

TOWN OF ORANGE
SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2025
Orange Town Complex

The Special Selectboard Meeting of the Town of Orange was called to order at **7:03 PM**.

In Attendance: Steve Simpson, Kevin Wilson, Kristin Paya, Bill Crowther

Approve Agenda - Motion: Kevin Wilson - **Second:** Steve Simpson - **Vote:** All in favor

Budget Discussion / Planning

The Selectboard conducted a detailed budget planning discussion, including the following topics:

- **Grants:** General discussion of current grants.
- **Paving:** Confirmation that **\$100,000** will remain set aside for the Tucker Road project until the paving issue is resolved.
- **Road Crew:** Discussion regarding uniforms, tools, and training needs.
- **Sand and Trucks:** Review of current needs and costs.
- **Budget Line Items:** Review of individual budget line items.
- **Fleet:** Additional information is needed from Matt regarding fleet needs.
- **Delinquent Taxes:** Approximately **\$200,000** outstanding. Steve Simpson has sent information to the Town's attorneys to determine upfront costs associated with tax sales.
- **Committee Budgets:** Committees should review their respective budget worksheets.
- **Mowing:** Responsibility confirmed as part of Recreation oversight, specifically the recreation field.
- **Planning Commission:** Approximately **\$11,000** available that the Commission was previously unaware of. Follow-up needed with Lee regarding plans for these funds.
- **Reappraisal:** Discussion of the upcoming reappraisals. Contract with **NEMRC**.
- **Cemetery Commission:** No budget request for the upcoming year.
- **Elections:** Three elections are scheduled for 2026. Funding has been allocated, and notations were appropriately recorded in NEMRC.
- **Cash Flow:** Delinquent taxes and unreimbursed flood-related expenses were noted as contributing factors to current cash flow challenges.

Adjournment - Motion: Kevin Wilson - **Second:** Kristin Paya - **Vote:** All in favor

Time: 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Hallenbeck

Next Scheduled Meeting: TBD