

TOWN BOARD MEETING, REORGANIZATION MEETING, JANUARY 8th, 2025

A town board meeting, and the reorganization meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Wednesday, January 8th, 2025 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:30PM with the following members present:

PRESENT:

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor

Jonathon Olin, Councilman

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman

Misty Simms, Councilwoman

Absent:

James Rose, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT

Reorganization of Town

OFFICIAL BLANKET UNDERTAKING - Sprague Insurance company

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

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS: Will be the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm.

THE ESTABLISHED WORKDAY: 8-hour days

TOWN ASSESSOR: Schuyler County Assessor Patricia Bartolomeo

ATTORNEY OF RECORD FOR THE TOWN: Harter Secrest & Emery LLP

REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS: Town Clerk - Thomas Peer, Cheryl Smith Deputy Clerk

HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES PAY RATE Per budget.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT: Elmer Webster

TOWN HISTORIAN: Thomas Peer

OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR SUPERVISOR: 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. - Yes

OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR TOWN JUSTICE: Community Bank

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER: Review and Express with The Shopper and Hi-Lites as secondary advertising agencies

MILEAGE RATE PER 2025 ESTABLISHED RATE: .70 cents per mile

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO PAY REGULAR MONTHLY BILLS AS PRE-PAYS

AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT, TOOLS AND IMPLEMENTS ACCORDING TO THE TOWN PROCUREMENT POLICY.

COUNTY ASSESSOR TO HANDLE ALL DOG INFLICTED PROPERTY DAMAGES

AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED FOR ALL RETURNED CHECKS: \$35 per occurrence.

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

ANNUAL SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS: per 2025 budget

(BAR) BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW: Nick Haner, Lewis Harrison, Gary Whyman TOWN AND COUNTY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

MEMBER/DELEGATE FOR SCCOG (Schuylers County Council of Government) Supervisor - Heather Waters

ALTERNATIVE TO SCCOG Deputy – Joanne Randall

SCHUYLER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Thomas Peer

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM – Heather Waters and Thomas Peer

LIAISON TO HIGHWAY - Jonathon Olin

LIAISON TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS: Misty Simms, Joanne Randall

LIAISON TO INSPECT BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

TOWN HALL/GROUNDS/TOWN PARK - Thomas Peer and Heather Waters

TOWN BARN/GROUNDS - John Rappleye

LIAISON TO CEMETERIES: Thomas Peer and Joanne Randell

PLANNING BOARD: Advertised and Rick Hendrick, Larry Baker, Harold Gusha

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman – AYES

Misty Simms, Councilwoman – AYES

Rose, Councilman – not present

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Resolution #04

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Misty Simms the Trust and Agency Vouchers on Abstract #001 in the amount of \$3,798.72 were paid.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor – AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman – AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman – AYES

Misty Simms, Councilwoman – AYES

Rose, Councilman – not present

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Monthly Reports:

Code Officer Report Presented by Scot Cole

Fire Department N/A

Justice Report N/A

Superintendent of Highways Report Presented by John Rappleye

Town Clerk Report Presented by Thomas Peer

Resolution #05

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Misty Simms to approve the reposts as presented.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor – AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman – AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman – AYES

Misty Simms, Councilwoman – AYES

Rose, Councilman – not present

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Misty Simms to close the meeting at 7:02PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

Rose, Councilman – not present

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Code Officer Report Presented by Scot Cole

Fire Department N/A

Justice Report N/A

Superintendent of Highways Report Presented by John Rapple

Town Clerk Report Presented by Thomas Peer

Supervisor Report Presented by Heather Waters

James Rose enters a 6:11 pm

Resolution #10

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Misty Simms to approve the reposts as presented.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor – AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman – AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman – AYES

Misty Simms, Councilwoman – AYES

Rose, Councilman – AYES

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

Resolution #11

On motion of Joanne Randall, seconded by Misty Simms to approve the contract with General Code for the codification of the Town Laws and Polies.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor – AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman – ABSTAIN

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman – AYES

Misty Simms, Councilwoman – AYES

Rose, Councilman – AYES

TOWN BOARD MEETING, March 12th, 2025

A town board public hearing and the town meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Wednesday, March 12th, 2025 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:02PM with the following members present:

PRESENT:

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor

Jonathon Olin, Councilman

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman

James Rose, Councilman

Absent:

Misty Simms, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT

Public Hearing for Fire Contracts

A Public Hearing was held to approve the payments of the 2025 Fire Tax money as set forth by the 2025 Budget. In the amount of \$131,332.00, and to be distributed to Monterey Fire Company in the amount of \$90,585.00, Bradford Fire Company in the amount of \$22,000.00, and Beaver Dams Fire Company in the amount of \$18,747.00.

Resolution #15

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Joanne Randall to approve the Fire Protection Funds to be paid as set by the 2025 Budget.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor – AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman – AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman – AYES

Rose, Councilman – AYES

Misty Simms, Councilwoman – not present

ADOPTED

AYES 4

NAYS 0

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF A HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT VEHICLE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN CONTEMPLATION THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the TOWN OF ORANGE, in the County of Schuyler, by its Town Council has determined it necessary for the Town, to purchase a vehicle for town highway repair, construction, maintenance and snow removal, (the “Vehicle”).

BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Town Council of the Town of Orange, Livingston County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The purchase of the Vehicle and the financing thereof (the “specific object or purpose”), are both hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost no to exceed \$330,000, inclusive of the costs of issuance.

Section 2. The specific objects or purposes are objects or purposes described in Section 11 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. The plan for the financing of such maximum estimated cost is by the issuance of general obligation serial bonds of the Town in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$185,000 which is hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is fifteen (15) years, pursuant to subparagraph 28 of Section 11.00.a. of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the bonds herein authorized will not be in excess of fifteen (15) years.

Section 5. The faith and credit of the Town of Orange, Livingston County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in every year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby authorized as if by separate resolution and is delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by the Town Supervisor, consistent with the

provisions of the Local Finance Law. To the extent required by law, this Resolution shall also constitute a “Bond Anticipation Note Resolution” pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the Town Supervisor, as the chief fiscal officer of the Town. Such bonds shall substantially contain the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Town Supervisor shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 8. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the State of New York.

Section 9. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. An abstract of this resolution shall be published in full in the official newspaper of the Town, which is hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such purpose, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 11. This resolution is subject to permissive referendum and shall not become effective until either approved by the qualified voters of the Town pursuant to a petition being filed or 30 days shall have expired without a petition having been filed.

Resolution #16

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Joanne Randall to approve the RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF A HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT VEHICLE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN CONTEMPLATION.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor – AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman – AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – AYES

Misty Simms, Councilwoman – not present

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Resolution #17

On motion of Joanne Randall, seconded by Jonathon Olin the General Fund Vouchers on Abstract #003 in the amount of \$34,643.44 were paid.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor – AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman – AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – AYES

Misty Simms, Councilwoman – not present

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Resolution #18

On motion of Joanne Randall, seconded by Jonathon Olin the Highway Fund Vouchers on Abstract #003 in the amount of \$36,278.86 were paid.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor – AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman – AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – AYES

Misty Simms, Councilwoman – not present

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Resolution #19

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Joanne Randall the Trust and Agency Fund Vouchers on Abstract #003 in the amount of \$3,741.72 were paid.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor – AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman – AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – AYES

Misty Simms, Councilwoman – not present

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Code Officer Report Presented by Scot Cole

Kirk Smith Presented on the Tower being built on the Highway Department Property.

Ken Thurston Presented on the Tow bridge projects happening in the Town of Orange on County Road 16 starting on March 31st and running until October or November of 2025.

Fire Department presented by Bradford, Beaver Dams, and Montrey Fire Company

Justice Report presented to the town board

Superintendent of Highways Report Presented by John Rappleye

Town Clerk Report Presented by Thomas Peer

Supervisor Report Presented by Heather Waters

Resolution #20

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Joanne Randall to approve the minutes of June 12, July 15, August 14, August 26, and September 11 of 2024 as presented.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor – AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman – AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – AYES

Misty Simms, Councilwoman – not present

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Resolution #21

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Joanne Randall to approve the reposts as presented.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor – AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman – AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman – AYES

James Rose, Councilman – AYES

Misty Simms, Councilwoman – not present

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

On the motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Joanne Randall to close the meeting at 7:04PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

at 6:00 p.m. local time, Town Board Member Heather Waters offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHREAS, on or about February 11, 2025, an employee of the Town (“Plaintiff”) initiated a lawsuit against the Town and Highway Superintendent John Rappleye, in his official and individual capacities, in the United States District Court for the Western District of New York (the “Lawsuit”); and

WHEREAS, in the Lawsuit, Plaintiff alleges that Superintendent Rappleye engaged in unlawful workplace misconduct, including sexual harassment, discrimination, and retaliation, and seeks relief under 42 U.S.C. 1983, the Equal protection Clause, and New York State Human Rights Law; and

WHEREAS, BY LETTER DATED March 12, 2025, Superintendent Rappleye’s attorney, Edward Kopko, demanded that the Town provide a defense and indemnification to Superintendent Rappleye in connection with the Lawsuit; and

WHEREAS, New York State Public Officers Law 18 allows for municipalities to provide defense, indemnification, or both, to municipal employees and official if the municipality chooses to adopt a local law or resolution allowing for that benefit. N.Y. PUB. OFF. LAW 18(2); and

WHEREAS, the Town has never passed a local law or resolution allowing it to provide defense and indemnification to Town employees and officials.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board finds that it cannot provide defense or indemnification to Superintendent Rappleye because it does not have a local law or resolution allowing it to provide defense and indemnification to Town employees and officials, as is required by Public Officers Law 18(2); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Attorney for the Town is authorized to correspond with the attorney for Superintendent Rappleye to convey the Board’s decision.

Seconded by Town Board Member Misty Simms and duly put to vote, which resulted as the follows:

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor– AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman– ABSTAIN

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman– AYES

James Rose, Councilman– AYES

Misty Simms, Councilwoman– AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Building Code Reported by Scot Cole.

Justice Report presented.

Schuyler County Public Health presented on their office and what they do.

Superintendent of highway report was presented.

Resolution #25

On motion of Jonathon Olin, seconded by James Rose to increase the budget line DA5110 \$8,500 to support the 284 Highway agreement with the town.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor– AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman– AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman– AYES

James Rose, Councilman– AYES

Misty Simms, Councilwoman– AYES

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

Resolution #26

On motion of Jonathon Olin, seconded by Misty Simms accept the Highway 284 agreement with the town.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor– AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman– AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman– AYES

James Rose, Councilman– AYES

Misty Simms, Councilwoman– AYES

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

Town Clean up day May 17th 8am to noon. Tires will be \$5 per tire.

Supervisor report presented by Heather Waters.

Town Clerk report presented by Thomas Peer.

Jonathon Olin, Councilman– NAYS

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman– AYES

James Rose, Councilman– AYES

Misty Simms, Councilwoman– AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 1

Resolution #38

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Misty Simms to approve the May 14th, 2025, meeting minutes.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor– AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman– AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman– AYES

James Rose, Councilman– AYES

Misty Simms, Councilwoman– AYES

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

Resolution #39

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

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor– AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman– AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman– AYES

James Rose, Councilman– AYES

Misty Simms, Councilwoman– AYES

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

Planning Board report presented.

Bradford Fire Department report presented.

On the motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Misty Simms to close the meeting at

7:04PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

Misty Simms, Councilwoman– AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Resolution #42

On motion of Joanne Randall, seconded by Heather Waters the Trust and Agency Fund Vouchers on Abstract #007 in the amount of \$2,849.98 were paid.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor– AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman– AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman– AYES

James Rose, Councilman– ABSENT

Misty Simms, Councilwoman– AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Southern Tier Network presented by Patrick Miller was discussed on new internet service coming to the Orange area.

James Rose arrives at 6:11

Building Code Reported by Scot Cole.

Fire Department reports presented.

Justice report presented.

Superintendent of highway report was presented.

Resolution #43

On motion of Jonathon Olin, seconded by Misty Simms to approve the Highway Department 284 agreement for expenditures of Highway funds of \$414,873.00 for the 2025 fiscal year.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor– AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman– AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman– AYES

James Rose, Councilman– AYES

Misty Simms, Councilwoman– AYES

Misty Simms, Councilwoman– AYES

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0

Jonathon Olin left the meeting at 7:03pm.

Resolution #55

On motion of Misty Simms, seconded by Heather Waters to advertise for electrical work to be done at the town hall.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor– AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman– ABSENT

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman– AYES

James Rose, Councilman– AYES

Misty Simms, Councilwoman– AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

On the motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Misty Simms to close the meeting at 7:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

James Rose, Councilman– ABSENT

Misty Simms, Councilwoman– AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Resolution #58

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Misty Simms the Trust and Agency Fund Vouchers on Abstract #009 in the amount of \$2,849.98 were paid.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor– AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman– AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman– AYES

James Rose, Councilman– ABSENT

Misty Simms, Councilwoman– AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Building Code report presented.

Fire Department reports presented.

Justice report presented.

Planning Board report presented.

Superintendent of highway report was presented.

Resolution #59

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Misty Simms to adopt the new changes to the 284 Highway Agreement with the Town of Orange Superintendent.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor– AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman– AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman– AYES

James Rose, Councilman– ABSENT

Misty Simms, Councilwoman– AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Supervisor report was presented.

Fall Town Clean Up Date schedule for October 18th

Town Clerk report was presented.

Resolution #60

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Jonathon Olin to approve the following meeting minutes: August 13, 2025 and September 13th 2023.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor– AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman– AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman– AYES

James Rose, Councilman– ABSENT

Misty Simms, Councilwoman– AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Resolution #61

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Misty Simms to contract with Kofile to address the Town of Orange book preservation and contemporary imaging services for the amount of \$7,236.35.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor– AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman– AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman– AYES

James Rose, Councilman– ABSENT

Misty Simms, Councilwoman– AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Resolution #62

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

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor– AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman– AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman– AYES

James Rose, Councilman– ABSENT

Misty Simms, Councilwoman– AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

On the motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Misty Simms to close the meeting at
6:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING, October 15th, 2025

The town board held a budget workshop meeting of the Town of Orange was held on Wednesday, October 15th, 2025 in the Town of Orange Town Hall at 6:00PM with the following members present:

PRESENT:

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman

Misty Simms, Councilwoman

ABSENT:

James Rose, Councilman

Jonathon Olin, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT

Highway Fund

Wages \$120,000

Gravel \$75,000 to \$25,000

Perman Improvements \$250,000 to \$310,000

Repairs \$50,000

Plowing Wages \$100,000 to \$120,000

Snow Fuel \$50,000 to \$40,000

Health insurance \$40,000 to \$50,000

State aid the same \$500,000

General Fund

Supervisor's Equipment \$1,000 to \$0

Bookkeeper \$2,000 to \$12,000

Attorney \$5,000 to \$40,000

Record Management \$0 to \$5,000

Supplies \$1,000 to \$2,000

James Rose, Councilman– ABSENT

Misty Simms, Councilwoman– AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Resolution #74

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Misty Simms the Trust and Agency Fund Vouchers on Abstract #011 in the amount of \$8,230.42 were paid.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor– AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman– AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman– AYES

James Rose, Councilman– ABSENT

Misty Simms, Councilwoman– AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Kirk Smith – Gave a DEC report on tower being installed on Highway property.

Darrin Stocum – Introduced himself as the new assessor hired by Real Property.

Resolution #75

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Jonathon Olin to accept the appointment of Darrin Stocum as the Town of Orange Assessor.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor– AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman– AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman– AYES

James Rose, Councilman– ABSENT

Misty Simms, Councilwoman– AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Planning Board – Chelsea Roberson – Presnets the 2025 Comprehensive Plan the Planning Board of the Town of Orange has worked on.

RESOLUTION NO. 76 OF 2025

RESOLUTION ISSUING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE AND ADOPTING THE TOWN OF ORANGE SMART GROWTH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2025

WHEREAS, the Town of Orange (the “Town”) received funding from the New York State Department of State (NYSDOS) to prepare and complete a Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQR”) and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617, the adoption of a Comprehensive Plan is classified as a **Type I Action**, requiring a coordinated environmental review; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has declared itself **Lead Agency** for the SEQR review of this action; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has duly reviewed the **Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF)** and all supporting documentation related to the proposed action, and has carefully evaluated the potential environmental impacts associated with adoption of the Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, based on this review and consideration, the Town Board finds that adoption of the Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan will **not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts**, and therefore determines that a **Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance** is appropriate pursuant to SEQR; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the past year, the Town, with assistance from its **Comprehensive Plan Committee**, developed the draft Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan through a transparent public process that included opportunities for **community input**; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the draft Plan, received and considered **public comments**, and duly conducted a **formal public hearing** in accordance with applicable law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Orange hereby:

1. **Confirms** its status as **Lead Agency** for the SEQR review of the adoption of the Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan;
2. **Determines** that adoption of the Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan constitutes a **Type I Action** under SEQR;

James Rose, Councilman– ABSENT

Misty Simms, Councilwoman– AYES

ADOPTED AYES 3 NAYS 1

Town Clerk report presented.

Resolution #78

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Joanne Randall to accept the September 10th, 2025 meeting minutes.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor– AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman– AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman– AYES

James Rose, Councilman– ABSENT

Misty Simms, Councilwoman– AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

Resolution #79

On motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Joanne Randall to accept the Town Clerk report as presented.

Heather Waters, Town Supervisor– AYES

Jonathon Olin, Councilman– AYES

Joanne Randall, Councilwoman– AYES

James Rose, Councilman– ABSENT

Misty Simms, Councilwoman– AYES

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0

On the motion of Heather Waters, seconded by Misty Simms to close the meeting at 6:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Peer, Town Clerk