

Conference Meeting – September 28, 2021

The West Orange Township Council met virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic beginning at 6:37 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

Abdur Yasin introduced the new CERT director, Calogera McCormick who replaced Ken Stele upon his retirement. Ms. McCormick gave an update with regard to CERT. The Council offered their best wishes to Mr. Stele for his service to the Township.

Public Meeting – September 28, 2021

The West Orange Township Council met virtually beginning at 7:11 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

Sally Malanga – Ridge Road

Joe Krakoviak – 20 Grandview Avenue

Susan Lenczyk – 234 Eagle Rock Avenue

Joyce Rudin – 38 Woodland Avenue

Anthony Puglisi – PIO – Essex County

Darren Tobia – Columbia Street

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-** September 14, 2021 Public Meeting Minutes

***Report of Township Officers – None**

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

***Bills**

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

- a. **242-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to An Overpayment of Taxes Due to a Duplicate Payment (Tax Collector)
- b. **243-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Lien Payments Made in Error to the Listed Parties (Tax Collector)
- c. **244-21** Resolution Authorizing the Township to Execute and Record a Discharge of Mortgage for the Property at
32. Elm Street Following Repayment of All Amounts Due Under the Mortgage (Legal-Moon)
- d. **245-21** Resolution Authorizing Retention of Matrix to Perform Phase I Environmental Site Assessments for Properties in the Downtown Redevelopment Area (Legal-Trenk)
This resolution was approved by Council on September 17, 2021 via email, and will be memorialized this evening.
- e. **246-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to An Overpayment of 2021 Annual Sewer Charge (Tax Collector)
- f. **247-21** Resolution Rejecting the Bids Received on August 19, 2021 for On-Call Electrician Services and Repairs for Various Town Facilities for a Period of Two Years with an Option to Extend One Year and Authorizing the Acting Purchasing Agent to Re-Bid and Advertise (Reynolds)
- g. **248-21** Resolution Rejecting the Bids Received on August 19, 2021 for On-Call Plumbing Services and Repairs for Various Town Facilities for a Period of Two Years with an Option to Extend One Year and Authorizing the Acting Purchasing Agent to Re-Bid and Advertise (Reynolds)
- h. **249-21** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- i. **250-21** Resolution Authorizing the Refund of a Tax Overpayment – 15 Watchung Avenue (Tax Collector)
- j. **251-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to a Veteran Exemption (Tax Collector)
- k. **252-21** 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)
- l. **253-21** Resolution Authorizing Cost of Mailing for Electronic Tax Sale (Tax Collector)
- m. **254-21** Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Program 2022 (Kapura)
- n. **255-21** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract be Awarded to Greenman – Pedersen Inc., 301 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 2A, Morris Plains, N.J. 07950 to Provide Professional Land Surveying Services to Prepare the Two Minor Subdivision Plans for a Fee NTE \$10,650.00. (Lepore)
- o. **256-21** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract be Awarded to Greenman – Pedersen Inc., 301 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 2A, Morris Plains, N.J. 07950 to Provide Professional Engineering and Traffic Services to Perform Traffic Counts at Three Intersections for a Fee NTE \$3,800.00. (Lepore)
- p. **257-21** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract be Awarded to CME Associates, 3759 Highway 1 South, Suite 100, Monmouth Junction, New Jersey, 08852 to Provide Professional

Environmental and Licensed Site Remediation Services to Perform Additional Groundwater Vertical Delineation to Complete the Groundwater Remedial Investigation at Fire House No. 4 for a Fee NTE \$9,200.00. (Lepore)

q. 258-21 Resolution Authorizing Purchase and Sale Agreement re Prism Properties

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

All members voting “Aye.”

Resolution(s) removed from the Consent Agenda

Resolution 170-21

170-21 Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Providing of Recreational Services, Social Services and Activities to the Residents of West Orange for the Period of January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 in the Amount of \$40,000.00. for the Community House (Legal-Moon)

On motion made by Councilwoman Susan McCartney and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, the above referenced resolution was defeated.

Councilwoman McCartney and Councilwoman Williams voting “Aye.” Councilwoman Casalino, Councilman Rutherford and Council President Matute-Brown voting “Nay.”

Ordinances on Second and Final Reading

Ordinance 2659-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-19, Through Street and Subsection 7-21.2, Multi-Way Stops Near Schools, Playgrounds and Youth Recreational Facilities of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members voting “Aye.”

The Council President stated that this is the scheduled time for the public hearing and asked the Clerk to read the ordinance by title only.

The Council President asked if there was anyone who wished to be heard.

There was no one who wished to be heard.

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinance 2660-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, **Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of Real Property Commonly Known as Block 174, Lot 1 from the Crestmont Country Club, by and in the Township of West Orange, County of Essex, State of New Jersey Appropriating \$4,700,000 from the Open Space Trust Fund Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$4,476,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members voting “Aye.”

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There was no one who wished to be heard.

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinances on First Reading

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 14.5 and Establishing Chapter 2, Section 14.9 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Appointment of Police Department, Officers and Personnel)** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on October 12, 2021.

All members voting “Aye.”

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

At this time, the Council made their liaison announcements. A discussion took place with regard to the membership of the West Orange Cannabis Task Force. Also discussed were the recycling issues occurring in the Township.

At 9:34 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Rutherford the public meeting was adjourned.

All members voting “Aye.”

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

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

Cindy Matute-Brown, Council President

Adopted: October 12, 2021