

Conference Meeting – May 18, 2021

The West Orange Township Council met virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic beginning at 6:30 p.m., Karen Carnevale, Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

This is to inform the general public that this meeting is being held in compliance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975. The annual notice was emailed to the Star Ledger and filed in the Township Clerk's office on November 30, 2020, and published in the West Orange Chronicle on December 10, 2020.

Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman McCartney, Councilman Rutherford, Councilwoman Williams, Council President Matute-Brown, Mayor Parisi

Councilwoman Casalino presented a resolution on behalf of the Township Council to Dave Cubie, W.O. Public Library Director recognizing the staff of the library for the outstanding service to the community throughout the Covid crisis. Megan Brill, Downtown West Orange Alliance Executive Director gave an update as to the happenings in the downtown area.

The Council gave their liaison announcements.

Public Meeting – May 18, 2021

The West Orange Township Council met virtually beginning at 7:13 p.m., Karen Carnevale, Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman McCartney, Councilman Rutherford, Councilwoman Williams, Council President Matute-Brown

Public Comment

Joe Fagan – Public Information Officer – Township of West Orange

Nancy Warshowsky – 45 Dogwood Road

M.K. Adams – 5 Park Drive S.

Virginia Murchison – 7 Park Drive W.

Anthony Nicotera – 8 Undercliff Terrace S.

Jacquelyn Hendy – 134 Walker Road

Gerald Sweeney – 24 Oak Bend

Clare Silvestri – 20 Grandview Avenue

Daniel Wacha – 18 Undercliff Terrace S.

Lisa Brittan – 71 Burnet Terrace

Micaela Bennett – Old Indian Road

Gary Van Wyk – Burnet Terrace

Lianne DiCicco – Resident

Maria Vera – 143 Main Street

Joe Krakoviak – 20 Grandview Avenue

Anastasia Kinsella – 3 Clonover Road

Todd Dubovy – 10 Burnet Terrace

Rosary Morelli – Ralph Road

Anthony Puglisi – Public Information Officer – Essex County

There was no one else who wished to be heard and the public comment portion of the agenda was closed.

***Review of Consent Agenda**

***Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting-** Township Council Meeting- May 4, 2021

***Report of Township Officers – None**

***Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids - None**

***Bills**

***Resolution(s) adopted on Consent Agenda**

- a. **98-21** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Ellen O'Connell, Esq., Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC, 600 Parsippany Rd., Suite 204, Parsippany, NJ to Serve as the Hearing Officer for the Township for 2021 at an Hourly Rate of \$175. (Legal-Moon)
- b. **99-21** Resolution Authorizing Execution of Professional Services Agreement with Associated Appraisal Group, 6 Commerce Drive, 3rd Floor, Cranford, NJ for Appraisal Services – 2021 for an Amount NTE \$60,000. (Legal-Moon)
- c. **100-21** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Bourne Noll & Kenyon, 382 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ to Serve as Special Tax Counsel (Residential Properties) for the Township for 2021 at a Flat Rate of \$3,250. Monthly (Legal-Moon)
- d. **101-21** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Matrix New World, 26 Columbia Tpk., Second Flr., Florham Park, NJ to Serve as an Environmental Consultant for the Township for 2021 at the Rates Specified in the Agreement (Legal-Moon)
- e. **102-21** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Wayne DeFeo, 15 Washington Valley Rd., Warren Township, NJ to Serve as the Environmental Compliance Officer for the Township for 2021 at the Rates Specified in the Agreement (Legal-Moon)

- f. **103-21** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with CME Associates, 1460 Rte. 9 South, Howell, NJ for Engineering Services for the Township for 2021 at the Rates Specified in the Agreement (Legal-Moon)
- g. **105-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Rebate Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Pursuant to Final Judgment by the Tax Court of New Jersey (Tax Collector)
- h. **106-21** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Blau and Blau, 223 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ to Serve as the Special Tax Counsel for Commercial Properties for the Township for 2021 at a Flat Fee Rate of \$6,000. Per Month (Legal-Moon)
- i. **107-21** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Phillips Preiss Grygiel, 33-41 Newark Street, 3rd Flr., Suite D, Hoboken, NJ 07030 to Provide Housing Consulting Services to the Township at the Rates Specified in the Agreement (Legal-Moon)
- j. **108-21** Resolution authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Community Action Services, P.O. Box 6025, East Brunswick, NJ for Housing Rehabilitation Services for the Township for 2021 at the Rates Specified in the Agreement (Legal-Moon)
- k. **109-21** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Alice Beirne, Esq., 111 Northfield Avenue, Suite 202, West Orange, NJ, to Serve as Zoning Board Attorney for the Township for 2021 at the Rates Specified in the Agreement (Legal-Moon)
- l. **110-21** *Removed*
- m. **111-21** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Agreement with Joseph Deer, Esq., 571 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, NJ, to serve as the Public Defender for the Municipal Court for the Township for 2021 at a Rate of \$350. Per Court Session (Legal-Moon)
- n. **112-21** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Agreement with Scarinci Hollenbeck, LLC, 1100 Valley Brook Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ, to serve as Labor Counsel for the Township for 2021 at an Hourly Rate of \$200. (Legal-Moon)
- o. **113-21** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Agreement with Wilentz, Goldman, & Spitzer, P.A., 90 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge, NJ to serve as Bond Counsel for the Township for 2021 at the Rates Specified in the Agreement (Legal-Moon)
- p. **114-21** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Agreement with Wilentz, Goldman, & Spitzer, P.A., 90 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge, NJ to serve as Redevelopment Counsel for the Township for 2021 at the Rates Specified in the Agreement (Legal-Moon)
- q. **115-21** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle/Bingo Licenses (Clerk)
- r. **117-21** Resolution for Redemption of Tax Lien, Block 18 lot 58 - 8 Main Street, West Orange (Tax Collector)
- s. **118-21** Resolution for Redemption of Tax Lien Block 58 lot 1.05 - 9 Beverly Road, West Orange (Tax Collector)
- t. **119-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Rebate Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Pursuant to Final Judgment by the Tax Court of New Jersey – 375 Mt. Pleasant Avenue (Tax Collector)

u. 120-21 Removed

- v. 121-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to a Veteran Exemption – 7 Loneragan (Tax Collector)
- w. 122-21** Resolution to Apply for and Obtain a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for Approximately \$375,000. to Carry out a Project for Improvements to Recreational Facilities for Lafayette Playground in West Orange (Kapura-Grant Writer)
- x. 123-21** Resolution Authorizing the Township to Enter into an Agreement with F&B Fine Catering to Operate the Concession Stand at Ginny Duenkel Pool for the Summer 2021 Season (Legal-Moon)
- y. 124-21** Resolution Rejecting All Bids Received for the Project Fire Station No. 1, Interior and Exterior Improvements, Renovations and Window Replacements and Authorizing the Purchasing Agent and Municipal Engineer to Issue a Purchase Order to the Design Firm Herbst-Musciano of Boonton, NJ to Amend and Provide New Bid Documents for the Project in an Amount NTE \$2,000.00. (Lepore)

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the consent agenda was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

Resolution(s) removed from the Consent Agenda

Resolution 104-21

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Fairview Insurance to serve as Insurance Broker for the Township for 2021 (Legal-Moon)

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilman Rutherford, the above reference resolution was defeated by a vote of 5-0.

Resolution 116-21

Resolution Authorizing Execution of Professional Services Agreement with Phillips Preiss Grygiel, 33-41 Newark Street, 3rd Flr., Suite D, Hoboken, NJ 07030 for Township Planner – 2021 at the Rates Specified in the Agreement (Legal-Moon)

A motion to table the above referenced resolution was made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown.

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilman Rutherford and Council President Matute-Brown voting Aye, Councilwoman McCartney voting Nay and Councilwoman Williams abstaining. The resolution was tabled.

Ordinances on Second and Final Reading - None

Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance 2643-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **An Ordinance of the Township of West Orange, County of Essex, New Jersey Approving an**

Application for a Long-Term Tax Exemption and Authorizing the Execution of a Financial Agreement with 18 Central Avenue Urban Renewal LLC was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on June 22, 2021.

All members voting "Aye."

Ordinance 2644-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, **An Ordinance Creating a Reclassification and Salary Schedule of Certain Township of West Orange Employees Setting Forth Their Titles, Classification and Salary Ranges and Adopting a Salary Guide and Establishing the Employees Status as a Township Employee Under the Guidelines of the New Jersey Department of Personnel – FMBA MOA – Fire Superior MOA Amended** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on June 22, 2021.

All members voting "Aye."

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

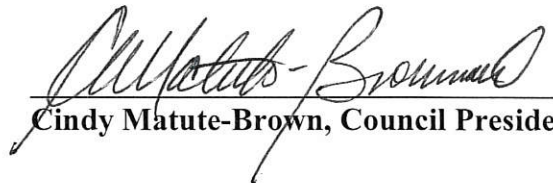
The Council discussed the Municipal Budget, Outdoor cafés, Professional Services Contracts and the Hazel Avenue School playground.

At 11:22 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Rutherford, the Council Meeting was adjourned.

All members voting "Aye."

The Minutes of this meeting are on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.


Karen J. Carneyale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk


Cindy Matute-Brown, Council President

Adopted: June 22, 2021