

Conference Meeting – November 23, 2021

The West Orange Township Council met virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic beginning at 6:33 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

Councilwoman Casalino presented a Commendation to the West Orange PAL Mustangs 10U Travel Baseball Team for the 2021 USABL National Central Division Fall Baseball Championship represented by Cheryl Merklinger and Coach Zack Coppola.

Councilman Rutherford read a Resolution of Respect in memory of Township resident and friend Ayanna Ede Williams.

The Council reviewed and approved the 2022 Council meeting dates.

The Council gave their liaison reports.

Public Meeting – November 23, 2021

The West Orange Township Council met virtually beginning at 7:04 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

Kevin Malanga – Ridge Road

Anthony Puglisi – PIO – 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-** November 9, 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. **291-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Rebate Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Pursuant to Final Judgment by the Tax Court of New Jersey – 39 Baxter Lane – 22 Witte Place (Tax Collector)
- b. **292-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Rebate Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Pursuant to Final Judgment by the Tax Court of New Jersey – 55 Lapis Circle – 17 Cliff Street (Tax Collector)
- c. **293-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Rebate Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Pursuant to Final Judgment by the Tax Court of New Jersey – 97 Northfield Rd. – 99 Northfield Rd. (Tax Collector)
- d. **294-21** Resolution Authorizing a Contract for the Renewal of Prescription Benefit Claims Coverage with Benecard for a One (1) Year Term Commencing on January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. (Gross)
- e. **295-21** Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Sun Life for Stop Loss Coverage for 2022 (Gross)
- f. **296-21** Resolution Authorizing an Award of Contract for Snow Plowing, Salting, Removal and Snow Hauling for Years 2021-2022 to American Asphalt & Milling, LLC, 818 Summer Avenue, Newark, NJ 07014 (Lepore)
- g. **297-21** Resolution Requesting a 30-Day Extension of Time to Award a Construction Contract for the MA-2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project to December 20, 2021 (Lepore)
- h. **298-21** Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session to Discuss the Environmental Analysis of the Prism Properties (Legal-Trenk)
- i. **299-21** Resolution Authorizing a Discharge of Mortgage for Property at 46 Winding Way (Legal-Moon)
- j. **300-21** 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)
- k. **301-21** Resolution Authorizing the Purchases of Solar Powered LED Stop Signs and Driver Speed Feedback Signs through the Somerset County Co-op CC 0099-19 from Garden State Hwy Products, Inc., 301 Riverside Drive, Milleville, NJ 08332 in the Amount of \$42,566.86 (Lepore)
- l. **302-21** Introduction of the 2022 Downtown West Orange Alliance Budget (Brill)

- m. **303-21** Resolution Designating Persons Employed by the Township of West Orange, in the Listed Positions, as Deputy Custodians of Records, to Assist with and Facilitate Compliance with OPRA for the Department in which they Serve (Legal-Trenk)
- n. **304-21** Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Seeking \$4,675,000 in Grant Funding to Fund the Remedial Action for the Properties at 18 Central Avenue and 8-10 Central Avenue (Legal-Moon)

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the consent agenda was approved.

All members voting "Aye."

Resolution(s) removed from the Consent Agenda

Resolution 290-21

290-21 Resolution Authorizing Tax Appeal and Signage Agreement - CLPF Essex Green (Legal-Trenk)

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced resolution was approved.

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

Ordinances on Second and Final Reading

Ordinance 2664-21

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **An Ordinance of the Township of West Orange, In the County of Essex, State of New Jersey Providing for a Special Emergency Appropriation in an Amount Not to Exceed \$500,000 to Fund Contractually Required Severance Liabilities Resulting from the Retirement of Employees in the Township** 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 Casalino and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members voting "Aye."

Ordinance 2665-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-32.2, Restricted Parking Zones of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange-Handicapped Parking – 160 So. Valley Rd., 34 Park Terrace, 48 Liberty Street** 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 Casalino and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinance 2666-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 25, Section 40.2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Permits)** 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.”

Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance 2667-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 25 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange Authorizing and Encouraging Electric Vehicle Supply/Service Equipment (EVSE) and Make Ready Parking Spaces** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on December 14, 2021.

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinance 2668-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 25, Land Use Regulations, Section 25-29, Stormwater Control and Subsections 25-29.1 Through 25-29.13 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on December 14, 2021.

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinance 2669-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Rutherford, **Bond Ordinance Providing for the Installation of a Sanitary Sewerage System and Associated Laterals Located on Mellon Avenue Between Cleveland Terrace and Kitchener Avenue, in and by the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$160,000. Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$152,000. Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof and Directing a Portion of the Special Assessment of the Cost Thereof** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on December 14, 2021.

All members voting “Aye.”

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

A discussion took place with regard to the following:

- Revisions to Smoking Ordinance
- Plastic Bag Ban
- Redevelopment Zone being extended to White Street

At 9:49 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the public meeting was adjourned and the Council entered into an Executive Session.

All members voting “Aye.”

At 10:52 p.m., the Executive Session ended without any action or votes.

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: December 14, 2021