

Conference Meeting – January 10, 2023

The Conference meeting began at 6:36 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 23, 2022 and published in the West Orange Chronicle on December 1, 2022.

Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilman Rutherford, Councilwoman Scarpa, Council President Williams

On motion made by Council President Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, resolution 18-23 was moved from the Public meeting agenda to the Conference meeting agenda to be voted on.

All members present voting "Aye."

On motion made by Council President Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, resolution 18-23 was approved.

All members present voting "Aye."

Mayor McCartney swore in Department Directors John O. Gross, Business Administrator & Chief Financial Officer, James P. Abbott, Director of Staff Operations & Chief of the Police Department, Anthony A. Vecchio, Chief of the Fire Department, William Kehoe, Director of the Department of Recreation, Michael A. Fonzino, Director of the Department of Health, Geniece Gary-Adams Director of Planning and Development, Richard D. Trenk, Director of the Department of Law, Peter F. Smeraldo, Jr., Assistant Business Administrator.

The Council gave their Liaison announcements.

Public Meeting – January 10, 2023

The West Orange Township Council meeting began at 7:03 p.m., Karen Carnevale, Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilman Rutherford, Councilwoman Scarpa, Council President Williams

At this time, Council President Williams asked Mr. Brian Feeney, Chair of the W.O. Historic Preservation Commission to explain the purpose of resolution 24-23 **Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, In the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Application for a Historic Preservation Fund Certified Local Government Grant-In-Aid FFY 2023, and Acceptance of Same in the Event Awarded.**

Public Comment

Joe Fagan – PIO

Talia Young – Ridgeway Avenue – Kemistry, LLC

Nader Abdallah – Ashland Avenue

Brent Scott – Nestro Road

Ty Cooper – Ashland Avenue
Sheila Lefkowitz – Pleasant Valley Way

Maria Vera – Main Street

Susan Lenczyk – Eagle Rock Avenue

Rosary Morelli – Ralph Road

James Jackson – Ashley Road

Michael Cohen – Stanford Court

Anthony Puglisi – PIO – Essex County

Ally Dresser – Marion Drive

Sally Malanga – Ridge Road

Cheryl Merklinger – Sheridan Avenue

Sandy Castor – Westwood Drive

Claudia Sanders – Old Salem Road

Cindy Matute-Brown – Korwel Circle

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** – December 20, 2022, Public Meeting

***Report of Township Officers – None**

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

***Bills - None**

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

1-23 Resolution Authorizing the Temporary Budget – 2023 (Gross)

2-23 Resolution Authorizing a Cash Management Plan for 2023 (Gross)

3-23 Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Temporary Appropriation for Funding of Tax Appeals (Gross)

4-23 Resolution Designating the Official Newspapers for the Township of West Orange (Clerk)

5-23 Resolution Authorizing Interlocal Agreement with Borough of Roseland for Animal Control Services -2023 (DeNova)

6-23 Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Garden State Laboratory for Laboratory Testing Services – 2023 (DeNova)
7-23 REMOVED

8-23 Resolution Eliminating the Taskforce and Advisory Committee Regarding Cannabis Businesses for the Township of West Orange (Legal-Trenk)

9-23 Resolution Authorizing Retention of Diana McGovern to Represent the Township and the Planning Board with Regard to Certain Action at a Rate of \$175.00 Per Hour, NTE \$10,000. (Legal-Trenk)

10-23 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Emergency and Non-Emergency Tree Services 2023 to Downes Tree Service, Co., Inc., 65 Royal Ave., Hawthorne, NJ 07970, and Rich Tree Service, 325 Bergen St., So. Plainfield, NJ 07080 (Lepore)

11-23 Resolution Authorizing an Award of Contract for Improvements to Ginny Duenkel Pool to CFM Construction, Inc., 5 Bay Street, Stirling, NJ 07980 in the Amount of \$439,800.00 (Lepore)

12-23 Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 7 in the Amount of \$1,735.04 to H&S Construction and Mechanical, Inc., Elizabeth, NJ to Perform a Survey of the Existing Fire Alarm Devices on the 3rd Floor of 10 Rooney Circle (Lepore)

13-23 Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 8 Submitted by H&S Construction and Mechanical, Inc., Elizabeth, NJ, in the amount of \$6,811.93 to Perform Trenching and Patching To Accommodate For Additional Devices (Lepore)

14-23 Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 9 Submitted by H&S Construction and Mechanical, Inc., Elizabeth, NJ, in the amount of \$17,422.45 to Provide Steel Framing To Support New Rooftop Equipment At New Locations (Lepore)

15-23 Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 10 Submitted by H&S Construction and Mechanical, Inc., Elizabeth, NJ, in the amount of \$2,129.78 to Perform Additional Electrical Work (Lepore)

16-23 Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 11 Submitted by H&S Construction and Mechanical, Inc., Elizabeth, NJ, in the amount of \$2,388.09 to Perform Additional Electrical Work (Lepore)

17-23 Resolution Correcting Adopted Resolution 330-22 Authorizing Award of Contract for Municipal Building Interior Improvements Repairs Phase I to VMF Co. (P. Reynolds)

18-23 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor, with Consent of the Township Council, to Appoint Directors for Each Department, to Serve During the Term of Office of Mayor (Gross)

19-23 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract for Additional Remedial Investigation at 55 Lakeside Ave. (Gross)

20-23 Resolution Authorizing the Competitive Contracting Process for Insurance Brokerage and Other Related Services (Gross)

This resolution will allow the Township to prepare a request for proposal in which the Competitive contracting methodology will be used according to State Statute for Insurance Brokerage Services as recommended by the Office of the State Comptroller. The proposal will be prepared with the ranking of criteria so an award can be made based on multiple factors.

21-23 Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract to CME Associates to Provide Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Service for the 2022 CDBG Block Grant Project for the Road Rehabilitation of Valley Rd -(Freeman St. to Kingsley St) Ashwood Terr-William St (Franklin Ave to Main St) in the Amount of \$46,000.00(Lepore)

22-23 Resolution Approving the West Orange Trust Fund Spending Plan (Legal-Trenk)

24-23 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, In the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Application for a Historic Preservation Fund Certified Local Government Grant-In-Aid FFY 2023, and Acceptance of Same in the Event Awarded (B. Feeney-HPC)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

***Resolution(s) removed from Consent Agenda**

Resolution 18-23

23-23 Resolution Rescinding Kemistry Letter of Support (Legal-Trenk)

On motion made by Council President Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, the above referenced resolution was amended to give an opportunity to cure the application.

Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilman Rutherford and Council President Williams voting "Aye."
Councilwoman Casalino and Councilwoman Scarpa voting "Nay."

At this time, Talia Young of Kemistry, LLC responded to questions of the Council.

On motion made by Council President Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, the above referenced resolution was approved.

Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilman Rutherford and Council President Williams voting "Aye."
Councilwoman Casalino and Councilwoman Scarpa voting "Nay."

Ordinances on First Reading

Ord. 2706-23

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5, Section 34.3 And Section 34.6, And Chapter 25, Section 11.7, Section 24.2 And Part A: Permitted Uses Table of District Regulations of The Revised General Ordinances of The Township of West Orange (Licensed Cannabis Entities)**, was tabled.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2707-23

A motion made to introduce Ordinance 2707-23 **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Sections 8 And 15 Of the Revised General Ordinances of The Township of West Orange** on first reading, was made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and then withdrawn.

At this time, Municipal Clerk Carnevale asked for a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance 2702-23 to which there was no reply.

Ord. 2708-23

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Council President Williams, **An Ordinance Creating Chapter 2, Section 62 of the Revised General Ordinances of The Township of West Orange, Entitled “Older Adults Advisory Board”**, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on January 24, 2023.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Pending Matters-New Matters-Council Discussion - None

ABC Hearing-None

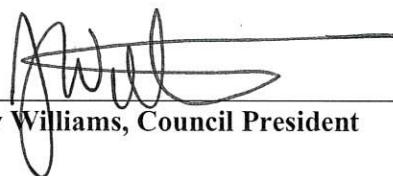
At 9:46 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilman Rutherford, the meeting was adjourned.

All members present 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



Tammy Williams, Council President

Adopted: January 24, 2023