Trail Tamers Snowmobile Club was put in, where it stated that the bill should be paid to Jeff Sutton for work he had done on Maple Lane.

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #73

Vicki Flynn the Assessor reported all exemptions are in. All the road work is done for the Town of Orange and the information will be put on line so it can be reviewed by residents. An appointment can be made if necessary to discuss the assessment with Vicki before going to grievance. She will be finishing in Reading and then can go back to her regular hours on Monday. . Any change in assessment the owner will get a letter.

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Vicki also stated that farm land is considered any tillable land.

## RESOLUTION #74

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #75

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

Al Buckland reported that he will be leaving for his conference on Sunday at RIT. He will be gone until Thursday, this will give him his twenty four (24) hours of certification for the year.

## RESOLUTION #76

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

Darold also reported that the port a john from Affordable Portables is not working out for the inmates. It is always out of toilet paper and is not cleaned as often as when we rented one from Jeff's. Jeff was servicing every two or three days because we usually have six to twelve inmates per day and on food bank day there is twenty four. The people from the food bank also use this facility and all of these people are entitled to convenience.

Darold also said that Walt Strawser approved the food bank to be held at the Highway Department and that they are ruining the doors on the building, attendees are also going behind the tape, and they can't keep them away from the tools and equipment.

Ed Lewis is moving the operation back to the fire department but for the month of March it will be held at the Highway Garage.

## RESOLUTION #77

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Lori Ellison, the board approved the cancellation of the contract with Affordable Portables and Jocelyn will contact Jeff's to get him reinstated at the Highway Garage.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

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## RESOLUTION #78

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

Carol Rhodes gave the report for the Planning Board. They have been meeting on Saturday mornings and have been reviewing the mission statement and five year plan. They are considering revamping to meet the current needs of the community and talking about sub-divisions. They are not talking about or considering zoning. March 14<sup>th</sup> is there next scheduled meeting, everyone is invited to attend.

## RESOLUTION #79

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Minard LaFever the Planning board report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #80

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #81

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

Fire Department reports were read from Bradford, Beaver Dams, and Monterey they are all in the public file and can be reviewed at any time.

## RESOLUTION #82

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Jon Olin the fire department reports were accepted as read.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

No report from the Office of the Aging with Ed Lewis out of town.

The following resolution had to be adopted by the board for the Town Attorney to bring the Highway Employees into compliance with the Union Contract.

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RESOLUTION #83

WHEREAS, the Town of Orange and the Town of Orange Highway Department are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement governing the terms and conditions of the work of said Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, the Collective Bargaining Agreement is effect between the Town of Orange and it Highway Department provides for said Highway Department to work a work schedule consisting of five (5) eight (8) hour days per week, and

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Department has refused to work a schedule consisting of five (5) eight (8) hour days per week despite being so directed by the Town Board and so directed by the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, and

WHEREAS, repeated requests by the Town Board to the Town Highway Superintendent and to the Union Representatives and other officials of the Town Highway Department to have said Highway Department return to a five (5) day eight (8) hour per day work week have been refused, IT IS, HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor shall be, and hereby is, authorized to execute any and all documents necessary for the Town Board of the Town of Orange to bring suit against the Town Highway Superintendent and the Town Highway Department employees to compel said Highway Department employees to return work on a five (5) day eight (8) hour per day work schedule as provided for in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the Town Highway Department.

ROLL CALL VOTE – Jon Olin, Approved  
Ron Froebel, Approved  
Lori Ellison, Opposed  
Minard LaFever, Opposed  
Jocelyn Harrison, Approved

All fire contract agreements for 2012 were signed by the board members and the checks will be issued to the Bradford, Beaver Dams and Monterey Fire Departments in the amounts specified in the 2012 budget.

Gary Whyman issued the following letter of resignation dated March 5, 2012:

Town of Orange Town Board  
899 Hornby Road  
Beaver Dams, NY 14812

To the Board:

I have been advised by the State of New York Real Property Services that my position as Chairman/Secretary of the Town of Orange Board of Assessment Review must be relinquished. This is due to my having been elected to the position of Schuyler County Treasurer.

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The State Real Property Services indicate that property owners/taxpayers may perceive an unfair influence to the benefit of the town and/or county by me in my role on the BAR.

Form my vantage point, the two roles have nothing to do with one another, and if allowed, I would continue to serve as chairman, providing the township continuity a fair grievance process until such time as I would personally choose to retire from the Board.

Therefore, it is with regret that I tender my resignation as Chairman of the Town of Orange Board of Assessment Review with this letter. I have been contacted by Nathaniel E. Sargent who has expressed interest in assuming the role. Should the town decide to appoint Nathaniel to the position, I will work closely with him through his first Grievance Session to ensure his smooth transition into the role, and more importantly, the continuation of excellent service by the Board of Assessment Review to the Town.

Sincerely,

Gary Whyman  
Schuyler County Treasurer

RESOLUTION #84

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Jon Olin the board accepted Gary Whyman's letter of resignation with regret and thanked him for his years of service.

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #85

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Jon Olin the board appointed Nathaniel Sargent as a member of the Board of Assessment Review. He will take training as soon as it is scheduled and Gary will let him know when that will be given by the County.

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

Memorial Hospital is no longer doing drug testing. Therefore, the town needs to find a new provider. The Town Clerk will call Bill Kennedy of Schuyler County Emergency Management to find out who does the County Drug Testing.

Discussion followed on buying a truck from Auctions International with the money received from selling all of our old equipment. The truck is a 2000 F-550 with 63,980 miles on it. It is five speeds automatic, four wheel drive with plow and sander. Darold said if we could get it for the same amount of approximately \$19,000.00 we received it would replace the one ton and Dodge. If he wins the bid he will put the two trucks back on the Auction International site for bid. Audience wanted to know what the blue book is

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Value. Darold thought around \$13,000 to \$14,000.00 but that is without the sander and plow. The top bid will not be decided until March 12<sup>th</sup>. This truck was used by the Town of Benton. The workshop meeting on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> will be after the final bid and the board decided that Darold could bid up to the \$19,000.00 that he recouped from selling the old equipment.

Jon Olin asked how many trucks were in service at this time. Darold said three ten wheelers and it would replace the 1988 Ford ten wheeler and the one ton that Gary is using. The truck is a 2 ½ ton truck and can be used for multiple jobs.

## RESOLUTION #86

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the board approved Darold to bid on the 2000 F-550 truck on Auctions International.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #87

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Lori Ellison the cemetery C/D in the amount of \$8387.79 that has matured and would draw no more interest after March 18<sup>th</sup> was rolled over into a new C/D.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

The new CDL Law was discussed regarding the use of cell phones and texting while driving. They would like to see each Town of Orange Employee sign an agreement that they will not use their cell phone only in the event of an emergency and they are pulled off the road. The use of the two way radio is approved for all other calls.

## RESOLUTION #88

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison the cell phone usage agreement was approved by the board.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

Darold stated that he no longer has cell phone usage through the fire department and would like the Town to pay for his cell phone, because he uses it for calls from the school and sheriff's department. According to Chuck Wilson in 1997 it was approved for Superintendent of Highways Robert Willsey to have his cell phone paid for by the town.

This matter will be researched to precedent and discussed again at the workshop meeting.

Recycling was discussed and Minard stated that Cardinal Disposal does it for the Town of Reading but the Town is not involved in any way. Cardinal collects the garbage and

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monies and then takes the trash away. Further discussion will follow at the workshop meeting.

Minard also stated that he talked to Greg Matthew about County Road 16 through town and there are no plans to do anything with it this year. Greg knows how bad it is but the Legislators control the money and it would cost approximately \$300,000 to repair correctly according to Greg and they turned it down. He suggested we call, e-mail or write a letter to the legislators telling them how bad the road is and see if we can change their minds. Minard also suggested the Town draft and send a letter on behalf of the taxpayers.

Darold wondered why we were paying Delta Engineering \$8,500.00 when Marcellus Shale drilling will not be happening in NYS. It was explained that it does not only pertain to gas drilling but also any heavy equipment using our roads.

Gary Stratton wanted to know if the union workers were saving us money by working four ten hour days why are is the Town taking them to court. Jocelyn stated that the Union Contract had been signed and agreed upon for them to return to five eight hours days during the winter months and it had been decided by the board and in the works and that was the end of the discussion. The resolution has been agreed upon by the board members and she will fax it to the Town Attorney in the morning.

George Whipple wanted to know why the signs are missing at the end of Chambers Road. He though the Town had hit them with the excavator and been removed.

Joceyln has to review the W-2's for the past five years and ½ to 2 years for Social Security and NYS and Federal taxes. It is very time consuming and it is due to the previous administration errors. But it all has to be resolved before it can go away.

Rick Hendricks wanted to know what was the difference in the contracts between Affordable Portables and Jeff's besides the \$10.00 per month difference. Jocelyn explained there never was a written agreement only verbal.

Dale Harrison would like to see or a copy of the Monterey Fire Department report.

Al Buckland stated that he has been attending the planning board meetings and trying to help them out with some of the regulations. He also stated that the highway department needs to refer to the contract, because that is all they have to go by.

Ron Hoad, Bradford Fire Department stated that they held their annual banquet and presented a plaque to a member of the Monterey Fire Department for helping them and making 2011 a good year.

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Minard La Fever the meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.  
Respectfully submitted, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

## WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, MARCH 19, 2012

A workshop meeting was held on Monday, March 19, 2012 at 6:35PM in the Town of Orange Town Hall with the following members present:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Aldrich, George Whipple, Mary Olin, Chuck Wilson, Rick Hendrick, Jim Pinkard, Darold DeCamp Superintendent of Highways, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

The portable toilet at the highway department will be changed out on Wednesday of this week. Jeff's Septic will bring in his portable on Thursday.

The paperwork has been served on the Highway Department employees, requesting them to go back to the eight hours per day five day a week schedule according to the Union Contract. As of this day they have not done so. The hearing is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM.

The controversy regarding the Mobil Food Bank at the Highway Department was solved by Chuck Wilson and Darold DeCamp today, according to Chuck. They will move the truck to the recycling building or the fire department. Camp Monterey inmates will clean out the building and unload the truck if it is held at the recycling building. Darold will put up the snow fence that is being removed from certain areas and put it in the fireman's field to keep people from driving in there and getting stuck, if they use the fire department. Chuck Wilson requested a decision from each board member. Each member said it was OK with them.

Darold said NO Parking signs will go up in front of the recycling building that read for Store Deliveries Only. Others towed at their own expense. Darold said today a delivery truck had to park half way into the road due to the coffee club meeting being held at the store. Parking can take place on the sides or back of the recycling building there is plenty of room.

Darold also complained that even if the building is cleaned out he cannot store a truck in there because there is no heat. Jon Olin asked if the trucks are not equipped with plug in's to keep them warm. Darold is also going to see if the Camp Monterey workers could clean up the mud in the old building.

Auctions International sent Jocelyn an e-mail stating the final bid on the truck is \$21,124.40. It is approximately \$1,850.00 over what was approved. Darold was asked what trucks are going to be sold, so we do not have a lot of old equipment sitting

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around. He stated the 1990 Yellow one ton and the 2001 Dodge. Darold does not think we should be running the equipment until it is dead then expect to sell it for big bucks. The Town still owns the 2007 Grey truck and last month Darold said that was another one that would be sold. Jocelyn asked for approval of the board to issue and mail the check tomorrow. Auctions International will call when they get the check and then Darold can go pick up the truck.

Minard talked to Marty Roberts, Town of Reading Supervisor and he said the Town can handle garbage and recycling any way they want to. Town of Reading chose Cardinal Disposal and they charge each customer \$3.00 per bag and haul it away when the truck is full.

If the Town of Orange could find someone to do this all we would have to worry about is the recycling. Minard thinks Cardinal is out of Dundee or Penn Yan. There are others though like Arrow Head, Swarthout etc.

Jim Pinkard is on the cemetery committee and requested a key to the Town Hall. He will talk to Jocelyn after the meeting.

Energetix is the company we have contacted to replace the drug testing done by Memorial Hospital. They have sent the information and it will cost \$43.40 per drug test and in the event of an accident it is \$31.50 for alcohol screening.

Ron Froebel brought up the right to farm law passed a few months ago and said that if that is the case we need to be sure the farmers can ship their milk. A milk truck was stuck on Chambers Road and it took two tow trucks to get it out. Darold said he will fix as soon as he can. Seasonal roads are the last ones to be worked. Darold says he does the worst roads first and works his way around. The grader operator was off when they were working Donovan Hill but Randy used the roller and loader and it worked out OK. They plan to do the same thing on Templar road because Darold got a call that it is impassable. Evergreen is too wet to work but when he can he will put bone in there and fix like Donovan.

Again the seasonal roads were brought up and Darold said they are worked once a year. We get no chips funding for seasonal road. Darold tries to keep the main routes and bus routes in the best shape. He knows the seasonal roads have not been worked for awhile but he does not always have the time or cooperation from the weather. He is trying to fix plow holes now so people can travel.

Bob Rutter is back and paying Union Dues. Darold is worried if we have a bad flood or snow storm that Bob might not be available, with his job in Caton. If he is not committed to the Town of Orange, Darold will have to let him go.

Darold then proceeded to ask Ron Froebel why he was driving by the Highway Shop. Ron said because he wanted to know if they came to work at 6 or 7AM. All the men

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were sitting in the break room not doing anything. Ford and excavator were running according to Darold. He accused Ron of harassing his employees and himself.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, APRIL 2, 2012

## RESOLUTION # 91

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #92

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

Vicki said the informal hearings started today and she had about 20 people come in at fifteen minute intervals. If you need to have an informal, you must make an appointment. Wednesday 9 to 4, Monday 9 to 8 and she will be here next Friday and Saturday and extend her hours if necessary. The last week of the month she has to be in Reading and Dix , so she hopes to have Orange finished by then. She had packets of tax payer information laid out on the tables and someone took all of them. She wants them back. They were for the public to review not to take.

## RESOLUTION #93

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #94

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded y Minard LaFever the Building Code Officers report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #95

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

Discussion followed on what trucks are going up for sale. Darold has decided not to sell the 2007 Gray one ton because it is the newest truck they have. He plans on selling the 1993 Yellow Chevy one ton and 2001 Dodge. The gray truck is used for sanding but the yellow is not used for sanding. If he sells the above trucks he will have five sanding trucks and there is also a plow on Darold's truck for intersections and small jobs. But he cannot sand with his truck. They have three 10 wheelers and they are planning on

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going to the Town of Benton on Friday to pick up the new truck just purchased at auction. He also asked permission to call Warden Travis back to get started with the cemeteries.

## No Justice Report

Planning Board reported the Comprehensive Plan is almost done. They are waiting for maps to go into it, then it will be submitted to the board probably at the workshop meeting this month. They have meeting on Saturdays to get this accomplished.

## RESOLUTION #96

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Jon Olin the Planning Board report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #97

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #98

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #99

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Minard LaFever all three fire department reports were accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #100

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Ron Froebel the proposed resolution was adopted, with Jon Olin opposing.

## Tax Collection of Unpaid Taxes

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Treasurer's Office is no longer sending out the unpaid tax notices according to Real Property Tax Law Section 987.

THEREFORE, the duties fall upon the local or Town Tax Collector, this resolution gives the Town of Orange Tax Collector the authority to print and mail out the unpaid tax notices as of March 31<sup>st</sup> each year and add an additional charge of \$1.00 per parcel to cover postage, envelopes and other supplies.



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Gary Whyman, Schuyler County Treasurer addressed the group and said that as part of his campaign he promised full disclosure and would try to attend as many town board meetings as possible. As part of that and him being in office for three months now and has attended two on line seminars, he wants to ensure that things are simple and easy and improve performance within the County. Gary has taken the surplus funds of the County's, with permission of the Department of the Treasury and invested them in the highest interest rates possible. This has not been done at the County level in many years.

Darold brought up the Rants and Raves that is being posted on Craig's List. He believes it is a source of harassment. Jocelyn said she has talked to the Comptroller's Office and they say just to ignore everything.

Ned Tudi asked Darold what the width of Doane Road is, because two big trucks seem to have a problem passing on that road. Darold said he thinks it should be 25 feet or at least 24 ½.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

## WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, APRIL 16, 2012

A workshop meeting was held on Monday, April 16, 2012 at the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:30PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Jocelyn Harrison, Supervisor  
Lori Ellison, Deputy Supervisor/Councilman arrived 6:45PM  
Ron Froebel, Councilman  
Minard LaFever, Councilman  
Jon Olin, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Kirk Frost, Rick Hendrick, George Whipple, Mary Olin, Goldie Wilson, Chuck Wilson, Darold Decamp, Superintendent of Highways, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

The pump is not working in the town hall. The only way to get water is to plug in the pump and then unplug it when done using water.

Kirk Frost said he took a look at the pump and found the well. He thinks the foot valve or jet is the problem at the bottom of the well. The first thing in fixing the well is to bring it eighteen inches above grade because it is a driven well and he does not know how deep it is. He will need a pit less adaptor and a conversion kit to convert the pump to a shallow well pump or just one pipe. He will charge only for time and material and do it as inexpensive as possible. He estimates around \$600.00 to \$700.00 should cover all the repairs necessary unless the pipe has to be dug up and replaced.

Kirk will charge all the materials on the ID Booth Account or Corning Building Company and give the receipts to Jocelyn to be paid.

Walt Andrews and Ron Froebel have been working on the cemetery maps and would like rebar with washers welded on to mark each row in the cemeteries. They are remapping all the cemeteries in the Town of Orange. Darold will check over to the highway department to see if there is any rebar over there, from the batch Cedric was using to mark grave sites.

Darold said in one of the wind storms we've had over the last week a large tree came down in Maltby Cemetery and knocked one of the larger headstones off its foundation. They have the tree all cleaned up and cut up but the excavator will not reach to pick the headstone up and set it back on top. Darold thinks they might be able to use rollers to put the stone back. The excavator only reaches 24 feet and he checked with Austin to see if there's would go any farther and it won't, he believes it is about 30 feet from the road. The tree also took out part of the fence.

Jocelyn received a check for \$7,655.00 from the Landfill Commission. The Town paid the full amount of \$15,755.00 and because some towns paid only half of the amount

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they were billed the commission decided to refund half of the full payments rather than rebill the Towns that did not pay the full amount.

The old fallen down shed on the lot next door, that the Town now owns can be burnt by the fire department. They will use it for training. Mike Antonio also said they would keep the damage to the trees at a minimum.

Darold asked if Jocelyn had heard from any attorneys. Because he feels he needs representation for the May 4<sup>th</sup> court date. The one attorney he called wanted a \$2,000.00 retainer. Jocelyn said she had not receive any calls back, Darold said he will call the Association of Towns and the Highway Superintendent's Organization tomorrow to see what they recommend.

Discussion followed on garbage and what needs to be done to keep the area cleaned up. Jocelyn has not heard from S & R Disposal to see when they can start. The town needs to know where he dumps the trash, if the Town will be held responsible if there is a problem and if he is licensed by DEC and how long he has been in business.

Darold is wondering where the title to the 1993 Chevy truck is that he wants to put up for auction. The conversation switched to the Western Star not being picked up and the policy of Auctions International is ten days. He has the title and most board members think that he can be charged storage of \$30.00 per day. Jocelyn will call tomorrow to see what is happening and if he has changed his mind, we will put it up for auction again.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, MAY 7, 2012

A regular board meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, May 7, 2012 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:40PM with the following members present:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Beth Hendrick, Goldie Wilson, Raymond Ellison, Chuck Wilson, Walter Andrews, Rick Hendrick, George Whipple, Beverly Frost, Audrey Pane, Jane Nichols, Sam Mattison, Pete Mattison, Vicki Flynn, Assessor, Al Buckland, Building Code Officer, Jim Pinkard, Sharon Clark, Dennis Fagan, Chairman, Schuyler County Legislator, Kristin Haner, Nicholas Haner, Mary Olin, Ed Lewis, Carol Rhoades, Lewis Harrison, Nathaniel E. Sargent, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

## RESOLUTION #101

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Jon Olin the General Fund bills on Abstract #005 were paid in the amount of \$7209.50.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #102

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the Highway Fund bills on Abstract #005 were paid in the amount of \$17,811.23.

ADOPTED                      AYES    3                                      NAYS    2

## RESOLUTION #103

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever the Trust & Agency bills on Abstract #005 were in paid in the amount of \$20,588.32.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #104

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #105

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Minard LaFever the April workshop minutes were accepted as read.

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 ADOPTED                      AYES 5                      NAYS 0

Vicki Flynn, Assessor reported she has 158 informal appointments set up. She is not doing multiple properties in one appointment, so she has to be alerted to discuss more than one property per meeting. She will have in formals again on Monday, May 14th and 21<sup>st</sup>. After the 21<sup>st</sup> she will be handling grievance, which starts on May 27<sup>th</sup>. The Town of Orange grievance will be held on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 8 PM.

RESOLUTION #106

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

ADOPTED                      AYES 5                      NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #107

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

ADOPTED                      AYES 5                      NAYS 0

Darold DeCamp is not feeling well, so Minard LaFever read the report he left for the Town Board.

RESOLUTION #108

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jon Olin the Highway Superintendent's report was accepted as read.

ADOPTED                      AYES 5                      NAYS 0

NO JUSTICE REPORT

Carol Rhoades reported for the Planning Board stating that they have submitted the preliminary comprehensive plan to the board members for their review and input. AT the next meeting the planning board will review any comments or suggestions from the board on the plan. The planning board's main goal was to keep the same idealism and yet improving and see which way to go regarding the town and property lines.

Once this plan has been approved by the board there has to be two (2) posting for public review then back to the planning board. It is a timing matter and a letter of acceptance will have to be issued accepting this plan, then a public hearing will have to be scheduled for the public input before the final adoption of the plan.

RESOLUTION #109

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Ron Froebel the Planning board report was accepted as submitted.

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ADOPTED                    AYES 5                    NAYS 0

## RESOLUTION #110

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

ADOPTED                    AYES 5                    NAYS 0

## RESOLUTION #111

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

ADOPTED                    AYES 5                    NAYS 0

Report from the Beaver Dams Fire Department was read by Lori Ellison. There was no report from Bradford Fire Department. Jim Pinkard reported for the Monterey Fire Department and reminded everyone about the Chicken BBQ on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. \$8.00 per ticket or \$15.00 for two tickets. This is to ensure there is enough chicken sold and there will be a few extras but to ensure you get the BBQ it is best to have a ticket. The Fire Department is also going to be having CPR and First Aid Training and anyone from the public can join the class. They need eight (8) people to hold a class.

Ed Lewis reported nothing new from the Office of the Aging.

Jennifer Rodriguez from the Schuyler County Public Health office reported the there is free stop smoking clinics for county residents and also CPR training. Mostly she urged everyone to fill out the survey to determine how best to meet the needs of Schuyler County residents over the next five (5) years. It can be done on the internet by going to [www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com) or paper copies are available in the Town Clerk's Office.

Dennis Fagan addressed the meeting regarding the condition of County Road 16. There is no scheduled maintenance for repairs this year. They have discussed the conditions of this road at the Public Works meetings but they have no funding available. This road needs to be milled, binder put on and then a topped.

The tentative schedule is for next year and it is a priority. It will be put into the County budget this fall and a major portion will be done but probably not all of it. If the ongoing audit of 2011 shows additional monies in the fund balance they might be able to use some of that money towards improvements in County Road 16.

Another area and media event is the Wind Farm proposed on Watkins Glen International Race Track and Towns of Dix, Catlin, Catherine and Hector. Seventy-Five Turbines would be erected and a 200 million dollar project. This project will not start until 2014 because they have to get property owner leases and permits prior to starting. There is a study and permitting being done, along with regulatory hurdles to handle.

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There is 1800 acres Watkins Glen International owns and it will have ten turbines erected on their property. Nextra is the largest wind turbine company and already has turbines on two other race tracks in Florida owned by the same company that runs Watkins Glen.

Clipper Wind was the company in the Towns of Hornby and Orange and they are being resurrected and coming into the area next week to review information with SCOPED. They are still proposing 40 to 50 turbines with 2/3 in the Town of Hornby, rest in Town of Orange. This is an obvious major increase in assessed value and to the tax base. It should help rebuild roads during construction phase and possibly new roads, not to mention the royalties to the property owners. It is somewhat controversial but nowhere near what fracking is causing. It is clean, renewable energy.

The Schuyler County Legislators are in the redistricting process. The reason for this is the census data. They are considering two legislators from the Towns of Orange, Tyrone and Reading, three for Dix and Montour and three from Hector, Catherine and Cayuta. This cause a 17% factor under representation. Under 10% for redistricting at the present time. There are four (4) plans they are considering. Some want to have eight (8) legislative districts with Orange and Tyrone as the West portion, there is a seven (7) district plan that goes more with the economy and divided by seven we had problems because the Town of Dix was carved up. With a 5-2 district plan five would have the two largest Towns and all the others were from the West side.

Dennis said he thinks this is the best plan but others do not agree. With a five (5) district plan was eight to five which included Orange, Tyrone, and West side of Reading. Watkins Glen and Reading would be District 2 and Hector subdivided into two districts.

They should make a decision soon and then it will go before the voters. If it remains eight (8) does not have to go before the voters. Less than eight will require a mandatory referendum and it adopted will start and be implemented the following year.

Regarding taxes he understands that many have been upset with the reval efforts in Orange, Tyrone, Dix, Reading, and Hector. Tentatively it raised the value of the County 100 million dollars. Of course, he knows it will not stay and it will drop but it is unknown by how much. The loss was assessed values from previous years due to reduced value by six million in utilities franchise assessments while expenses went up.

Expenses will continue to go up while a decrease in revenues and no mandate relief from NYS. Most counties in the state are in the same predicament with the 2% tax cap while Medicaid went up 3%. This is definitely taxation without representation. At the Schuyler County level they have reduced everyone at the County's pension by 40%, which nearly quadrupled four fold in eight years which is unsustainable. It was one half of what Dennis was requesting. The county cannot decrease its own spending, for example highways. Veteran Benefits have been cut by federal government putting

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pressure on local levels. We are in a very difficult situation and the legislators are doing the best they can in this situation.

Schuyler County has eight towns seven out of the eight are in the program. Cayuta is not part of the program. Land Value is up 12 million and 80% is purchased property under these market conditions. The County is trying to cut expenses and it was reduced 15% over last three to four years, there has been a wage freeze for the last couple of years for all management, union negotiations or contracts increased only 2% over four year period. Major concessions in Health insurance which decreases twice what wages would have been.

The audience mentioned water problems under County Road 16 causing the heaving and breakup of the surface. Dennis stated that ditching controls the runoff and water levels. It was also mentioned that County Road 16 should be a priority because it gets a lot of the traffic from Watkins Glen International.

Al Buckland asked if there has been a decision as to whether all Code Officers will be employed by the County. Dennis stated that he has no word on it as of today.

Walt Andrews stated that there is an old caretaker shed on the Sugar Hill Cemetery that is unsafe and is being used by kids partying. There are also two trees that need to be cut down so trucks could get through. It is in the Northeast corner next to the Loren Cornish property and he has permission from him to cut the trees, now just needs permission from the Town. Walt will cut down the trees and see Ron Parmenter who has a dumping area at the end of the road to dispose of the wood.

## RESOLUTION #112

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Lori Ellison the shed and two trees should be removed from the Sugar Hill Cemetery and disposed of properly.

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

The fire department has agreed to burn the shed next door to the town hall on the lot we recently acquired. Al reminded that it should not be done before May 15<sup>th</sup>. The fire department meeting is next Monday and they will let Jocelyn know what day they agree to burn the shed.

The new person willing to take over the trash hauling and recycling uses the Chemung County Landfill and his business is located on Lake Road in Elmira and he has been in business since 1972. He will bring in a truck and take the large bags of garbage for \$3.00 and small ones for \$2.00. All recycling will have to be bagged because that will be hauled on a trailer behind the truck.



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Bev Frost asked why the Highway Bills were not paid and approved by all board members. It is due to the Agreement that needs to be signed by the Superintendent of Highways and the Town Board, which should have been done of January of 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Raymond Ellison asked for a signed copy from Jocelyn Harrison.

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison the meeting adjourned at 8:12PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

## WORKSHOP MEETING. TOWN OF ORANGE, MAY 21, 2012

A workshop meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, May 21, 2012 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:35PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Jocelyn Harrison, Supervisor  
Ron Froebel, Councilman  
Jon Olin, Councilman

ABSENT: Lori Ellison, Deputy Supervisor/Councilman  
Minard LaFever, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: George Whipple, Mary Olin, Chuck Wilson, Joanne Randall,  
Town Clerk

Discussion on a resolution at the next meeting regarding Darold DeCamp hiring Ronald Yorio for his Attorney at a \$2,500.00 retainer. The present members decided that it is not to exceed \$1,500.00 total, or the same amount our Town Attorney is going to be paid. If a deposit is required to Ron Yorio it can be \$750.00, the remainder will be paid in monthly payments. An official resolution will be written at the regular June meeting with all the board present.

Jon Olin asked if we can recoup the money from Ron Yorio when the Town wins the case. No one had an answer so Jon is going to call our Town Attorney Tim Mattison and the NYS Comptroller's Office tomorrow to find out.

Jocelyn received an agreement from the Schuyler County Planning Commission and is not sure who is supposed to sign this agreement. It is an intermunicipal agreement between the Towns and County. Jocelyn is going to call Rocky to see if he can attend our next regular meeting for a further explanation of this form and what a signature on it is really doing for the Town and County.

It was reported that the yellow truck is not licensed, registered, or licensed. It has not been registered since October 2011 and there is no license plate on the front of the truck.

The Western Star is still at the Highway Barn. Jocelyn will call the man that purchased it and give him a week to remove it from our premises. She will send a certified letter. We need to get the other items up for auction because we need \$2,500.00 to pay for red truck.

Is the Town liable for any accident or is whoever is driving, especially if there are no registrations on some trucks?

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Minard LaFever is at another meeting tonight that is why he is not here. He attended our meeting last month so is alternating months.

Jocelyn will call the new trash man and see when he is going to start. It will cost more but will be worth it because the dumpsters will be gone immediately after he starts on Saturday, removing the odor, trash blowing around town and the eyesore of the dumpsters.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, JUNE 4, 2012

Vicki Flynn, Assessor was absent but Jocelyn read her report. Grievance was held on May 29<sup>th</sup> with 70 appointments. 22 People came in. Vicki will be here every Monday 9:00AM and at the County Office Building the other four days of the week.

## RESOLUTION #121

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

NO REPORTS – Superintendent of Highways  
Town Justice  
Planning Board

## RESOLUTION #122

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #123

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

Monterey Fire Department reported they had 126 hours of training in May. Two rescue calls with seven man hours.

The Chicken BBQ made a profit but the final count is still unknown.

Ed Lewis reported for the Office of the Aging that they have been getting a good crowd of 22 to 30 people for the luncheons. They have a lot of fun and it is a good time for everyone. The Food Pantry will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June from 10:00 to 11:30AM at the fire hall.

## NEW BUSINESS

## RESOLUTION #124

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Ron Froebel the Attorney Fee for Darold DeCamp will be the maximum of \$1,500.00 with a \$750.00 deposit and the rest in monthly payments. Jocelyn did get a letter to confirm that the Town is responsible for Darold's Attorney fees from our Town Attorney, Tim Mattison.

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## ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES                Jon Olin  
                          Ron Froebel  
                          Jocelyn Harrison

NAYS                Lori Ellison  
                          Minard LaFever

Each board member was given a copy of the Planning Board's proposed Comprehensive Plan to review. No changes were made by the board. A copy is available for the public to review before we take this to a public hearing.

## RESOLUTION #125

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Ron Froebel the Town Board approved the proposed comprehensive plan with no changes

ADOPTED                AYES    5                        NAYS    0

The Western Star Truck sold on Auctions International was picked up on Thursday. Jocelyn gave the paperwork to Randy to get started on the next trucks to be put on the website for auction.

## PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS

Rick Hendricks said that he thought the Town should be run like a business. The discussion ended at that because he was informed we are dealing with taxpayer's money and it cannot be run like a business.

Discussion followed on garbage and the new procedure to have it removed after the hours on Saturday and do away with the dumpsters in the middle of town. The cost seems to be the biggest issue and it was stated that because of the cost at \$3.00 and \$4.00 there will be a lot of dumping along the highways. Jocelyn explained that the cost went up that much because Bernie was not charging the correct amount prior to the new procedure. As far as dumping along the highways, whoever is doing it is taking a risk at being caught because NYS has a littering law and the DEC is watchful of incidents of this nature. There was a case in our court last month regarding illegal dumping.

It was suggested perhaps a neighborhood watch be form to prevent dumping along the highways and it could be used for other things also.

Teresa Rodgers Haar asked for help again for the drainage on Wolverton Road. Her original request was last year and she is still having a problem with stones washing out of the ditch along with the water and going into her field.

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Also, along County Road 22 to Route 226 ending at Janice Masin's there is no place for the water to go and it runs down the middle of the road, leaving gravel at the end of County Road 22 and makes it hard to stop before entering Route 226. Teresa was told that this is a County problem and needs to be reported to them.

The Wolverton Road sign is still leaning as she reported last year also. Pete Mattison was the only member of the highway department in the audience and he said he would report it to Randy in the morning and see if they could look at the problem and possibly fix it.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

## WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, JUNE 18, 2012

A workshop meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, June 18, 2012 at the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:30PM with the following members present:

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

ABSENT: Minard LaFever, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: George Whipple, Mary Olin, Chuck Wilson, Jim Pinkard, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

Jocelyn had a meeting with Scott from Casella regarding what to do with the garbage and recycling. Scott proposed two containers be delivered on Friday and then picked up on Monday they can hold up to 20 yards and are 8 feet wide. The cost is the prohibitive item at \$175.00 per delivery and \$175.00 pickup and a \$68.00 per ton for the trash. These containers can be locked and if can be picked up every two weeks or once a month.

This roughly figures out to be around \$2,000.00 per month or more. The board has until the next meeting to think about it or come up with another proposal. Jocelyn will contact Scott again and see if there is another alternative.

The Town Attorney, Tim Mattison faxed Jocelyn a letter to be given to Darold and his Attorney Ron Yorio regarding the \$1,500.00 with a \$750.00 retainer as voted on by the board.

Tim also told Jocelyn that he has accepted a position with NYS Family Court System in Binghamton and will be closing his practice on July 9<sup>th</sup> after thirty years. He will recommend a new Attorney for the Town. Meanwhile, it was suggested each board member take a list of five different lawyers and contact them to see if they would be willing to represent the Town and what the cost might be.

Jocelyn received a notice from the County regarding the the Town of Orange equalization rate at 100%. It is \$10.88 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value.

At the last board meeting the voucher was passed to pay off NAPA. Because the billing was too confusing and they would pay off invoices we possibly never saw or passed by the board Jocelyn has told them no more charges.

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Jocelyn saw Cedric Stewart and questioned him about the Capital Reserve funds, especially for the building and found out that monies can be used to upgrade the building with new siding and windows.

Regarding the lot next door the board discussed putting the clean up out for bid. Then a discussion followed on whether the shed could be buried or burnt. Most board members thought burning would ruin the trees that are close to the shed. It was decided that Ron Froebel will contact the DEC or Bill Meehan to see if it is legal to bury the shed on the lot. If the shed is gone then someone could brush hog it and clean it up that way.

The Highway Contract is up at the end of 2013 and Jocelyn thought it would be a good idea to get a head start on what the Town is willing to give and put it down in writing.

NYSERDA is offering grants again and Joanne Randall is working on this to see if we can get a grant to upgrade the building through this grant program.

Fire Department was given an invoice for the \$5,000.00 owed from previous years and the 2012 amount they owe for Worker's Comp. Lori will call Larry to see where this payment stands.

Jim Pinkard announced that he is offering a CPR course on June 27<sup>th</sup>. There are 6 slots available, four have been taken but that leaves two for anyone interested at a \$5.00 per person. The cost will go up to \$25.00 per person after this initial class.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, JULY 2, 2012

A regular board meeting, of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, July 2, 2012 at the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:30PM with the following members present:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Murphy, Kate Bartholomew, Nicholas Haner, Lewis Harrison, Kristen Haner, Goldie Wilson, Chuck Wilson, Teresa Rodgers-Haar, Ed Lewis, Jim Pinkard, Al Buckland, Codes Enforcement Officer, Vicki Flynn, Rod Hoad, Bradford Volunteer Fire Department, Dale Harrison, Beth Hendrick, Rick Hendrick, Gary Stratton, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #126

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the Highway Fund bills on Abstract #007 were paid in the amount of \$7,732.14.

ADOPTED                      AYES    3                      NAYS    2

RESOLUTION #127

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Jon Olin the General Fund bills on Abstract #007 were paid in the amount of \$19,013.34.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #128

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Minard LaFever the minutes from the June meeting were accepted as read.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #129

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Jon Olin the minutes of the Workshop meeting for June were accepted as read.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

REPORT OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Vicki Flynn, Assessor reported grievances are over and if anyone wants to take the next step they have to go to Small Claims court by filing form BP-730 with the County Clerk.

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They cannot file unless they already had a grievance hearing. Vicki is here at the Town of Orange Mondays 9AM until Noon and at the County Building in Watkins Monday, Tuesday, and Fridays.

## RESOLUTION #130

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

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #131

On motion Ron Froebel, seconded by Jon Olin the Building Codes Officer's report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

NO Superintendent of Highways report  
NO Justice Report

Planning board report was given by Lewis Harrison, stating that they sent Rocky Kiambo a copy of the Town of Orange Comprehensive plan and he had given them some recommendations. They are now working on incorporating some of those recommendations into our plan. Rocky also suggested we work with the County in developing their new plan and they would help us. Sandi Wilson resigned from the planning board.

## RESOLUTION #132

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

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #133

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

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #134

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

ADOPTED                    AYES    5                    NAYS    0

Fire Department reports were read from Bradford, Beaver Dams, and Monterey.

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Jim Pinkard stated that his first CPR class went well. There will be another class as soon as he has six (6) applicants signed up. The fire department meetings are the second Monday of every month at 6:00PM. Larry States is still the fire chief, with Mike Antonio Deputy Chief and Bill Mullaney is Treasurer. Bradford's meetings are the second Sunday at 6:00PM of every month and anyone can attend.

Ed Lewis reported the OFA luncheons are still maintaining a number of twenty-five each week and the same amount has signed up for this week.

## NEW BUSINESS

Jim Murphy and Kate Bartholomew are part of a subcommittee for Schuyler County. The county is working on a new Comprehensive plan because the one written in 2004 is very large, with a lot of verbiage but no one knows for sure what is contained in it because of the size. The county decided since they are working on their new plan along with several of the Towns in Schuyler County that this could all be done at one time.

The County Legislature, Town Supervisors, School Superintendents, Hospital and County Administrator would like to hold a number of public meetings with all of the above present to talk about incorporating the Towns plans with the County. They will discuss community issues, how to protect what we have at present, preserving agriculture, protect soil and water. School and Safety issues also need to be addressed in this meeting.

Because six (6) out of the eight (8) Towns in Schuyler county are reviewing their Comprehensive plans, which is a vision for your community and has nothing to do with the County and all the insight etc comes from people within the community but it would be cost effective to hire a consultant to help the County and Towns.

This consultant would provide a source of data, and could draw from information from all areas involved. The cost would be \$3,800.00 per Town to use the same consultant as the County and the more area involved the cheaper it would be.

It could also provide a county wide version of the plan rather than just the Town. There would be more variety to choose from in the data set. Professional outlook to draw from rather than the Cornell interns who are helping but have no expertise. Professional would steer us towards efficiencies in pulling from their data. There is no unique plan for protecting agriculture at this time and our towns plan would be different than the other towns in Schuyler County. It could also lead to a greater variety of things that we cannot think of ourselves.

Guidance from fragmentation. Not used as a document to work from but a vision of what to do with land. Overall what to do with the vision for the future. It would be a guidance document for the future. You need to look at it like shape the event or get shaped by the event. There needs to be common goals and practices, quality of life, and the

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consultants could also help us get grants for the Town and grants to prepare the Comprehensive Plan and get it printed professionally. This could also define the responsibility to my neighbors and the frame work for regulations.

A comprehensive plan is just an umbrella statement of what you want the town to look like now and in the future.

For the \$3,800.00 the Town of Orange would have access to services of the consultant who is in the business of writing plans. This is a onetime fee. Any comprehensive plan needs the data and where to go on the internet for information, as well as other vital information to make a good plan the consultants could help in all of those areas.

Our Town Attorney, Tim Mattison will be all done on July 13<sup>th</sup>, when he will take his new job in Binghamton. We will be interviewing Attorneys to until we find a new one.

The independent garbage man (S & R Disposal) worked for two weeks and then had truck problems. He was told we no longer needed his services. The plan from Casella discussed at last month's meeting was way too much money per month. Scott and Jocelyn are discussing other plans and options and this will be discussed further at the workshop meeting in two weeks. Again comments from the floor were the same as we have heard for the past few months. Garbage is too expensive now at \$3.00 and \$4.00 and the dumpsters need to be moved etc.

This building needs major repairs due to the foundation disintegrating and rodents, etc are finding their way in and causing problems. We need to find grants or take money out of the Capital Reserve account to upgrade the building. This will also be discussed further at the next meeting.

DEC gave their OK to bury the building next door. Dig Safely NY has been called and they will be here next week to make sure there are no underground cables. Then work will begin and should be completed within a month.

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

## WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, JULY 16, 2012

A workshop meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, July 16, 2012 at the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:30PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Jocelyn Harrison, Supervisor  
Lori Ellison, Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman  
Ron Froebel, Councilman  
Minard La Fever, Councilman  
Jon Olin, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Olin, George Whipple, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

The court date for July has been cancelled until August 17<sup>th</sup>, but according to Tim Mattison on this date the attorneys will just submit their paperwork to the judge. No one needs to be present.

The damage to the right side of the fence done by four children was estimated by Lonny DeWalt, who originally put the fence up and he determined it would be mostly labor at the cost of \$985.00. Deputy Sheriff Mike Pierce has the names of the children and the estimate, now it has to be determined by the Town Board if we want the parents to pay restitution or how are we going to get the fence repaired.

Swarthout will charge \$270.00 per day to bring a dumpster over for a town wide clean up rather than per ton. Discussion followed on the mess at the old highway barn or recycling center with all the debris that Bernie has let people put in there rather than just electronics. Also, discussed was the Community Can Collection, which has many bags full but they have to be sorted before they can be returned for deposit. Also, there will be a County Recycling day on September 29<sup>th</sup> household hazardous waste, used tires, and electronics but you must call for pre registration between August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 14<sup>th</sup>. This is mainly to make sure everyone is not there at the same time.

Warden Travis has suggested we put up trail cameras in the cemeteries to catch people who are riding four wheelers through the cemetery as well as over the tombstones. He is finding a lot of garbage and partying supplies that he needs to clean up before they can be mowed.

David Tennent, Town Supervisor for Campbell called as asked if we would be willing to pay half for the removal of two dead trees in Chrisjohn Cemetery. He will get the bids and send us copies. Larry Grant from Campbell was suggested as a good one to talk to about removal of trees in all our other cemeteries before they ruin more tombstones. Also Acorn Tree from Elmira was mentioned.

Warden would also like to put a huge rock in the driveway to Monterey Cemetery since it is no longer active and it is blocked with parked cars when he needs to get into it to

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mow. It was suggested we get NO PARKING signs made and if it continues call the Sheriff to have them towed away.

Jocelyn's suggestion for the garbage and recycling center is to move the dumpsters behind the building and then fence the whole area. The dumpsters can be put back to back to save some space and they would not be visible from the road. Minard reminded us that the race track has fence they are willing to donate. The public wants them moved to the Highway Department.

Jon Olin reminded us about the two trees by the bridge on Hornby Road that are ready to fall across the road. They are on State Land and not in the Town's right of way. It was suggested he contact Bill Meehan or Schuyler County Soil and Water for their input on what to do about this.

Attorney Tim Mattison, previous Town Attorney recommends we hire Fred Cerio. Tim says he will be very compatible with the Town. He now works for Schuyler County Judges, so he will need a dispensation to work for the Town of Orange.

Comprehensive Plan notice should be in the Corning Leader for three days. This notice tells the public to come in to review the plan before the public hearing. We could hold the public hearing before the September Board meeting and then the board could vote.

Lori Ellison wants Sheri Johnston to be put on the agenda for August to talk about fracking.

Jocelyn received a check for \$20,000.00 from the Monterey Fire Department. According to the Treasurer, Bill Mullaney he knows it is not the correct amount because their budget is short and they will make up the balance next year. After reviewing the Fire Department budget given to Jocelyn a few months ago the exact numbers for the Workers Compensation and the \$5,000.00 were in their budget.

The board went into executive session to discuss Article 78 at 7:15PM and closed the executive session at 7:40PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, AUGUST 6, 2012

A regular board meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, August 6, 2012 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:40PM with the following members present:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Gary Whyman, Schuyler County Treasurer, Cheryl Johnston, Mary Olin, Delinda Dann, Chuck Wilson, Beth Hendrick, Rick Hendrick, Carol Rhoades, Chairwoman of Planning Board, Don Rhoades, Dale Harrison, Teresa Rodgers-Haar, Pete Mattison, Sam Mattison, George Whipple, Walter Andrews, Cemetery Custodian, Al Buckland, Building Codes Officer, Nathaniel Sargent, Georgia Taylor & Valerie Gresh, Schuyler County Humane Society, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

## RESOLUTION #135

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the General Fund bills on Abstract #008 were paid in the amount of \$5400.70.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #136

on motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the Highway Bills on Abstract #008 were paid in the amount of \$25,137.95.

ADOPTED                      AYES    3                      NAYS    2

## RESOLUTION #137

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Jon Olin the Trust and Agency bills on Abstract #008 were paid in the amount of \$14,165.58.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

Jocelyn restated the Law #284 regarding the payment of the Highway bills and the Town Board would be liable for payment without the signed agreement with the Highway Superintendent, therefore, Jon Olin and Ron Froebel will not accept the charges.

## RESOLUTION #138

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

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## RESOLUTION #139

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Minard LaFever the July Workshop meeting minutes will be approved after the statement is put in them regarding the public wants the dumpsters moved to the highway department per Jon Olin.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

Vicki Flynn reported all small claims have to be filed on RP730 by July 31<sup>st</sup>. If you did not come in at grievance or file before March you will have to wait to discuss the assessments in 2013.

## RESOLUTION #140

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #141

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

Darold Decamp reported that he wants to bid out Sexton Hollow Road bridge for a box Culvert. They have been putting gravel on the roads, grading getting ready to oil and stone. They have also been putting magnesium chloride down for dust control. Darold also said he would like to purchase a new truck to replace the truck Pete drives. It is in really bad shape and unsafe. He said if Pete refuses to drive it he will not make him because he thinks it is too dangerous.

## RESOLUTION #142

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    3                      NAYS    2

## RESOLUTION #143

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

NO planning board report this month.

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## RESOLUTION #144

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                              NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #145

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                              NAYS    0

Beaver Dams Fire Department report was read by Lori Ellison. NO report from Bradford or Monterey Fire Departments.

NO report from the Office of the Aging.

Cheri Johnston spoke to the meeting regarding FRACKING; she said a friend of hers that lives in Pennsylvania told her that the people in NY have no idea of what is going on in PA. She would like to see a moratorium placed on FRACKING in the Town of Orange until it is proven to be 100% safe. She said we need to listen to the Planning Board and she had reports from SGIS, NYS 2009 report, December 2010 and Executive Order #41 regarding shale gases was revised in September 2011. There are 67,000 comments as of August 2, 2012 regarding the extraction of shale gas on a website according to the freelance writer for Schuylar County for the Leader.

She thanked the Board and residents for their time and left with this quote:  
Never hurt yourself, never hurt another human being, never hurt an animal, and never hurt the environment.

To get the damaged fence back to original it will cost \$985.00. Deputy Mike Pierce has the names of the individuals involved and the board decided to table the issue until we can get restitution through the Sheriff's department and we recover all the monies. Discussion will also follow at the Workshop meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

## RESOLUTION #146

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Ron Froebel the three dead maple trees in Chrisjohn cemetery, that Dave Tennent, Supervisor for the Town of Campbell bid out will cost the Town of Orange \$675.00. The trees will be cut and the dead wood removed from the ones near the road by Beers Tree Service.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                              NAYS    0

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According to Ron Froebel, Warden Travis has marked fifteen (15) dead trees in five other cemeteries. He would like to have Dave Tennent fax us a listing of the tree services he contacted and the costs.

The lot next door is showing progress. The building is down and the dead trees have been cut and the wood removed and the grass mowed. The next step is leveling the lot with a bulldozer.

RESOLUTION #147

The public hearing for the Town of Orange Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for August 20, 2012 at 6:30PM it will be advertised in the Leader.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

Further discussion of the \$3,800.00 to the County to hire consultants to work up a comprehensive plan will be further discussed at the Workshop meeting, August 20<sup>th</sup>. The county is stating that in the \$50,000.00, that part of it would be education. The county plan would not be tailored to the Town of Orange. They have not hired a consultant yet and eleven or thirteen will be under the County Plan but it is not specified. The completion date is estimated to be May 20, 2013 then it will be public information.

Georgie Taylor from the Schuyler County Humane Society had to reschedule until September 10<sup>th</sup>. Her laptop would not cooperate.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS

Chuck Wilson requested permission to have the Corning Leader put a Leader box at the recycling center, next to the building in lieu that Donnie's store is no longer open.

RESOLUTION #148

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Lori Ellison the board granted permission for a Corning Leader box to be put next to the recycling building.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

Delinda Dann asked why the dumpsters are still in the middle of Town and not moved to the Highway Barn.

Gary Whyman, Schuyler County Treasurer stated that the county has completed its annual audit. CDLM-2011 performance report shows room for improvement. He has asked the legislature to change the Treasurer's Office from an elected to appointed position. He thinks it is in the best interest of the County to have someone in the position that has skills and can offer the best possible service to the residents. He's hoping it goes before the voters in November.

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His team is learning, but it is in slow gradual improvements. He just attended a three day seminar. He says the Town of Orange is not high on the list but is not on the bottom either. We are not that different than other Counties. He believes people who move here, live here, and work here.

Teresa Rodger-Haar asked about Wolverton Road again. Darold Decamp said he would get to it soon. He would like Suit Kote to oil and stone. Teresa says water is running down the road and into her field and has been doing this for some time.

There is a meeting at the Tyrone Fire Hall tomorrow from 2 until 4 and again 6 – 8, on a Six Nations Ten year plan by the DEC. It will include information on endangered species, animals and plants, horse trails. Gating off Maple lane from Tower to Bend, approximately two miles. The gate will be open most of the time but because the road has not been worked it can be considered private land and gated off. This road needs to be kept in some type of condition.

NY DEC sent notice that the wind program is going to start. They have done the study on the project impact on natural resources. It will be at the top of Chambers Road in the Town of Orange.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING & WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, AUGUST 20, 2012

A public hearing and workshop meeting was held on Monday, August 20, 2012 at the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:35PM with the following members present:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Baker, Chuck Wilson, Rick Hendrick, Carol Rhodes, Chairman of Planning Board, Rocky Kambo, Schuyler County Cooperative Extension Resources and Development, George Whipple, Mary Olin, Teresa Rodgers-Haar, Joanne Randall Town Clerk

The meeting was opened at 6:35 with the Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Orange. Rocky Kambo wanted to do a slide presentation before a decision was made for the Town of Orange to participate in the County wide plan. He reviewed the same presentation that was given at the Schuyler County Council of Government Meeting last month.

He state a Comprehensive Plan should have the following items:

- Direction and Vision
- Assist in Decision Making
- Protects and Enhances
- Helps with Federal and State Grants

This plan needs to be reviewed every five (5) to ten (10) years. There are three (3) non-existent plans in the county.

He gave statistics on the Towns and Villages that have agreed to participate in the County Plan. He really thinks that the contribution of \$3,800.00 would be a good investment for the Town of Orange and the more entities he can get to sign on the better the plan will be because of the increase in funds and will give him more leverage in negotiating. He made it very clear that this will be a one-time fee and the amount will not change.

Once he has done the presentation to all the entities in Schuyler County and he has a final figure of revenue he will put the plan out to bid. Another major factor in this plan will be the board members from each participating Township or Village. They will meet regularly and shape the plan and what can or cannot be put into the plan. There will be specifics for each participating Town or Village but it will mainly consist on how the overall County's future will be shaped.

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He would like to arrive at the estimated \$50,000.00 but will go with whatever he has in place when all the presentations and commitments are finalized.

Rocky answered questions from the audience. Jocelyn told everyone how long and hard all our planning boards have worked on the present plan for the Town of Orange Comprehensive Plan. This has been a ten (10) year process with approximately three (3) different planning boards. She asked if there were any objections to adopting the present plan and there were none.

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison therefore, the Town of Orange Comprehensive Plan has finalized regulations in place.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

The public hearing was closed at 7:40PM.

The next item was if we wanted to participate with the \$3,800.00 in the County Plan. It was a suggestive vote to be finalized at the regular board meeting but the majority ruled. This was to give Rocky some idea whether to factor the Town of Orange in his final revenue or not. This can be put into the 2013 budget and expensed in 2013.

Lori Ellison brought up Haefele TV, because she was approached by Roberta Bailey again about getting the cable to her residence. Roberta claims she never heard from Jeff Golden after he was here at the meeting in the spring. Jeff Golden will be contacted by the Town Clerk.

Lori also asked what we can do about the 4-wheelers tearing up the road on County Road 22. Jon Olin suggested we write a letter to the Sheriff's Department.

Deputy Mike Pierce is trying to get all the families together that their children were involved with damaging the fence. He is hoping for this Sunday. He will let us know when an arrangement has been made.

Teresa Rodgers-Haar reported the ditch is good now and the Wolverton Road sign has been straightened. She asked when it could be mowed now. Jon Olin stated that all roads should be mowed by August 15<sup>th</sup> and complained because there is not a plan of attack on any of the Town of Orange roads.

Next meeting will be September 10<sup>th</sup> due to the Labor Day holiday. The Dumpsters and garbage will be discussed again and a vote taken. Then hopefully the dumpsters will be in a permanent place and the fence from the racetrack put up around them.

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According to Greg Matthews it is too late in the season to be oiling the roads. None of the seasonal roads have been worked again this year and Jon Olin would like to put it in writing that the roads cannot be oiled because it is too late and that the monies are not in the budget and forwarded to Darold.

Greg also stated that he has all the material for the wing wall on Sexton Hollow road. He will even help with the work that needs to be done. A box culvert cannot be purchased because there is not enough money in the budget. The town needs to supply the labor and the County will supply the material. Only four (4) pieces of wood need replacing. Maple Lane is the same thing but it can wait until next year.

The speed limit on Hornby Road is 55 and because of the condition of the road there have been five (5) accidents. This could put the town in jeopardy for a huge law suit. Templar Road is a total disaster as well.

The leaning trees over Hornby Road, according to Bill Meehan are on the Town of Orange property. County killed them while working on the creek. It is up to the Town of Orange to take care of them.

Attorney Robert Halpin of Watkins Glen will meet with the board at 6:00PM to introduce himself. He has taken over as the Town Attorney, at least until the end of the year.

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison an executive session was called at 8:10PM. Discussed were the OSC, Lawyer, and Comptroller's Office. Form 284, Article 78, and payment of bills.

The executive session closed at 8:15PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

A regular board meeting for the Town of Orange was held on Monday, September 10, 2012 at the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:37PM with the following members present:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Audrey Pane, Goldie Wilson, Beth Hendrick, Rick, Hendrick, Chuck Wilson, Delinda Dann, Beverly Frost, Mark Taylor, Schuyler County Humane Society, Vicki Flynn, Assessor, Albert Buckland, Building Codes Officer, John Gibbs, NYSDEC, Kristine Haner, Nichols Haner, Bill Meehan, NYSDEC, George Whipple, Mary Olin, Carol Rhoades, Chair Town of Orange Planning Board, Don Rhoads, Lewis Harrison, Teresa Rodgers-Haar, Sam Mattison, Jane Nichols, Pete Mattison, Dale Harrison, Sharon Clark, Gary Stratton, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

## RESOLUTION #149

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Lori Ellison the General Fund bills on Abstract #009 were paid in the amount of \$6767.41.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #150

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison the Highway Fund bill on Abstract #009 were paid in the amount of \$45,413.60.

ADOPTED                      AYES    3                                      NAYS    2

## RESOLUTION #151

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Jon Olin the Trust & Agency fund bills on Abstract #009 were paid in the amount of \$17,026.72.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #152

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #153

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Minard LaFever the workshop minutes from August were accepted as read.

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ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

Vicki started road work today, reviewing the 2012 building permits that have been issued through today.

Her office will be closed from September 24<sup>th</sup> through October 19<sup>th</sup> or four (4) weeks due to surgery on her foot. She suggests that you call before coming in on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> because she is not sure if she will be able to drive yet.

All Assessment business can be conducted at the County level and they will be in touch with Vicki while she is recuperating. STAR renewals will be out by the end of October. She requested permission to take the small printer out of her office home with her while she is off so she can continue to work. Jon Olin asked about the property on Switzer Hill Road that belongs to the Boys and Girls Club of America. Vicki said she has taken the exemption off from the property because they have not maintained their contract of using or improving the property. They approached Camp Good Days and the Sheriff's Department of see if they would be interested but could not find another organization that would be willing to let them use their 501B tax exempt status. The exemption was conditional when it was put onto the property. Vicki does not know how long it will remain on the tax roll but for right now it is on the roll with no exemptions.

## RESOLUTION #154

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Lori Ellison the board gave permission for the small printer to be used by Vicki at home during her recovery period.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #155

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

Highway Superintendent had put his report in the Town Clerk's mailbox which was not checked before the meeting.

## RESOLUTION #156

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

The board members received a letter from the Planning Board naming a new member and a change in Chairperson. The new member is Kristin Haner and Rita Schreiber will no longer be Chair but these duties will be handled by Carol Rhoads and Lewis



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ADOPTED                      AYES    4                      NAYS    1

Georgia Taylor from the Schuyler County Humane Society presented a program on the work of the Humane Society and they would like to see stricter laws enacted to ban puppy mills and make kennel owners and pet breeders more accountable.

The Humane Society is based on the following principles. To prevent overpopulation of animals, quality care for animals, teach responsible pet ownership, and help the community in the humane treatment of all animals. The Schuyler County Humane Society has taken care of 7000 animals through 2010.

Schuyler County contributes \$4,000.00 per year and only shelter dogs are income eligible. They handle 25 to 30 animals per week. The majority of the shelter's income is through fund raising and donations. 1300 animals have been adopted into forever homes through 2009 from the dog pound.

Animal fighting is the number one problem for the humane societies. The fighting dogs are mostly bred in rural areas. Once a year the humane society gets involved in a hoarding situation. Animal hoarding is very high up to 90% and within last two (2) years it is almost as bad as or worse than it was previously.

Puppy mills are large scale breeding facility where they mass produce puppies for sale, usually with no papers. The Humane Society charges \$150.00 adoption fee, also with no papers because the majority of these animals come in as stray and they have no background on the animal, but the Humane Society has the animal spayed or neutered, vaccinated, micro chipped, flea treated and disease tested. In a much smaller population than puppy mills they are much healthier animals. If an animal is not spayed or neutered it is thirteen (13) times at greater risk for cancers.

It is the hope of the Humane Society to expand Federal law to take care of some of the puppy mills and a local law can be done at the local level as well. It is legislation to stop or manage puppy mills in the local area. It can be put in there how many allowed to breed and a maximum number of kennels on any piece of property.

USDA has a contract to oversee and license breeders and pet shops. There needs to be more visibility and the public needs to be aware because the USDA cannot inspect and visit all the sites per contract. The pet stores and breeders bring in revenues in the vicinity of 30 million dollars in Schuyler County annually. Federal law requires the inspections being done on a regular basis. There are twelve (12) inspectors in NYS covering eight (8) counties. They are supposed to inspect breeders, Humane Societies, all County Fairs in an eight (8) county region. Just due to the sheer numbers you can tell that twelve inspectors cannot be doing a good job.

Cat facilities do not have to be regulated or inspected.

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A sample of the Interlaken ban on puppy mills was handed to the board members for referral in the event they want to create one for the Town of Orange.

Bill Meehan addressed the group regarding the meeting at the Tyrone Fire Hall and some people coming up to him with questions. Bill introduced John Gibbs the Senior Officer and the manager of the state forests in this area and Bill's Supervisor. When an area is logged they like to leave the debris to help the animals with food and shelter. He also stated that more than twelve (12) deer per square mile impact reforestation.

Chambers road is still open due to the land owners who did not want it closed. Maple Lane when you compare it to all the old maps it was a truck route built by the CCC and the roadway now is not on same location as the original. It is a Town road and should be maintained by the Town. Tower Hill road the Town of Orange maintains a two (2) mile stretch. It is a Town issue not to claim a Town road.

Seasonal roads are open April 1 to December 1. What happens to road in spring time with the four wheelers and truckers during the mud season only creates more problems. Per Bill they should be opened the first of May which would make it easier to maintain. Any area that has a gate across, the gate is closed on December 15<sup>th</sup> after hunting season.

There is a plan on line at [www.dec.nys.gov](http://www.dec.nys.gov) for a comment period regarding state lands and how you would like to see them managed; it is still open for comment. This is the Town of Orange land and the DEC is just maintaining parts of it for us.

Discussion followed along with questions for Bill and John pertaining to state forests in this area.

With the passing of Bernie VanAlstine the recycling manager, Warren McIlwain has offered his help. He enjoys the job and has agreed to stay on for awhile.

### RESOLUTION #162

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Ron Froebel the board appointed Warren McIlwain as recycling manager.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

### RESOLUTION #163

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Ron Froebel the board made the motion to move the recycling center to the highway department.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                                      NAYS    0

Jocelyn reminded everyone that Schuyler County is having a hazardous waste, tire, and electronics collection day on September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Schuyler County Shared Services

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building on Decatur Street in Watkins. You have to pre-register and there is a form to fill out and on the back is a list of things they will take and what they will not take.  
A few of these forms were passed out.

#### PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS

Delinda Dann asked if the dumpsters could be moved within thirty (30) days. It was determined that the Town cannot be held to a deadline. A spot needs to be determined then the building needs to be moved and rewired, and depending on the weather and amount of help it could take awhile.

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Jon Olin the meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

## WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

A workshop meeting was held on Monday, September 24, 2012 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:30PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Lori Ellison, Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman  
Minard LaFever, Councilman  
Jon Olin, Councilman

ABSENT: Jocelyn Harrison, Supervisor, Ron Froebel, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: George Whipple, Sharon Clark, Delinda Dann, Chuck Wilson, Mary Olin, Darold DeCamp, Superintendent of Highways, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

Lori reminded the board members that we need to start scheduling meetings to go over the budget. It was decided to wait until the rest of the board was present to set a date.

All board members were given information on Digital Towpath the supplier of the Town's webpage. They were asked to review all the information, so a vote can be taken at the next meeting as to whether we continue with Digital Towpath or select another provider.

Bill Mullaney, Treasurer of the Monterey Fire Department will be at the next meeting to go over the amount of money the fire department owes the Town. There seems to be a discrepancy.

If anyone has any grass seed lying around it can be donated to seed the lot next door. Jon Olin said he has it covered but would like to see if Warden Travis and the Camp Monterey men could pick up the large rocks before that property is planted.

Lori reminded everyone that all the work on the lot next door has been volunteer, despite the rumors of otherwise.

The sheriff's department had a meeting with the parents of the teens that ruined part of the fence next to the Town Hall. Now the parents have questions and could be at the next board meeting.

Work is going on at the ball field in the Fire Department field; they are working on the fencing. Ed Lewis, his son and the Auxiliary have all been working on it. Jon Olin would like to get a couple of games going before the weather gets too bad. They could possibly set up a jug for donations, they just need to get the word out, pick teams, and have a party.

Jon is getting in touch with Horseheads to see if they have any used equipment to donate. Minard also suggested Jim Guild of Famous Brands. They are thinking about looking into Tee Ball for the younger group.

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A question was asked why the Auxiliary voted to not take over the Monterey Community Event. Delinda Dann said the Auxiliary has nothing to do with the Community Event Committee. They have not had a meeting and decided to put the block party on hold for this year. According to Chuck Wilson, Sylva Lewis read a letter at the last meeting. Delinda wants to see the letter, because she never sent any letter.

Darold DeCamp said he has turned in his budget for 2013. Then he asked Jon what his and Ron's problem was with him. Jon Olin stated that he just feels that the taxpayer is not getting a bang for their buck from the highway department in reference to road repair. Darold said they have done more ditching this year than previous years. Darold said he has no control over Suit Kote for scheduling, so he can only do this type of work when they are available. Pug mill was put down on Sugar Hill, and then they discussed binder on the shoulders which are the same thing as pug mill.

Darold said he is still catching flack for Beaver Dams hill that was paved in November by Walt Strawser before he took office and that the board keeps bringing up stuff from 2010 to 2011. If he is doing something wrong he would like the board to talk to him man to man and he'll get it fixed if it is possible. Darold called Bob Rutter today because he is not going to short a man during the winter months and Pete is also having health problems.

Jon asked if it was feasible to hire part time help. Darold said they have a ten wheeler down and only three ten wheelers in operation, along with a one ton and five ton which has a sander for both.

Delinda Dan stated that it sounded like there was not much communication between Darold and the Town Board. She also said some of these questions should be for the taxpayers at the next board meeting.

Jon Olin said Darold keeps falling back on past practices and he knows changes cannot be made overnight. He would just like accountability of monies and work completed. There seems to be not plan forward from past and Darold automatically gets defensive. They both realize they need to work on solutions.

Darold said they spent \$4,000.00 on Templar road because of the complaints but by the next day some woman called because they were driving too fast down the road since it has been fixed.

Darold plans to attend all the board meetings moving forward starting on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Minard asked if a letter could be sent to the Village of Watkins Glen thanking them for the poles for the baseball field.

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Darold has called the union regarding the dumpsters being put over at the highway department. The union thinks they need to call for a meeting with the Town Board to discuss this issue.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, OCTOBER 1, 2012

## RESOLUTION #168

On motion of Ron Froebel, seconded by Jon Olin the Building Code Officer report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                    AYES    5    NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #169

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the Superintendent of Highways report was accepted as submitted for September. August report was read by Jocelyn Harrison as it was overlooked at last month's meeting.

ADOPTED                    AYES    3    NAYS    2

NO Justice Report

## RESOLUTION #170

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Ron Froebel the Planning Board report given by Carol Rhoades was accepted. They have finished the questionnaire and passing them out to everyone they can who lives in the Town of Orange. At their next meeting, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM they will be addressing the puppy mill local law before handing it over to the Town Board.

ADOPTED                    AYES    5    NAYS    0

According to Ed Lewis the senior lunches and food pantry are going well. They had twenty two (22) at the last luncheon and it stays pretty steady. They are trying to get free flu shots through CVS Pharmacy.

## RESOLUTION #171

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

ADOPTED                    AYES    5    NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #172

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

ADOPTED                    AYES    5    NAYS    0

Ernest House, Fire Chief of Bradford Volunteer Fire Department read his report.  
Jim Pinkard gave the Monterey Volunteer Fire Department report.  
Lori Ellison read the Beaver Dams Volunteer Fire Department report.

After discussion the budget workshop was set for Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM.

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, OCTOBER 1, 2012

Digital Towpath who is a website for Governmental Agencies has been our website provider for the last year and discussion followed on whether we wanted to continue with them or choose another provider. . The cost is \$600.00 per year, with offsite backups and all the necessary information to comply with FOIL.

### RESOLUTION #173

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Ron Froebel Digital Towpath will be the provider of our website at the cost of \$600.00 for next year.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

### OLD BUSINESS

Jocelyn read the ruling from Attorney Robert Halpin regarding the court ruling in the work hours for the highway employees. They are to adhere to the contract which is a comprehensive agreement and the Superintendent of Highways cannot over rule the contract. Therefore, on November 1<sup>st</sup> the men will be working 7 AM until 3PM five (5) days per week.

Jocelyn attended the County meeting today and they have used up the reserve funds and will be raising taxes. To offset this amount they are requesting the Towns give back a portion of the sales tax monies sent to them. To put this in perspective the town's portion of the third quarter sales tax was \$64,472.00 or \$112,362.40 so far this year.

Gary Whyman, County Treasurer wanted to make a statement regarding the tax increase. He said the county is in dire straits for 2013 but the possibility of wind farms coming in 2014 to 2015 could help with the tax situation. They have also proven that the shale density in the southern part of the county will support drilling and this could help with the funding and possibly impact the 2014 – 2015 taxes as well.

Also the mandates start to come down in 2015, and the pension will start reducing by 10, 15, and 20%. Mandates really hurt but the under value of land in Schuyler County hurt us too. Bringing the land value up to fair market value across the County helps bring in more money to Real Property Tax Office from the State for the whole county instead of just the ones maintaining one hundred percent assessment. Any change in tentative roll, like grievances and the town of Dix, Reading and Village of Montour had many this year, they go through the court and affect the assessment process negatively and that hurts all of us. Mandate relief is the only sure thing to reduce taxes because at this point we are almost taxed out of existence in Schuyler County. With ten wind mills erected in the Town of Orange that should help us with a fair share of tax money.

The option to give back sales tax will be determined at a meeting of all the Schuyler County Town Supervisors.

Gary also talked about the big push to have his position changed from elected to appointed and the legislature voted eight (8) to zero (0) for it but it takes sixty (60) days

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to get it on the ballot for this year. That means they would have missed it by three (3) days. Your rights or my rights, either way there should be full disclosure. There is public opposition and two (2) people have spoken to the NYS Comptroller regarding the salary of \$30,000.00. Treasurer's in any entity needs check and balances, all the powers cannot be with the legislature and county manager.

## PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS

Delinda Dann asked again if the dumpsters will be moved over to the highway garage within thirty (30) days. She said according to last month's minutes that was the time line. Jocelyn explained we have run into a slight problem with the union, perhaps because it is a closed shop for the whole address. We are working on it and will try to get it done in the time frame originally set.

Bob Rutter had surgery today and it is unclear what his next step is going to be, because no one knows how he did with the surgery.

Jim Pinkard asked if we are going to be using the committees for budgetary purposes and reminded all of us that he is on the Highway Committee but never gets any information.

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

An executive session was called by Jocelyn Harrison for all board members to remain. Discussed was the fence and punishment for the youths that did the damage and a dereliction of duty by an elected official and what recourse the Town Board has for removal.

The executive session adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

## WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, OCTOBER 15, 2012

A regular workshop meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Monday, October 15, 2012 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:40PM with the following members present:

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

ABSENT: Minard LaFever, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: George Whipple, Mary Olin, Goldie Wilson, Chuck Wilson, Darold DeCamp, Superintendent of Highways, Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

When the Board of Elections hired someone to put in the handicap ramp it was never finished. Now the Board of Elections, Jon Vona wants the Town to have it fixed before election day this year. According to Jon it has to be at least four feet at the bottom of the ramp for a wheel chair to access the ramp. It has to be tapered to the ground for easy access. Darold agreed that cold patch could be used and he will have it done before Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, Election Day.

Discussion followed on the dead trees on Hornby Road. Darold said they are not on the right-of-way of the Town. Disagreement erupted and Jocelyn stated that she would end the meeting right then and there if the people in attendance could not control themselves.

Jon Olin asked when the seasonal roads would be worked. Darold said Sugar Hill is done. Due to an order of protection his grader operator cannot go on Shea Road. Ron Froebel stated that the order of protection has lapsed. Again the conversation got very heated when Jon tried to find out when Maple Lane would be worked. Jocelyn reminded them that she was not going to put up with this kind of behavior at a meeting and stop immediately.

Jon then stated that as a Town Board member how does he account for time and work done. This is taxpayer's money that is being used. A very heated discussion broke out about how the taxpayer's money is spent and Darold brought up about being taken to court to be made to abide by the contract and how much that cost the taxpayers.

When asked about a spot for the dumpster to be moved over on Doane Road, Darold state there is no spot at this time for them. Jocelyn said they would meet tomorrow at 9:00 AM to determine a spot and go over some other paperwork. Darold wanted to know if someone gets hurt who is going to be liable. He also brought up the expense to the taxpayers to move the building and rewire the building.

Jon Olin asked Darold why our Town trucks were not serviced by Sutton.

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Ron Froebel asked why the trucks we want to auction off are still at the Town Barn. Darold said there have not taken the pictures. Then the question was asked what was wrong with the 1988 Ford. Darold said the frame is rusted out and it was the truck he drove for many years when he first got hired.

Darold stated that he could not reach Bob Rutter and he thinks he is just trying to avoid him. If he finds out that he is working at Caton and not answering Darold's calls he would like to fire him because he cannot work all winter with four guys and get all the roads plowed and sanded. He was asked if it could be a possibility to hire someone part time with no benefits.

Another shouting match ensued when Jon Olin requested Darold to report in detail what the highway department does for the first week in November 5<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>. Jon says the employees should be accountable for time, because the Town Board is responsible for money and time. There needs to be better documentation. Jon also reminded Darold that the board needs to have plans for following year for the roads to be worked. Then Jon asked about the bridge on Sexton Hollow. At that point the discussion got very loud and Jocelyn said this meeting is adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk



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everyone knows this whole thing was Darold's fault, even after being told by Tim Mattison, the Town Attorney at a special meeting in April, that he should be following the contract. Jon also said they have shown Darold the law regarding the bill paying and the Association of Towns has also been involved and none of the highway bills should be paid. Jon's remedy to the whole situation is to lay everyone off.

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

Vicki Flynn, Assessor said she is back in the office after her foot surgery, but according to her doctor if the foot swells she is to leave. The enhanced star and agriculture exemptions have gone out. The senior exemption forms are going out in December. If you file NYS taxes the enhanced star exemption can be checked on line by Assessor. If you get a green or yellow form you need to show income. She is doing data entry at the Real Property Tax Office because she cannot do road work yet because of the walking.

RESOLUTION # 178

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

RESOLUTION #179

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

NO – Justice Report

Carol Rhoades, Chairman of the Planning Board presented the board with a draft of the puppy mill ordinance. It is based on the one from Interlaken and it unlawful outside of the Town of Orange.

They have received back about 22% of the questionnaires. The most popular item is interest in the Farmers Market. Fracking is about 50/50 and Windmills are 50/50. Some of the comments are very interesting and sparks new ideas.

RESOLUTION #180

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

ADOPTED                      AYES    5                      NAYS    0

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NO – Superintendent of Highway Report

RESOLUTION #181

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Minard LaFever the Town Clerk's report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                      AYES 5                      NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #182

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

ADOPTED                      AYES 5                      NAYS 0

Report from Monterey Fire Department is they are still being audited. No report from Bradford or Beaver Dams.

Ed Lewis reported Office of the Aging has about 24 for the luncheon on Tuesdays. They have a meeting with the County to try to keep the program open. Because Schuyler County has no money all programs are on the chopping block.

After discussion it was decided that the budget workshop would be held on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. The public hearing for the budget will be advertised to be held on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Jocelyn received a letter from NYS requesting information about audits performed internally. It includes Justice Department, Town Clerk, and Supervisor.

The following were assigned to do the audits: Lori and Jon will do the Justice, Ron and Lori will do the Town Clerk, Minard and Jon will do the Supervisor.

A local law must be enacted for the Delta Road Use Law. It is in the process of being typed up in the correct format for a local law and then it will be reviewed by the board and at the next meeting a public hearing will be scheduled.

Carol Rhoades asked about the law for rental property inspections. She has a copy of the one for Montour Falls from Rocky Kiambo and it includes Mobil Home Parks. Al Buckland said Montour Falls has a lot more rental properties than the Town of Orange and that Mobil Home Parks are inspected by the Department of Health.

College charge backs were discussed regarding any two year school that issues and associates degree and can charge the County or Town for a portion of the expenses for their residents going to the college. In 2011 1.2 million was paid by the County to all colleges. They did not ask the Townships for a portion but because of the budget shortfall in Schuyler County and the quantity of students going to college the County is

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asking for the money to be paid by the Towns. It is based on the number of students from each Township. Discussion followed on Assessment and tax increase because the majority of parcels in the Town of Orange got an increase in assessment. With that in mind wouldn't that already bring in more money? There is no simple answer and we will have to wait and see what happens. Someone asked if SCOPED could be dropped. No because it is tied in with our sales tax monies.

Jocelyn asked the board to decide if we wanted to go with using a portion of our sales tax monies or go with the chargeback's. She understands from her meeting of Supervisors that the Town of Orange will have to pay \$33,333.33 but would be taken one half at a time from the sales tax check before we get it. This would cut back on the highway revenues because that is where the sales tax monies are received. Chargeback's would come from the General Fund and could be as much as \$42,000.00.

Because the County could not get waivers due to a six month waiting period to notify the Towns of this change in time for the county budget. The billing from the county could be monthly or we can go with the chargeback's from the sales tax check which will diminish our revenues but will be easier to handle than being billed monthly. This will affect all Towns and Villages in Schuyler County.,

An opinion from each board member was solicited and the resulted in the following; The majority of the board prefers the revenue withheld from the sales tax check.

## OLD BUSINESS

The two trucks that have been approved for the highway department to sell on Auctions International needs pictures taken to get them listed on the website. Jocelyn will contact Randy McDonald and ask him to take the pictures.

The dumpsters are going to be moved tomorrow to the highway department.

Gary Whyman addressed the group and stated that legally the Comptroller is looking out for the residents and taxpayers and if they have complaints his number can be supplied. It is time for everyone not happy with the way things are going to start contacting him. This is not a newly created situation; the comptroller has always stood on accountability.

Discussion followed on changing the office of Superintendent of Highways from elected to appoint. A public referendum would be necessary and could possibly be put on next November's ballot. A committee needs to be formed to make the qualifications for the expectations of performance, job description. Someone suggested a special town election. The first step would be finding a town with an appointed Superintendent of Highways and find out the pros and cons.

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It would also be in the best interest of the County to see what other townships have an appointed position and what their job description is and what is involved. There is a time constraint because it has to go to a public hearing 150 days before election.

George Whipple asked the status of Bob Rutter. Then Ron Froebel spoke about the fringe benefits set at the reorganizational meeting in January for the Superintendent of Highways. He should have single insurance coverage, just like all the former Superintendents but has been getting more because according to the union all members have to be under composite. Jocelyn stated she will check with the union again regarding being forced to pay composite for all covered employees insurance.

With the difference in single coverage and composite Ron feels Darold owes the difference and should be made to repay the taxpayers, he has also talked to the Comptroller's Office about this and they agree the money should be repaid.

Then Ron brought up Chuck Campbell doing the presentation of insurance for the exact same insurance that would save the Town taxpayers \$26,000.00 to \$30,000.00 per year. Chuck was willing to talk directly to the highway employees and buy them lunch but it was turned down. At present we are paying \$9,000.00 to \$9,500.00 per month per person for health insurance to cover highway employees.

Again Ron Stated that per the Comptroller, Darold needs to pay the money back that has been overpaid or we could end up back in court. A letter will be given to Darold to list all the issues and the amount of insurance money overpaid.

It was suggested someone from the board request a letter from the Comptroller be sent to the Town stating that was his decision and how we should go about recouping the money.

On motion of Jocelyn Harrison, seconded by Jon Olin the meeting adjourned at 8:33PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, DECEMBER 3, 2012

## RESOLUTION #189

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

ADOPTED            AYES    4            NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #190

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

ADOPTED            AYES    4            NAYS    0

Darold reported snow fence is up and ready for winter. Dug and Hornby roads were sanded the other day with two hours of overtime.

## RESOLUTION #191

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison the Justice reports for October and November were accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED                            AYES    4                            NAYS    0

Nick Haner reported for the Planning Board that they are compiling information from the questionnaires they have received back from the public.

## RESOLUTION #192

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

ADOPTED                            AYES    4                            NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #193

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Minard LaFever the Town Clerk's report was accepted as submitted.

ADOPTED            AYES    4            NAYS    0

## RESOLUTION #194

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

ADOPTED            AYES    4            NAYS    0

Monterey Fire Department will hold a Christmas party for the kids on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM. Santa will be there. This event will be held for the fourth year in a row. Half of the fire department will have crafts set up and the other half will be party.

Bradford Fire Department will host a Christmas party also. Last year they had 154 kids in attendance. The fire department now has six EMT's with two more ready to join.

No Report from Beaver Dams Fire Department.

Ed Lewis reported for the Office of the Aging. The meals are going good and the program was not cut from the budget. He has the contract to sign and notarize.

The Town needs to hold a public hearing on the local laws for Puppy Mills and Road Use Agreement. It was decided to be held on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30PM the same night as the workshop meeting. Legal notices will go out in the local newspapers shortly after the first of the year.

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The year-end meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM along with a brief workshop meeting.

The dog control contract is up on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Town Clerk would like to have a local dog control officer because we are sending a lot of money to the Sheriff's Department with no results. It was decided that a further discussion will take place at the workshop meeting.

Rental property inspection law that was passed in Montour Falls has been sent out to the surrounding Towns so they could possibly adopted it or some form to meet their needs. There is a \$25.00 to \$50.00 fire safety fee attached to each inspection.

According to Al Buckland there are no rentals that we have that fall into the same category as those in Montour Falls. This will also be discussed further at the workshop meeting.

The titles for the vehicles to be auctioned have been replaced. Pictures are ready to be put on the website of Auctioneers International.

The paperwork has been submitted to get the electric to be hooked up at the new recycling site. Should be a couple of weeks before line is run down the pole and the Minard will put in the service.

Discussion followed on turning lights off at the old recycling building because the electric bill for last month was \$94.00. It was decided that Darold would drain the water and winterize before the power was cut.

RESOLUTION #195

On motion of Jon Olin, seconded by Jocelyn Harrison the board decided to cut the electric to the old recycling building.

ADOPTED            AYES    4                            NAYS    0

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Darold said that a red jeep with black convertible top and black doors stopped and threw garbage into the dumpster right in front of all the highway guys. Minard said chain link fence is available. A discussion followed on planting trees along the fence to make it look a little nicer. This will also be discussed at the workshop meeting.

Question was asked what lights will be turned off at the old recycling building. Darold asked if it was still OK to use it for cold storage rather than let the equipment set outside all winter.

Another question from the audience as to who cleans the Town Hall and how often. They were told the inmates from Camp Monterey clean about once a month.

Can the property the old town barn or recycling building be sold along with the furnace and oil tank to help the town with revenue? Darold said the furnace is junk and that is why we got the little building because we could not keep the furnace running.

Someone asked if we had a junk ordinance, and if so why are there junk piles all over Town.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk

YEAR END & WORKSHOP MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, DECEMBER 18, 2012  
 A 2012 year end meeting was held in the Town of Orange at the Town of Orange Town Hall on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30M with the following members present:

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

ABSENT: Ron Froebel, Councilman  
 Jon Olin, Councilman

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

#### RESOLUTION #196

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the Highway Fund bills on Abstract #013 in the amount of \$4279.72 were paid.

ADOPTED                    AYES    3                                    NAYS    0

#### RESOLUTION #197

On motion of Minard LaFever, seconded by Lori Ellison the General Fund bills on Abstract #013 in the amount of #4341.47 were paid.

ADOPTED                    AYES    3                                    NAYS    0

#### RESOLUTION #198

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the Trust and Agency bills on Abstract #013 were paid in the amount of \$145.00

ADOPTED                    AYES    3                                    NAYS    0

#### WORKSHOP MEETING

A public hearing will be held for the local laws on Puppy Mills and Local Road Use Agreement on January 21<sup>st</sup> along with the January workshop meeting.

Rental properties were discussed to see if we needed to adopt the law that Montour Falls has in place. It was decided that this would not fit the Town of Orange because we do not have that many rental properties and it could cost the property owner more money to have the inspections done that would be passed along to the renters.

Jocelyn told Darold that if any of the highway employees had any problems to please contact her. There are some vicious rumors going around Town and it seems to be getting out of hand.

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The highway department and County do shared services when possible according to Darold. However the county is very short on employees due to retirement and no replacements being hired. They could not cover two shifts with plowing with only eight men. That is similar to the situation the Town is in to cut down on the budget expenses.

On motion of Lori Ellison, seconded by Minard LaFever the meeting adjourned at 7:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Randall, Town Clerk