

Conference Meeting – February 21, 2023

The Conference meeting began 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 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

- Yvonne Nambe-Roach-West Orange African Heritage Organization presented a portrait of President Barak Obama to the Township painted by local artist Michael Roach
- Mayor & Council Proclamation Awarded to the W.O. High School Football Team

Public Meeting – February 21, 2023

The West Orange Township Council meeting began at 7:04 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

Public Comment

Joe Fagan – PIO

Joy Burnett – Pillot Place

Brent Scott – Nestro Road

Sheila Lefkowitz – Pleasant Valley Way

Terry Triggs Scales – Clarken Drive

Kim Fields Murphy – Quinby Place

Mark Meyerowitz – Howell Drive

Paula Weinberg – Mt. Pleasant Avenue

Mayor Susan McCartney

Cheryl Merklinger – Sheridan Avenue

Phil Litwinoff – Linden Avenue

Joyce Rudin – Woodland Avenue

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** – Public Meeting and Executive Session Minutes - February 7, 2023

***Report of Township Officers – None**

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

***Bills - None**

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

- a. **52-23** Resolution Authorizing the Township of West Orange to Award a contract to Custom Protection Services to Provide Security Services for the West Orange Municipal Court (Legal-Moon)
- b. **53-23** Resolution Awarding a Contract to Nelson Westerberg of NJ, 180 Meister Avenue, Somerville, NJ 07886-3465, in the Following Amounts: Scenario #1-\$109,000.00; Scenario #2-\$115,000.00 (P. Reynolds)
- c. **54-23** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- d. **55-23** Resolution Authorizing Execution of Lease Agreement for 80 Main Street for Temporary Library Facility (Legal-Moon)
- e. **WITHDRAWN 56-23** Resolution Supporting the Exploration of a Shared Services Agreement with the Township Of Livingston for Regional Emergency Communications/Dispatch Shared Services (Gross)
(This resolution was withdrawn by Administration)
- f. **57-23** Resolution Appointing Joseph Matullo as Municipal Fire Official for a Three-Year Term Effective March 1, 2023 and Expiring on February 28, 2026 (Gross)
- g. **58-23** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Rebate Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Pursuant to Final Judgment by the Tax Court of New Jersey (K. Longo)
- h. **59-23** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to An Overpayment of Taxes Due to a Duplicate Payment (K. Longo)
- i. **60-23** Resolution Authorizing Retention of Matrix to Perform Environmental Services at Crestmont (Legal-Trenk)

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

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ordinance(s) on Second and Final Reading

Ord. 2714-23

On motion made by Council President Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **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 taken up on second and final reading.

All members present 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 that wished to be heard and the public hearing on this Ordinance was closed.

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

All members present voting “Aye.” Councilwoman Ghebremicael stepped out of Council Chambers prior to the vote.

Ordinances on First Reading

Ord. 2716-23

On motion made by Council President Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **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 Space** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on March 7, 2023.

All members present voting “Aye.” Councilwoman Ghebremicael stepped out of Council Chambers prior to the vote.

Pending Matters-New Matters-Council Discussion

On motion made by Councilwoman Susan Scarpa, and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, Mike Dannemiller was nominated to the Zoning Board as Alternate #1, a Council Consensus appointment, beginning immediately and expiring on December 31, 2024.

All members present voting “Aye.”

- Boards and Commissions Workshop
- National Read Across America Day

ABC Hearing

Resolution 708-23

708-23 Resolution Renewing License No. **0722-33-067-010**, Fan & Jade, Inc., (Inactive/Pocket License), for the 2021-2022 License Term Following a Special Ruling for 12.39 Relief *Nunc Pro Tunc* to August 4, 2022 (Kayser)

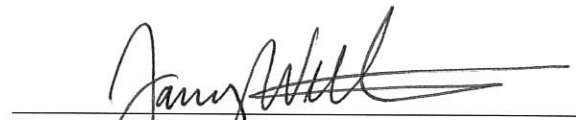
On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, the above referenced ABC resolution was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

At 9:42 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, 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: March 7, 2023