

MODERATOR NOTES FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

The legal voters of the Town of Orange met for a Special Town Meeting Friday, May 1, 2026. Moderator David Childs called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a pledge of allegiance to the Flag. Following introductions and an announcement about Green Up Day activities the rules for the meeting were outlined and the warning read.

Article 1, **"Shall the voters authorize General Fund expenditures for operating expenses in the amount of \$599,238 of which \$446,618 shall be raised by taxes and \$152,620 shall be raised by non-tax revenue"?** Article 1 moved as printed by Lee Youngman and seconded by Janis Blais. Article 1 was amended by Carmella Tucker and seconded by Lisa Edwards to read **"Shall the voters authorize General Fund expenditures for operating expenses in the amount of \$605,678.47 of which \$437,618 shall be raised by taxes and \$168,060.47 by non-tax revenue"**. The amendment was passed by a requested paper ballot 48-23 and became the main motion. On motion by Lee Youngman and seconded by Cheryl Farnum Article 1 as amended passed 44-24 by paper ballot.

Article 2, **"Shall the voters authorize Highway Fund expenditures in the amount of \$666,344 of which \$590,999 shall be raised by taxes and \$75,345 shall be raised by non-tax revenue."** Article 2 moved as printed by Susan Childs and seconded by Lee Youngman. Article 2 was amended by Carmella Tucker and seconded by Lee Youngman to read **"Shall the voters authorize Highway Fund expenditures in the amount of \$758,344 of which \$445, 499 shall be raised by taxes and \$312,845 by non-tax revenues."** The amendment was passed on a voice vote and became the main motion. On motion by Simon Davies and seconded by Brian O'Meara Article 2 as amended passed by a voice vote.

Susan Childs made the motion to adjourn seconded by assembly. Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,
David Childs, Moderator