

TOWN BOARD MEETING, REORGANIZATION MEETING, JANUARY 12th, 2022

A town board meeting, and the reorganization meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Wednesday, January 12th, 2022 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:28PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Norma Burris, Town Supervisor

Heather Waters, Councilwoman

Rick Hendrick, Councilman

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman

James Rose, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Al Buckland COE, Gary Dann, Beth Hendrick, Duane Rinker, Lewis Harrison, Jocelyn Harrison, Bob Mconnell, Joanne Randall, Darin Miller, Rob Halpin, Joan Lafever-Rose, Larry Baker, Bonnie Baker, Tammy Peer, Cheayl Smith, Jon Olin, Sam Mattison, Jason Forcier, Mary Olion, Thomas Peer Town Clerk

Supervisor Burris read aloud the following statement:

Supervisor statement: Thank you all for coming tonight as your new supervisor. I wanted to let you know about a few events that have transpired since our last meeting and a couple of new policies I have put into place. At some point on or about 21 December 2021 Former Supervisor removed the computer upon which all town information had been stored. I believe that this action is in violation of multiple laws including records retention protection of personally identifiable information and possible theft of public property. We are working diligently, in coordination with the Schuyler County Sheriff and FBI to recover this computer. As a result of this situation, I have decided to put into place the following new policies.

- A. We have changed all locks on town buildings to require new keys.
- B. Keys for the Town Hall will be help by the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, Town Justice and his clerk. The Town Justice and his clerk also have separate keys for the Judge's chambers.
- C. The highway Superintendent will have a separate set of keys for the highway garage. The Town Supervisor will hold a set of Town Barn keys at the Town hall under lock for emergency.
- D. Because of this all currently outstanding keys will no longer work on any town properties and if you require access at times other than scheduled open hours you must make arrangements with the Town supervisor, Town Highway

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Superintendent or The Town Justice. In addition, I am proposing to change the date for monthly Town board meetings to the second Wednesday of every month. This will avoid frequent rescheduling of meetings because of conflicts with Federal Holidays and provide a more

TOWNWIDE INSURANCE; Buildings and contents, Equipment - NYMIR (Carrier) Sprague (agent)

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS: Will be the second Wednesday of each month

THE ESTABLISHED WORKDAY: 8 hour days

TOWN ASSESSOR: Schuyler County Assessor Patricia Bartolomeo

ATTORNEY OF RECORD FOR THE TOWN: Robert Halpin, Esq.

CODE ENFORCEMENT (Town Law 138): Advertise

Heather Waters - Why are we not having our current code officer do the job?

Norma Burris - We are not getting rid of anyone, Al can apply for the job. It is time we advertise this out to our community.

Dee Dann - But do need to? Al has done a great job this whole time.

Heather - I do not understand why we need to for a job he has been doing.

Al Buckland - Been doing it for 19th years.

Norma - Anyone can apply, and we can hire anyone we feel is fit to do the job. Al can apply and he can be rehired as well.

REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS: Town Clerk - Thomas Peer

HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES PAY RATE Per Union Contact

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT: TBD

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DEPUTY SUPERVISOR: Maryann Friebis

TOWN HISTORIAN: Town Clerk - Thomas Peer

OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR SUPERVISOR (Town Law, "4 cf. General Municipal Law 10):
Community Bank

OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR: Community Bank
Tax Collector is to deposit funds from Real Property Tax Collection into an interest-bearing account

OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR TOWN JUSTICE: Community Bank

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER (TL "4 [1 1]: Review and Express with The Shopper and Hi-Lites as secondary advertising agencies

Thomas Peer - You know the Review cost more to advertise in. While The Shopper and Hi-Lites are free to the public, the review must be purchased. The Hi-Lites also being a Schuyler County reconnonzied newspaper. No store in our community even sells The Review, so they would need to travel out of the town to get the news.

Norma - I am just trying to follow the town law manual.

MILEAGE RATE PER 2022 ESTABLISHED RATE (TLS 116): 58.5 cents per mile

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO PAY REGULAR MONTHLY BILLS AS PRE-PAYS (TLS 1 1 8[2]:
Utilities, Cosella, Culligan

AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT, TOOLS AND
IMPLEMENTS ACCORDING TO THE TOWN PROCUREMENT POLICY. (HL 142 [la])

COUNTY ASSESSOR TO HANDLE ALL DOG INFLICTED PROPERTY DAMAGES

AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED FOR ALL RETURNED CHECKS: \$30 per occurrence

AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED FOR FOIL REQUEST: 25 cents per page.

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO INVEST SURPLUS FUNDS IN C/D'S

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RECYCLING SUPERVISOR: Scott McIlwain (Jeff Sonner as alternate)

ANNUAL SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS: per budget

- Council members \$1 ,600
- Supervisor \$7,200
- Clerk \$6,100
- Tax Collector \$3,400
- Historian \$50
- Town Justice \$4,200
- Justice Clerk \$2,800
- Town Assessor \$20,000
- Attorney for the Town \$4,500
- Code Enforcement \$7,200
- Highway Superintendent \$41 ,700

TOWN AND COUNTY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (TL 64 [51])

(BAR) BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW: To be advertised {3-5 MEMBERS}

LAMOKA WANETA LAKES PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT BOARD: Rick Hendrick

LANDFILL COMMISSION: To be advertised

MEMBER/DELEGATE FOR SCCOG (Schuyler County Council of Government) Supervisor
ALTERNATIVE TO SCCOG Deputy

SCHUYLER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Thomas Peer

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM - Thomas Peer as the Program Manager - Advertise individuals
interested in volunteering/chaperoning

LIAISON TO HIGHWAY - TBD

LIAISON TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS:

MONTEREY -Heather Waters

BEAVER DAMS - James Rose

BRADFORD - Heather Waters

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LIAISON TO INSPECT BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

TOWN HALL/GROUNDS/TOWN PARK - Thomas Peer

TOWN BARN/GROUNDS - John Rappleye and Heather Waters

LIAISON TO CEMETERY'S: Norma Burris

LIAISON TO TOWN JUSTICE: NA Coivd as right now

PLANNING BOARD (Town Law 267, 271): Advertise for constituents to submit a letter of
interest.

CHAIRPERSON; Larry Baker, with a second of Harold Galusha need two more.

SCHUYLER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING: Norma for second year of term

DOG CONTROL: Schuyler County Sheriff Department

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL: To be advertised

Resolution #2

On motion of Maryann Friebis, seconded by James Rose to accept the Town of Orange
organization position.

James Rose - I got an email about West Lake Road, and they stated that the road has not been in that condition in a long time, and they are glad to see it been taken care of.

Heather Waters - John, has someone from Bradford School gotten a hold of you, I passed you an email along and wanted to make sure someone has reached out.

John Rappleye - No, but I can drop off my contact information to the school soon.

Heather - Great, thank you.

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Resolution #8

On motion of Heather Waters seconded by Maryann Friebis to accept the Highway Supervisor report as presented.

Norma Burris, Town Supervisor – AYES

Heather Waters, Councilwoman – AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman – AYES

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

Planning Board - NA

County Legislature - Gary Gery - On Monday night it was presented to the Legislature that the Federal Government has money for board band services for the internet for the rural area of the county. This is something that our county manager is pushing towards. There is a survey that we would like everyone to take. It's on the web and takes about 12 to 15 minutes to complete. Please use a home computer, as it will be measuring your internet and how fast it is being provided. Next month I will bring a hand out and pass out, so that will be a reminder next month.

Resolution #9

On motion of Maryann Friebis seconded by James Rose to seek RFP security services for cameras at Town Highway Department.

Norma Burris, Town Supervisor – AYES

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Norma - Thomas works those nights. 7 pm to 9 pm those days. Wednesdays this is.

Darin Miller - If Maryann is being appointed to Deputy Supervisor, is she being paid for holding that position?

Maryann Friebis - No I am not being paid for that position.

Darin - Now did you hire a bookkeeper to come in and work for you?

Norma - Yes, I have someone coming in and helping me get things in working order.

Darin - Being paid with town funds? How is that being funded?

Norma - Yes, the Supervisor has money that can be expended for services like this.

Heather Waters - What are the fees this month?

Norma - Well she is currently helping me close the books and get ready to do the AUD. One is still outstanding from 2020, and she is helping me get all the papers for that. She used to work for the comptroller.

Heather - So is this going to be every month, or what?

Norma - No, just until we can get things in order. No, we are not hiring a bookkeeper.

Dee - I was understanding that the payroll has been not in order for the highway department.

Norma - Well payroll is out and has been for a few weeks now. That is part of what we are working together to teach me about the program.

Gary Dann - Why were the taxes raised when there was a big fuss to not raise them at all.

Norma - I did not raise anything. If they got raised then I don't know.

Gary - Wait a minute.

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Norma - I said no to raising taxes.

Maryann - I did as well.

Norma - I said no on raising salaries. So, if your taxes are raised, I don't know.

Heather - They had to be raised due to the cost of salaries for the Union guys. That was the whole argument at the budget meeting. It did increase.

Norma - Need I missed that.

Maryann - Yeah, but when we voted on the raises of the taxes, my vote was no.

Heather - Yes, but we sat down and passed a budget. We raised them.

Darin - The other meeting tonight over at the fire hall, was that about Sexton Hollow bridge?

Norma - Yes.

Darin - Who wrote the Leader then?

Thomas Peer - That would be Hunt Engineering.

Dee - It did read Pine Creek Bridge in the Corning Leader.

Norma - They are doing two bridges in the town. One on County Route 16, and the Sexton Hollow bridge.

Thomas - That meeting was called by Hunt, the Town had nothing to do with setting up that meeting at all. Hunt got a hold of the fire hall themselves to use that space for that meeting tonight.

Norma - We had nothing to do with that planning of that meeting, like Thomas has stated.

Thomas - Long story short, there are 23 bridges in the Town of Orange, and 22 are owned by the County, one is by the town on Sexton Hollow, back in the 40's-50's they

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wanted to shut that bridge down due to cost and maintenance then, but everyone in town used that road, so the town decided to take ownership of the bridge on Sexton Hollow. Development in the area was not like it is today. With more people living here and commuting to Corning for work. I think after this is all done we should just turn ownership of this bridge back over to the County when this project is done. Wash our hands of this issue in the future. It being up to code with the state, they should take it off our hands. I really don't mean to kick it off like that, but we can't do this again. I know most of the work has been done by Soil and Water to get the Grant.

Al Buckland - I would like an answer to why I will not be appointed tonight. I have been doing this job for 19 years, I have been doing a good job. I know some of you might be mad at me because I say things, but I want to know why. Look at the work that was done last year. I have already worked this month already. I have issued four building permits this month, and have given them to Thomas tonight, because I could not get into the office.

Norma - We are not appointing anyone tonight, we are going to advertise it out to our community.

Dee - So is Al fired or he has to quit?

Norma - We have a man who will fill in while we are looking for a new Building Inspector #3. Al is more than welcome to apply for the position.

Heather - So he is not doing it, but we found someone to do it in the intern?

Norma - We have someone, if there is an issue they can take care of it.

Heather - So he is still doing to job, but still has to apply. He is going to paid while we move forward in this process.

Norma - No, we are saying, we have someone filling in until the position is filled.

Heather - But until he applies, who is doing the job?

Norma - If there is a problem, the County can come out and help.

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Heather - So by him not doing it, when someone calls to get a permit, who do they get a hold of? So no one is holding that position at this point, so how will construction move forward in this town?

Darin - Why could you not tell him until tonight?

Heather - He still should be able to do his job, so it does not hinder anyone's construction. This is not the way we should be doing this. How is someone getting a permit right now. Who do I get a hold of, right now. Even if I got a hold of Al right now, he does not know if he has a job.

Norma - Well I have two people reach out saying they can not get a hold of Al.

Heather - Two out of how many people can be reached back.

Dee - His name is right here in the agenda, Dean Hilliard.

Heather - I really just have a problem if AI is still bringing in money for the town, we should not stop that right now. That is my main problem.

Norma - I understand your problem.

Maryann - I was unaware that you had someone lined up for code enforcement with the County.

Heather - Then why not let AI continue to do the job, and collect applications until we see what we have. We still get money and still get applications.

Norma - I would like a motion to end the meeting.

Heather - No you can't just leave that position open, and I am not done until we can get this figured out. If AI is willing to do the job, let's collect applications and see where we can go from there.

Norma - What does James take on this matter?

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James Rose - Well I really can not take part in this topic, as you know I did have a fire in my house and AI is my current inspector, so I feel that I must not take part in this matter due to what is currently going on at my home. I am recusing myself.

Dee - Thank you for being honest.

Heather - Again, if he is doing the job, then let him do it. Continue to do the job until we get all the applications.

Maryann - Heather does have a point.

Heather - I really have an issue of not telling him either. Then we have no one in that position.

Resolution #11

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Maryann Friebis to appoint AI Buckland as the Building Inspector #3 while applications are being collected for the position.

Norma Burris, Town Supervisor – AYES

Heather Waters, Councilwoman – AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman – AYES

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – ABSTENTION

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 1

On the motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Maryann Friebis to close the meeting at 7:19PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, FEBRUARY 9^m, 2022

A regular board meeting for the Town of Orange was held on Wednesday, February 9th, 2022, in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:34PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Norma Burris, Town Supervisor

Heather Waters, Councilwoman

Rick Hendrick, Councilman

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman

James Rose, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Al Buckland CEO, Joanne Randall, Larry Baker, Bonnie Baker, Darin Miller, Gary Dann, Lewis Harrison, Jocelyn Harrison, Sam Mattison, Mary Olin, Jon Olin, Joan Lafever-Rose, Sheila Phillips, Pat Bartolomeo, Jason Forcier, Bill Huey, Chris Sanford, Thomas Peer Town Clerk

Jerry Verrigni Soil and Water on Sexton Hollow Bridge - A few years ago we helped write a grant for the Sexton Hollow Bridge because it was in such bad shape that it was in line to be closed down for good. The DOT inspection was given and that is what prompted us to go looking for funding to fix or replace this bridge. We were able to get \$398,000 in funding from the Bridge New York. The town at the time asked if we would write for the grant and administer the process as we moved along. Really what we are doing is talking is taking out the bridge and placing a box culvert. This summer we are moving forward with this. It has been going on for three years with all the planning, drawing, bidding, etc. We are planning to do it after school has finished for the year and we should have the road closed for about a week to two. \$398,000 coming from State and Federal aid. There is a 5% match from the town of \$21,000. To date there has been \$61,000 spent in bills. DOT has paid back all monies spent, two bills were sent here in June of last year, in the amount of \$3,074.28. There should only be one other payment due after this one we are asking for, but that should come right at the end of the whole project. There is going to be a cost overrun due to the cost rising over the years. We are looking at about \$43,000 is the estimated when the project is done. Most of that will be gravel, and we will work with the highway on that. All will be DOT approved gravel because that is what we need to use for this project. It is agreed upon or expected that there could be a 10% over cost in this kind of project. With this being Federal Aid money, that number could be about \$50,000. This should have been really budgeted for this kind of project years ago, not sure that it has but we need to make sure now just to know that you have it ready to go. I really don't want to see any overruns, but we are doing about \$107,000 worth of work for free, and it is the only way we could make the project work. We wanted to start this project from the start but DOT said no, so that is why it is going to cost so much.

This is another project as well, Switzer Hill Road, there is a bad culvert on the road and it needs to be replaced as well. It is bad that I don't feel comfortable driving over it. We got grant funding

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to buy a new culvert to install. It's an aluminum coated pipe that will be installed, and has a project life of about 75 years. We are planning to do this project in April and it will only last about one day. We start in the morning and by the end of the day the new pipe will be in and the road will be passable. We are doing this one sooner because of the high water we have been getting. It could wash more of its way. This whole project will cost about \$35,000, but has no cost to the town because we are using grant money.

Pat Bartolomeo - Assessor - I am the Assessor for Orange, Tyrone, Dix, and Reading . We have been reevaluating Orange, and looking at the properties in town. Your last reevaluation took place in 2018. The new numbers are finished, and letters will be going out in the first week of March letting everyone know the change in value. Here is an idea of what has happened in Orange over the last few years, as well as Tyrone. Over all the residential value is up 14%, waterfront up 23%, non waterfront up 11%, land only sales are up 6%, commercial property up 1-2%, and that is in the past year only. The last time this was looked at was 2018. So, we are looking at 25% up overall for everyone. Most will be value going up. Now this does not mean your taxes are going to go up. Everyone will go up as a base, but that does not mean you will pay more, some can see their taxes go down. It is all based on the levy. There will be a meeting at the Tyrone Fire Hall where this could be explained more to everyone. We are more or less looking at the end of March to do this meeting with residents from both towns. So I will be setting up some informal meetings to have with people on their new rates, and we can settle those differences before grievance day. We will try to take care of as many people as possible.

Clerk Minutes - Thomas Peer - N/A

Financial Reports Unaudited Bills:

Resolution #12

On motion of Maryann Friebis, seconded by Heather Waters the General Fund Vouchers on Abstract #002 in the amount of \$9,529.94 were paid.

Norma Burris, Town Supervisor – AYES

Heather Waters, Councilwoman – AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman – AYES

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

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Resolution #13

On motion of Heather Waters , seconded by James Rose the Highway Fund Vouchers on Abstract #002 in the amount of \$11,328.52 were paid.

Norma Burris, Town Supervisor – AYES

Heather Waters, Councilwoman – AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman – AYES

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

Resolution #14

On motion of Rick Hendrick , seconded by Maryann Friebis the Trust and Agency Fund Vouchers on Abstract #002 in the amount of \$202.00 were paid.

Norma Burris, Town Supervisor – AYES

Heather Waters, Councilwoman – AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman – AYES

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

New Business

Supervisor Report - Norma Burris - The Comptroller, bookkeeper and I are still working to complete 2020 AUD and correct the accounts for 2021. Until this has been done, we are unable to report revenue deposits in the WLB registers so I do not have any prints out with that information in hand.

Board Audits - Norma Burris - The board is required to audit the Town Clerk, Supervisor, Justice Court Clerk - I believe Heather and Maryann could do that one. Jim and Norma can do the Town Clerk. Supervisor can be done by Maryann and Rick.

IMA - Norma Burris - With the County for Web services. We are in need of new name.

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Heather Waters - I would say the second one: townoforangeny.gov

Maryann Friebis - Yeah I would agree.

Norma - Thomas are you going to give the password to get that started.

Thomas Peer - Yes, but from our conversation I would be more of a role in this moving forward.

Norma - Well we need to move forward.

Thomas - Well I had contracted them about when I had time to meet in April. I take time off in April for my conference and would have more time to meet with them.

Norma - Well so needs to get start and moving forward.

Thomas - They can get a hold of me.

Norma - Are you going to be available during the day?

Thomas - We can plan something out between them and me. We will work something out.

Norma - This has been a board resolution and this needs to move forward.

Thomas - Yes, I have connected them. You introduced them to me via email. I stated a time I was free, and she stated that time was fine. What is the deal then?

Norma - Well she emailed me and needs to get started.

Maryann - They need the password.

Thomas - Okay, they can get a hold of me.

Norma - Well I am going to email then and have you give them the information. I do not want to start all over again with a new domain name.

Thomas - Is the new domain name not townoforangeny.gov, you all just voted on that.

Norma - Well they need to be able to stop the other one, and start the new one.

Thomas - Okay, have them get a hold of me, and we can work this out on that end. Because in the end we had talked about how I would be part of the transition.

Norma - But you're not working on it. Let's move on.

Town Clerk - Thomas Peer - I'll just start with the tax collection because that is the busiest part of, but as of January 31st, 2022 \$1,039,411.05 has been collected. The total warrant is

\$1,617,199.52. First installments are \$84,005.48, service charges are \$1,680.06, full payments \$953,641.66, and penalties of \$83.85. I think it is really good so far in tax collections. I am

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getting ready to settle up with the County on first installments, so they should get a check of \$84,005.48 and some of the penalties. Being February people are upset because they can not pay the January payment. In the Town Clerk I did, \$1,050, the town will get a check of \$663.79, DEC will pull \$132.41, Humane Society will get \$11.30, NYS \$21 for dogs licenses, NYS Health Department will get \$22.50. There are lots of dogs being licensed and the money Al is bringing in. We have been making certified copies. There are some drafts in your packets that are from the Cornell Cooperative extension. One is for a community solar project, and the next being heating and cooling. These are two programs that are part of the NYS Clean Energy Community agreement. If we can get ten people to sign up with these programs we can get some money from the state. Again these are only drafts for right now. Right now for the end of March, I will be attending a regional meeting in Altmar NY for NYSTCA. This meeting is a training as well as getting ready for the conference in April which is in Albany. That about it, we have lots of money and it just keeps coming in.

Resolution #15

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

Norma Burris, Town Supervisor – AYES

Heather Waters, Councilwoman – AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman – AYES

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

Justice Report - Norma Burris - \$825 was given to the town.

Resolution #16

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

Norma Burris, Town Supervisor – AYES

Heather Waters, Councilwoman – AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman – AYES

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – AYES

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Fire Departments

Monterrey - Thomas Peer - This is from Kelly Grove via email. As of right now, in their general account they have \$18,900 and for the month of January they have had no fire calls, three EMS calls, three community assistance, and one mutual aid. If there are any questions to reach out to Mel Horton.

Bradford - Chris Sandford - We had five calls for ambulances, two fires in Orange, five fires in Bradford. 33.5 hours on the ambulances, 18 on the fire, 110 hours in drills, 80 hours in CPR training, 239 hours in community in December. In January we had five ambulances in Orange, one lift assist, Bradford seven ambulance calls, three fire calls. Are the contracts done, and do you have them?

Norma - We do not have them yet. We are still meeting with the lawyer on them.

Beaver Dams - NA

Code Office - Al Buckland - January 2022, four building permits, one CFO, 12 inspections, 43 hours, 223 miles. I have worked many hours on my reports to Albany. I would like to go to my class at RIT in Rochester. I will give you another voucher on that. The class is for the 24 certification for NYS that is required.

Resolution #17

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by James Rose to approve the Code Officer report as presented.

Norma Burris, Town Supervisor – AYES

Heather Waters, Councilwoman – AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman – AYES

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – AYES

ADOPTED

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Highway Superintendent - John Rappleye - DEC should be coming to clean out the creek on Coon Hollow, we had one track trailer go down Gold Mine road, and charged them \$500 for the towing company.

Norma - Oh and Jon Olin and Jason Forcier want to be on your Highway committee.

John - Oh yes, sounds good.

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Resolution #18

On motion of Maryann Friebis , seconded by James Rose to approve the Highway Supervisor report as presented.

Norma Burris, Town Supervisor – AYES

Heather Waters, Councilwoman – AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman – AYES

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

County Legislature - Gary Gray - I stated last month there is a survey on the internet in the area, it takes about 12 minutes or so to take the survey. It is to test the quality of the service in the area. I have cards here for anyone to take.

Town Policies - Norma Burris -

Surplus Property - Was read aloud and can be found on file at the town hall.

Expenditure of Highways Moneys - Was read aloud and can be found on file at the town hall.

Records Retention and Disposition Schedule LGS-1 - Was read aloud and can be found on file at the town hall.

Procurement Policy for the Town of Orange - Was read aloud and can be found on file at the town hall.

Heather Waters - I really think we should talk more about these. We should table this until we have more time to review.

Maryann - Yeah we should wait to iron out more what needs to be said.

Gary Gray - Yeah, in the one about accepting bids, there is no place that states you can reject all bids as well to find another bid.

Heather - But that leads me to other questions. Where are we getting the money bridge.

Norma - Keep looking for more money.

Heather - Fire contracts we are working on right?

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Norma - Yes, we are.

Heather - Where are we on Code Enforcement?

Norma - Well the ad just hit the paper.

Heather - Where are we at with the grader?

Norma - It is on order.

John - They just got back to work after the strike.

Heather - Okay, when are we going to award the mowing contract?

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Norma - We have to work out the contract first.

Maryann - We have the contract almost done.

Norma - They normally start until April.

Public Comment

Sam Mattison - Why are we getting a new Code Officer? While Al is still here.

Norma - It was on the list so we put it out to the community.

Sam - Why though, is Al retiring?

Norma - No, we just put it out to the community.

Gary - Have there been any complaints on Al over the last year.

Norma - Yes.

Gary - What kinds of action were taken during those complaints. Is there anything on file.

Norma - No, nothing is on file, and nothing was done.

Jon Olin - Are there anything in other towns working on solar farms? We are losing a lot of good farmland.

Thomas - It is based on town to town, we all can do different things, but we are talking with other towns.

Bill Huey - What is going on with Camp Monterey? Has it been sold?

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Norma - It has been for sale for a while, but they are working on that.

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Maryann Friebis the meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

New Business

IMA with County – Norma Burris – Moving forward with creating a new web page. And will be starting went?

Thomas Peer – So the committee meeting is March 16th, and after the Legislature needs to approve it. I meet with Peggy Tomassi, and honestly what we are going to highlight on the web page is “our town.” We are trying to highlight the resources we have here locally, we are placing links to state forestry information, links to schools in our town. It will soul act as a information hub for our community. We hope to grow it to include but not limited to, including town businesses, like a smaller version of a chamber of commers. But you will still see all the boiler plated stuff still there, minutes, budget, tax information, etc.

Town Clerk Report – Thomas Peer – Starting with the small part of my job. The Town Clerk, \$241 was done in business this month. \$132.10 will got to the Town Supervisor, \$50.40 to the Humane Society of Schuyler, \$8 to Agriculture and Markets, and \$22.50 to the Health Department on a Marriage License. We are working on some dates to have some information sessions on Solar and Heat up dates in your home. This program for Heat up dates in mainly based on your income to help with the cost of converting over and adding additional support for home heating. If we can get five people to enroll into this program, we can enter in for a \$5,000 grant that we as a town can use towards anything we want. I gave you each a draft last month so you can look over what we are going to cover and the resources we are planning on using to achieve our goal. The community solar works some way, but with ten people sign up again another \$5,000 grant to use. We are just working on the dates with the fire hall to have it there. Now for the Tax Collector, so far as of March 9th, 2022, \$1,131,872.98. I believe we are on a good track as far as money has been collected. A balance of \$404,087.86, but out of that money there is really only about \$216,000 left of monies to collect. We are above what we would have been last year. In terms of collections, and people paying on time, people are paying their taxes. This in my mind give a strong sense of our community, paying through escrow, full payments, or even taking the opportunity of paying the first installment. Full payments is where it really is at, with over one million paid to date. \$110,000 is the state land, and about \$78,000 in franchise, both of those funds are collected by the county. I did cut a check for the Fire Tax Money, for a total of \$125,032, I do have a receipt for that and ready to present to the County Treasure in April. We are nearing the time to close the books for the February portion, and sent that to the county, and next week on the 15th I will be sending out the late notices. There is a three-dollar fee with that notice going out. I also at this point have not written a check to the county, so we are getting all the interest on the account. Overall has been a great season so far up to this point.

Resolution #23

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

Norma Burris, Town Supervisor – AYES

Heather – We should.

Maryann – Let's table it to our next meeting.

Building Inspector #3 – Norma Burris – Okay so moving on, what do we think about this appointment.

Heather – I am still in support of Al. He has been part of this community for a long time and has done the job right. Brought money in, know it like the back of his hand. I am sticking with him.

Maryann – Ralph Senese seems like the best so far to apply, with more training than Al, we need that here in our community.

James Rose – With there no longer being a conflict of interest, with the closing of my permit with Al at my house, I also would like to go with Ralph.

Norma – Rick, what do you think about Ralph?

Resolution #24

On motion of Maryann Friebis, seconded by James Rose to appoint Ralph Senese as the Building Inspector #3 for the Town of Orange.

Norma Burris, Town Supervisor – AYES

Heather Waters, Councilwoman – NAY

Rick Hendrick, Councilman – AYES

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – AYES

ADOPTED

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Town Policies – Norma Burris – What do you all think a getting some of these passed tonight?

Heather – Did you ever fix the parts we all committed on, and send out the new copies?

Norma – We had the lawyer look at it and everything is fine.

Rick Hendrick – Welcome how come he did not write aback to all of us, we are the board and we should be included in that email saying it is fine.

Norma – We just need a resolution to pass these or not. We can pass them all or one by one which ever works for the board, but the lawyer states that all are fine and are okay to move forward with. If your not in any agreement with them we should talk about them now.

Heather – If we can just work on the Procurement Policy a little more, then I am sure next meeting we should be able to pass this policy.

Public Comments

Norma – There is a meeting tomorrow night at the Tyrone Fire Hall, the Assessor will be there to talk about how the new assessments are looking, how the read the bill, and what it means to grieve your taxes this year. It is March 10th at 6pm.

John Olin – So we just go there to listen.

Norma – No you can ask questions.

John – The new guy who was just appointed to be the code officer, can he write permits.

Norma – Well he is building inspector #3, because that is what we advertised for.

John – What about his milage in town, will he write it down?

Norma – Yes, he will keep track of that.

On motion of Maryann Friebis, seconded by Heather Waters the meeting adjourned at 7:11PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

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what is happening in the state and trying to keep a head with it all. Some highlights are hunting licenses are changing again, the new requirements are that you must file your land every year when buying the license. This needs to be done every year moving forward, due to land not being recorded correctly. After doing a purge of the system, 425,000 people were removed from the landownership list. The Health Department, marriage licenses are changing, the sex of any person can be changed after the marriage has taken place. This allows people to change to the preferred sexed, this can be changed after the fact with no witnesses to this event. There are some changes with Notary stuff, and that is more boiler plated materials. I got invited to a June retreat for NYSTCA, we are rebranding ourselves, as a younger person that was their interest to have me attend, so I will be closing my office June 2, and returning June 5, and it is in Syracuse. Moving over with Tax Collection, we are clear with the County. I am glad they have their money, took about seven days to balance with them. I would say it was my part, with all the state land here, its easy to miss one, and that is where the difference was. We found the error and fixed it to match each others books. The County got a check for the First Installment and final payment of \$348,039.89, and a additional check for Fees and Services rendered \$1,680.06. That all took place April 22, at 6:30 PM at the County Offices. I had just ordered the new banners to be hung around town. We are hoping to have seven this time around. I am hoping for the proof by the end of the week. We are hoping to have them up by Memorial Day, again we hope. I would like to talk about some of the ARPA Money can be used to fund town projects. There are a lot of opportunities we can explore to use those funds to improve things here in town. I would like to take a shot at a part of that money to take care of a few things. I have one or two, I would like to do both projects. A company called Kofile, can take damaged books to restore and preserve them for a longer shelf life. We have old documents that could really use that money to preserve them, Marriage, Death, and Birth Certificates are the most important to take care of right now. Some if not most are in very poor condition, and something must be done sooner than later. This company can provide a service we can do book by book to lower the cost over time. Something must be done to preserve these documents. In addition, there is an other company E-Coding, they would take any local law we have made and produced; as well as, any policy we create. They take that information to make a book that is easy to work with. There is a few with this, but once it all done we can add after that, they can also look up anything we are missing by checking with the State. We again can use some of the ARPA money to tackle this mounting project.

Heather Waters – How much is this going to cost.

Thomas – Well with Kofile, a tentative quote could be \$10,000, but that is the whole project. What I would really want is to have about \$1,500 to \$2,500 of the ARPA money to get started. I want to get a quote first, the guy lives in Binghamton for this area.

Heather – Okay, can you get a quote.

Thomas – I am hoping the sooner the better. Just need to work something out with him. As well as with E-Coding, I would like to have them here soon. Our local laws could be better presented, most are written in legal form, and are older pages. They just done make the book, after they are done, we can place all that information on our website. That could be anywhere from \$1,500 to \$2,000 to get started. Again ARPA money can be used to cover this, they have paperwork we can file to show how that money is being used.

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Highway Superintendent Report – John Rappleye – I would like to get a list around of some Surplus stuff around the shop we can get rid of. We can mainly getting in material for the up coming bridge job on Sexton Hollow, it is gravel and subgrade.

Norma – Yes, and Soil and Water did the work up on Switzer Hill Road, and they have covered the cost.

John – Yes, as well as West Lake Road. The new Grader came in on Monday.

County Legislature – Gary Gray - N/A

Municipal Grounds Keeper – Wendy Veley – I send a email to Thomas, and he stated he would forward it to the board. I hope you all were able to look over the pictures that where provided. Just to show the damage done to Maltby Cemetery. There has been a burial over there that has led to the ground leaving an impression in the ground. Maybe a good idea is to budget into next year putting up fence. At that point they have no choice to come and have you unlocked the gate.

Norma – Yes, we all got the email you sent to Thomas. Thank you so much for providing those.

Wendy – Yes, as you can see that damage is bad, those stone are moved and the pole is moved as well. I can't move the stone, nor the pole. It is not coved I my insurance to be moving things. I would suggest that you find a stone or monument company who is bonded to do that kind of work to reset the stones. A surveyor might be need to place the pole in the upright position.

Norma – Yes, we are going to have to look into our options.

Updated Security Quote – Norma Burris – A resolution in April to accept the quote form Eastern is superseded by this resolution to accept Teledair Security as our new security provider for the Town Hall and the Highway Department.

James Rose – Yes, we talked about that at our last meeting and our concerns was how much it was going to cost.

Norma – Teledair will come in and put in more cameras for less money than Eastern Security.

Heather – But you guys voted to keep Eastern at the last meeting, so now we have to change that because you guys got a new quote.

Norma – You are correct.

Resolution #41

On motion of James Rose, seconded by Maryann Friebis to amend the Resolution #31 from the April 13, 2022 Town Board Meeting, and now to contract with Teledair for Town Hall and Highway Department security systems in the amount of \$6,100 and \$948.70 for an alarm door system at the Highway Department, with a monthly fee of \$39.95 for monitoring charges.

Norma Burris, Town Supervisor – AYES

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Norma – I have been working with the bookkeeper, and if you really want to know the accounts where not being used like they should be. The Comptroller is changing the accounts, so now I have to change the accounts to be correct.

Joanne – Okay, has the board approved an of the budget adjustments, since 2021?

Norma – The budget adjustments that bookkeeper has done.

Joanne – Someone had to do it in order to do the AUD.

Norma – We can not even do the 2021, because the 2020 is not done yet. Comptroller still has 2020.

Joanne – Well it was done when I left.

Norma – No, they send me all the emails. The Comptroller is doing it, so it is not done. That is all I can tell you.

Joanne – In two months you need to start working on the Budget, and without those numbers you won't know what you have spent out.

Norma – Well I guess we are going to figure it out.

Gary Dann – Does the Code Officer have keys to the building?

Norma – Currently he does not, because we do not have any extra to give. If asked we will provide one to him, so far he has been coming in while I am here. It has not been an issue yet.

Ralph Senses – I want to have a key at some point.

James – When do you think you will be done with the minutes Thomas?

Thomas – Well I am working as fast as I can to get them done. I am working with Peg to get these done, as she has offered to help me complete them. I don't want to dump a lot on her, again she offered to help.

James – Okay, we would just like the gray area to be done and have a more set time of completion.

Thomas – My guess is when they are done, they are done. I am working as fast as I can to complete all tasks my office is challenged with.

Audrey Pane – But when will get a Supervisor Report then? The same could be said.

Norma – As soon as I can get with the bookkeeper to have the laid out.

Audrey – Timeframe on that?

Norma – My guess a few weeks.

Audrey – Okay, thank you.

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Joanne – Is she getting paid out of your salary?

Norma – She is being paid from the contingency funds.

Joanne – So what are you doing? If she is doing all you work?

Norma – I am doing my work.

Thomas – I am going to be putting the ad in for Summer Swim Director, I will still like to go with Beine Transportation, but don't know of any other companies to get quotes from. Should I call the school.

Heather – Yeah, call them, the school used to donate the bus and drive, we just had to pay for the gas.

Maryann – Yes, because it is for the kids and community.

Thomas – Okay I can reach out to the school, it is just better for me to work on it now.

Audrey – What about the cell phones you are getting for town employees, and what are the numbers for them. If we are paying for it we should have the right to know.

Norma – They are on our web page, and can be viewed there.

Audrey – I do not have, nor do I use the internet.

Heather – We might want to write and post them here to be found.

Norma – The phone will still work at the Town Hall can be reached there. We can then share that number with you.

Joanne – Then what is the point of the cellphones? If they can just call the town hall.

Norma – The Code has always had or paid for a cellphone. The Supervisor has one because I am on the road a lot.

Dee Dann – So those numbers will be posted soon?

Norma – Yes we will.

Heather – With not everyone with tech to see, we should have it posted.

Dee – I really want to know what Thomas' hours are. I call here and it is stated.

Audrey – Yes, it is very clear.

Thomas – I have just redone my business cards, to include some important town wide numbers. I just thing they are important to have for everyone to reach those offices. I can hand some out at the end of the meeting.

Heather – Is the assessor ever coming to work here in the office.

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Norma – No, not at this time. They do not want to be out here.

Heather – So, the assessor is never coming back to this building.

Thomas – Yeah so those numbers can be used to help reach out. It was clear to me to add them so people would have them quicker.

Audrey – I just want to highlight the robbery on Sexton with the cabin be robbed during the day time hours, just be on a watch for a U-Haul truck driving around. Last thanks to John for cleaning up the car the hit the bridge near my house the other night. The car flew up into the trees, John and his crew cleaned it up that night, and it looks great.

Heather – Yes, John I have heard a lot of compliments because of how you are taking care of the roads.

Gary Dann – I would have to add that the four-wheelers are flying up the roads at night time as well, like all hours of the evening.

Norma – Yes, I have reached out to DEC about that, and I talked with my neighbors about the issue, and I will be calling the sheriff tomorrow.

Dee – I think that trailer court down there is to blame as well, they come from that direction all hours as well.

Thomas – They do travel out of there all hours.

Heather – I know Schuyler County is short staffed when it comes to Sheriffs and Deputies. They are doing the best they can with what they have.

Gary – Well with no head lights and all someone will be hit soon, so we need to be aware, and make sure things are stopped.

Maryann – They are out here stealing more and more; the State Police are out here a lot more than normal.

Gary Gray – All I can stay is the robbery are on the radar so just be aware if you see that truck during day time hours just report the truck and location.

On motion of Maryann Friebis, seconded by James Rose the meeting adjourned at 7:16PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, JUNE 8, 2022

A regular board meeting for the Town of Orange was held on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:30PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Norma Burris, Town Supervisor

Heather Waters, Councilwoman

Rick Hendrick, Councilman

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman

James Rose, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Gary Dann, Joanne Randall, John Rappleye, Harold Galusha, Darin Miller, Duane Rinker, Gary Gray, Larry Baker, Sam Mattison, Mary Olin, Wendy Veley, Jon Olin, Thomas Peer Town Clerk

Norma Burris – The Office of the State Comptroller is still working on the 2020 AUD cannot close the 2021 AUD, we are hoping to close with little to much difficulty. We had to look at 2019, as that was closed over budget, and not done right. I was just asked to keep you all informed.

Clerk Minutes – Thomas Peer – February 2022 meeting minutes.

Resolution #43

On motion of Maryann Friebis, seconded by Rick Hendrick to accept the February 9th, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.

Norma Burris, Town Supervisor – AYES

Heather Waters, Councilwoman – AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman – AYES

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 5

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Comprehensive Planning Committee – Norma Burris – You all should have a copy of the resolution to create such a committee. The committee would be made up of Rita Schreiber, Larry Baker, Harold Galusha, Sheila Gerow, and myself. Our task will be to establish a

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Norma – This would be for a different attorney. WE would be paying this from a different amount. We might have to use some of the APRA money to pay for this.

Heather – I am not sure you can use that money for that.

Norma – We can, they opened it up.

Heather – I don't think we should be using that money for this. We should be using that money to fund other projects here in town.

Norma – Here is the deal, we have to pay for an attorney. Tyrone paid \$30,000 to have theirs done, and with most of the leg work done, ours could be cheaper. They do not need to create the whole thing. We could savings of at least \$60,000 within the first year, so Tyrone paid back what was paid out first.

Heather – But that is just the assumption, you say that stuff is done first, but who is to say it will just cost the same. We are not guaranteed that to be true.

Norma – Well it is going to cost us some money. I don't know how much, but it will be sum.

Heather – It cost \$30,000 every few years to do this contract?

Norma – No.

Joanne – Last time it cost \$8,000.

Heather – I just this \$30,000 is a lot of money. I am not sure we should even be spending the money that should go somewhere else. You need to talk to the rest of us before we talk about spending that money.

Norma – well I did send it out to you all.

Heather – Yes, you sent it out, but never explained what or how we are paying for it. We really not have talked much about the APRA money.

James Rose -Sometimes the outcome it unclear. Have you spoken with Tyrone about this?

Norma – Yes, I have spoken with their Town Supervisor. He quoted that savings of \$60,000.

Rick – Nothing is guaranteed with negotiations.

Norma – And if it does not sound reasonable, we can always revisit it.

get \$45 for two marriage licenses sold. A total of \$325. We are just getting back into stuff, I just got back from Syracuse with the NYSTCA, disusing moving forward with the group. Our main

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goal was to create a “toolbox” for NYS Town Clerks to use, because with everything going on NYS is not really helping us do our jobs. We are hoping to place this on our groups website for all clerks to use. It really is like a one-stop shop. Grievance day has been happening, we are waiting on most of that paperwork to be filled and mailed out to the people. I am just waiting for Gary Whyman to turn in the paperwork, I still have not gotten the vouchers yet for them either. They are still working on them, so they will have a few extra workdays on them. They are still meeting, just not hearing anymore Grievances. Also, in the bills there, there was stuff for the Summer Swim Program, I called the school and could not get a hold of anyone for the bus, so I just got a hold of Birnie, we have used them in the past and it seems to work for us. They gave us the same price as last year and stated that it would be going up for the following year, and that could be anywhere of a five to ten percent increase. The bus will cost \$1,897.60 for a total of ten bus trips. Then still the \$150 for the bus and pool permits. I just ask when you cut those checks can they be handed back to me so I can return them to obtain the documents. I am conducting two interviews so far for the Swim Program for our Program Director. They would be in charge of the day-to-day operations. Four additional chaperones will be hired afterwards by the Program Director, all must commit to the whole five weeks and will not be paid until the end of the program. Kids are the focus of our program, but adults are allowed to ride the bus as well as community members.

Resolution #50

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Rick Hendrick to approve the Town Clerk Report as presented.

Norma Burris, Town Supervisor – AYES

Heather Waters, Councilwoman – AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman – AYES

Maryann Friebris, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – AYES

ADOPTED

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Justice Report – Norma Burris – A sun of \$781 was submitted by the Town Court.

Resolution #51

Public Comments

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Jon Olin – I have a question about the lawyer. I don't see how \$30,000 every two years seems a little to much. That is like \$15,000 a year.

Norma – That is what Tyrone paid, we are working with the same lawyer they had. We have their contract, and the lawyer has ours. We could save more money than Tyrone, but I really don't know.

Jon – The thing is \$30,000 is a lot and we need something more in black ad white before we move forward.

Norma – The goal is to have the insurance be different, if we put the money in to an account vs paying it monthly to the insurance company. We can manage the account and when the guys go to the doctor they will pay a higher copay, but can bring back the receipt, and we can pay it in total giving them 100% back the copay to the guys.

Heather – Yeah just because it could save us money doesn't mean that it will. We are going against Teamsters and the Union. It might look good on paper, but who really knows if it will work for us. Who knows they will go for it, and have them agree to what the changes will be. They are going to fight this, and it might not look good or sound as easy as you are saying it now. \$30,000 is a lot of money. Tyrone is not close to our size so we should take that into account. How are getting this money to pay the lawyer?

Norma – I am sure we can use the ARPA money, as we can claim it under lose of funds due to Covid-19. We have about \$74,000 dollars and more coming in.

Heather – Yeah but that is a different conversation, and that is about how we should use those funds, so we should be talking about the lawyers money and not ARPA. We should be using that money for people to use in our town. Like the pavilion for the park, everyone can see and use that for time to come.

Norma – We need to wait until everything else is done before we can start talking about that.

Heather – What is everything else?

Norma – We have the bridge project John and I need to sit down and talk about. We have the budget coming up. This lawyer is a big deal.

Heather – So there is all the money, a bridge and a lawyer.

Norma – Possibly.

Thomas – So you are going to spend all the ARPA money on a bridge and a lawyer.

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Norma – No, we have no idea on how much the bridge is going to cost. We are looking at the highest numbers right now, but we hope it will be less than that.

Thomas – I see that but we need to make sure that the ARPA money is spent responsibly, there are a lot of projects that money can take care of.

Norma – We will save money in the long term by the money we spend now for the lawyer, and we will have money next year.

Thomas – I have been here long enough to hear that, and it never happens. People always say we will have money next year, and it comes, and it is still not taken care of. Going on five years now, and there are some projects that are still where that started.

Maryann Freibis – Nothing is set in stone yet, so we are really getting a head of ourselves right now.

Pat Barto – I am from the Schuyler County Historical Society; I am here to present you with our yearly report. We have about 400 members that are part of our group. We are mostly volunteers that help keep and take care of our local history. Some big news is that we have The Lawrence Chapel, that has been acquired by the Chemung County Historical Society whom felt it was right to have the Schuyler County Historical Society to have it back.

Gary Dann- What are the hours for the assessor, and day she is here in town?

Norma – She is not here in this building at all.

Gary – Why?

Norma – She does not want to work here in the building. She stated that she would like a cop here when she is in the building.

Dee Dann – How much are we paying her?

Norma – I think we contract with the county.

Dee – Why are we paying her is she is not going to be here I our town.

Norma – If we want her here, we need a cop to be in the building. She has gotten strong emails and phone calls to where she does not feel comfortable to be here.

Gary – If we need to see she, we should be covered for the gas it takes to go and see her.

Heather – Is she back to taking appointments now, because before she was not at the county building.

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Norma – She should be back to taking appointments.

Heather – I think she should not be able to make those kinds of demands. We should investigate this more.

Thomas – I know we have looked into have our own town assessor, but the cost to cost is about the same if you go with either option. I think it is better to have them work for the county only because it is a lot easier for them to manage what needs to happen vs us having to take on the role of printing, mailing, filing, etc.

Gary Gray – I can look into that and see how we can change that so you can have your assessor out here in Orange.

On motion of Maryann Friebis, seconded by Heather Waters the meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, JULY 13, 2022

Resolution #59

Resolution to Express Orange Sustainability Committee support for the new
HeatSmart FLX South Program

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by James Rose; and

Whereas, Cornell Cooperative Extension has served the residents of New York State with unbiased, research-based knowledge from Cornell, New York's Land Grant University, to the needs of New Yorkers and their communities for over 100 years; and

Whereas, Cornell Cooperative Extension Schuyler County has obtained a grant from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to educate residents and small businesses on the benefits of heat pump technologies in Steuben, Schuyler, Yates, and Seneca Counties, and

Whereas, when heat pumps are paired with the no-cost or low-cost energy audit to implement weatherization measures, the quality of life for citizens can be increased, and

Whereas, air source and ground source heat pump technologies can be used to heat and cool homes and businesses, and at the same time save money for consumers, improve indoor air quality for protection of their health and safety, and

Whereas, heat pump technologies, because they do not utilize fossil fuels in heating or cooling our homes and businesses, can also reduce greenhouse gas emissions from buildings in New York State, and

Whereas, NYSERDA and local electric utilities offer significant financial incentives for the adoption in homes and businesses with heat pump technologies, and

Whereas, CCE Schuyler will be enlisting the support of HVAC contractors in the area to provide this technology to residents and businesses, and all contractors participating in the program will be certified by NYSERDA to provide such services and incentives, and

Whereas, the sale and installation of heat pump technologies by qualified HVAC Contractors can lead to investment and jobs in the Southern Tier of New York, and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Orange Sustainability Committee has reviewed the heat pump technology and the HeatSmart FLX South program, and they recommend to the Orange Town Board that they support the HeatSmart FLX South program and encourage CCE Schuyler to educate our residents and small businesses on the benefits of heat pump technologies and the financial incentives available to residents for these technologies.

Norma Burris, Town Supervisor – AYES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, JULY 13, 2022

Norma – We are just trying to say within budget right now.

Gary Dann – Monterey Fire Department is having a Chicken BBQ Saturday, tickets are \$11 and you can start picking them up at noon. I only have a few tickets left, but I am sure we can get more as it is presale only.

Lewis Harrison – When will we get to see or hear a Supervisor Report? We have not hear one in a few months, as our last Supervisor gave reports each month.

Norma – I will have something prepared next month. I am not sure it will be itemized. You can currently see on the back of the agenda the current amounts in the town checking accounts, but I can go more into detail at our next meeting.

Lewis – Yeah I can see what is in an account, but would like to know how or why there is that amount of money in those accounts.

James Rose – Yes, we see a control sheet for the vouchers, and maybe explaining what we spent applied to the accounts. Would show how we got there. Most people don't know we see that control sheet before the meeting while we sign the bills.

On motion of James Rose, seconded by Heather Waters the meeting adjourned at 7:02PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, AUGUST 10TH, 2022

A public hearing and regular board meeting for the Town of Orange was held on Wednesday, August 10th, 2022, in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:32PM with the following members present:

PRESENT: Norma Burris, Town Supervisor

Heather Waters, Councilwoman

Rick Hendrick, Councilman

James Rose, Councilman

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT: Duane Rinker, Jocelyn Harrison, Lewis Harrison, Audrey Pane, Sam Mattison, Wendy Veley, Joanne Randall, Gary Whyman, Thomas Peer Town Clerk

Public Hearing:

Local Law for a Moratorium on Solar Installations: Is a local law prohibiting any new solar installations within the Town of Orange until a new updated solar law can be established. This was read aloud by the Town Supervisor and be found on file with the Town Clerk.

Resolution #60

On motion of Maryann Friebis, seconded by James Rose to establish Local Law for a Moratorium on Solar Installations until February 1st, 2023.

Norma Burris, Town Supervisor – AYES

Heather Waters, Councilwoman – AYES

Rick Hendrick, Councilman – AYES

Maryann Friebis, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – AYES

ADOPTED

AYES 5

NAYS 0

Local Law to Change the Term of Office for Town Supervisor from two years to four year term. This was read aloud by the Town Supervisor and be found on file with the Town Clerk.

PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TOWN OF ORANGE, AUGUST 10TH, 2022

still viable, but the property damage is causing them to be hesitate. Just keep and eye open about anything happening, and we will contact the Sheriff's Office to look into further.

Modifications for General and Highway Funds – Norma Burris – Some line items are close or are over drawn, so we need to make adjustments.

\$10,000 from A201 to DA 5110.41

\$10,000 from A201 to A5132.41

\$8,000 from A201 to A1620.41

\$7,000 from A201 to A1640.1

\$10,000 from A201 to A1380.4

\$1,000 from A201 to A6410.4

\$3,000 from A201 to A6420.4

Heather Waters – Why are we moving money to A1380.4 if the Bookkeeper is done with her work. I don't see how it would cost us more if she is doing more than what are saying. What is the A201 fund?

Norma – Well she has been working on the AUDS from 2019, 2020, and 2021. She has completed 2019 and 2020, so is just moving the money to that fund so the Comptroller will see if coming from one fund and not two. The A201 is the ARPA fund we got, and we are using them to cover lost revenue.

Heather – I am just not sure we should be using ARPA money to cover these; we should really be using that money for the community support. We should see what we really need and use that money towards that.

Norma – The cost of utilities and fuel are going up and we have no control over that. According to the Comptroller we can use the funds like this.

Heather – I just see us spending it all and having nothing to show for it.

Thomas – I agree there are some projects here in the hall that those funds could be used for. I am concerned because we have things that could be addressed, but the money only keeps getting spent without anyone input.

Heather – We just want to know where the ARPA money is going, last month is showed \$72,000, not it is showing \$11,000. So what is going on and why is it not being shown.

