

Conference Meeting – March 15, 2022

The West Orange Township Council met virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic beginning at 6:39 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 24, 2021, and published in the West Orange Chronicle on December 2, 2021.

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

Council President McCartney spoke about the W.O. Fire Department's donation to Ukraine of equipment no longer used by the department. She announced the promotions on behalf of the West Orange Police Department, offering Congratulations to each. The Council said farewell to Mark and Julie Orenstein and welcomed the new owner, Mike Guerriero of Mark & Julie's Ice Cream shop to town.

Public Meeting – March 15, 2022

The West Orange Township Council met virtually beginning at 7:00 p.m., Karen Carnevale, Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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

Public Comment

Joe Fagan – Public Information Officer – Township of West Orange

Joe Krakoviak – Grandview Avenue

Bill Kelly – McKinley Place

Melgily Valdez – Elm Street

Bill Bracey – Beaumont Terrace

Mr. Woo – Liberty Street

Pamela Williams – Liberty Street

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-** March 1, 2022 Public Meeting Minutes

***Report of Township Officers – None**

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

***Bills – None**

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

- a. **45-22** Resolution Approving Tax Appeal Settlement with Verizon (Legal-Trenk)
- b. **46-22** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- c. **47-22** Resolution Authorizing the Township to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mental Health Associate of Essex and Morris as Part of a Pilot Program where the West Orange Police Department Utilized Mental Health Professionals on Certain Responses to Police Calls Utilizing Grant Funds Awarded by the United State Department of Justice (Legal-Moon)
- d. **48-22** Resolution Authorizing License Agreement Montclair YMCA for Use of the Ginny Duenkel Pool – 2022 (Legal-Moon)
- e. **49-22** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Cancel Sewer Charges to the Listed Taxpayers Pursuant to Easement and Right of Way Agreement Between the County of Essex and the Township of West Orange (Tax Collector)
- f. **50-22** 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)
- g. **51-22** Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Obsolete Equipment Referenced by the Fire Official Which is no Longer Needed for Public use by the Township According to the Manner as Prescribed by Law (QPA-Reynolds)
- h. **52-22** Resolution Authorizing the Environmental Services, Remedial Investigation Activities and Reporting (Legal-Trenk)
- i. **53-22** Resolution Awarding Greenman – Pedersen, Inc. to provide Professional Services Contract 2020 Community Development Block Grant Mitchell Street – From Valley Rd. to the Limits with the City of Orange. (Lepore)
- j. **54-22** Resolution Awarding Crew Engineers, Inc. to provide Professional Services Contract 2021 Community Development Block Grant Kingsley Street, Wheeler Street & Wheeler Street Sanitary Sewer, Northfield Ave to Renna House. (Lepore)
- k. **55-22** Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of West Orange Supporting Ukraine's Government and Citizens.
Councilwoman Williams read this resolution into the record.
- l. **59-22** Resolution Proposal for Rebid on Workers Compensation Third Party Administration (Legal-Trenk)

m. 60-22 Resolution Awarding Maintenance of Various Township Owned Parcels 2022 (Lepore)
On motion made by Council President McCartney and seconded by Councilman Rutherford, the consent agenda was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

***Resolution(s) Removed from the Consent Agenda**

Resolution 56-22

56-22 Resolution for Local Support of Proposed Cannabis Related Business, Garden State Natural Green, LLC (Legal- Moon)

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

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

Resolution 57-22

57-22 Resolution for Local Support of Proposed Cannabis Related Business, West Orange Wellness, LLC (Legal- Moon)

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

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

Resolution 58-22

58-22 Resolution for Local Support of Proposed Cannabis Related Business, Dogwood Green, LLC (Legal-Moon)

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

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinance(s) on Second and Final Reading-None

Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance 2679-22

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilman Rutherford, **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 – 53 Rollinson and 24 Nutman** was approved as amended on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on April 5, 2022.

All members voting "Aye."

At this time, John Hess, Board Consulting Engineer, discussed the Steep Slope ordinance that will be introduced at the April 26, 2022 Township Council meeting after review by the Planning Board on April 6, 2022.

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

- Township registry for families with special needs

The Council gave their liaison announcements.

At 11:13 p.m., on motion made by Council President McCartney and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, the 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


Susan McCartney, Council President

Adopted: April 5, 2022