

Conference Meeting – March 12, 2024

The Conference meeting began at 6:46 p.m., the 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 21, 2023, and published in the West Orange Chronicle on November 30, 2023.

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

- Proclamation - W.O. Fire Department - 130th Anniversary
- Council Liaison Announcements

Public Meeting – March 12, 2024

The Public meeting began at 7:22 p.m., the Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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

At this time, Joe Berwind made a power point presentation regarding the West Orange Environmental Commission's Tree Ordinance workshop held on Monday, March 11, 2024.

All members present voting "Aye."

Public Comment

Joe Fagan – PIO

Anthony Puglisi-PIO Essex County

Natacha Clesca – Human Relations Commissioner

Todd Dubovy – Burnet Terrace

Sean Gaynor – retired W.O. Firefighter

Jen Hardell – 76 Ashland Avenue

There was no one else who wished to be heard and this public comment portion of the agenda was closed.

Resolution(s)

- 73-24** Resolution Authorizing Execution of Professional Services Agreement with Joseph M. Wenzel Esq. as Municipal Prosecutor at a Rate of \$1,000. Per Week (Legal-Trenk)-
- 84-24** Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Direct Flooring, 12 Minneakoning Rd., Flemington, NJ a NJ State Contract Vendor for the Replacement of Carpeting, Specifically for the Police and Justice Building with a Resilient 24/7 Product, in the Amount of \$275,798.07 (P. Reynolds)

- c. **85-24** Resolution Authorizing Subordination of Mortgage for 71 Lindsley Avenue (Legal-Moon)
- d. **86-24** Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Two (2) New Myers WG50 Grinder Pumps through the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Co-Operative Contract # B369-7 in the Amount NTE \$250,950.00 (Carballo)
- e. **88-24** Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement Costs for Private Garbage Collection for the Period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 to Private Home Owner Associations/Individuals (Gross)
- f. **89-24** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Rebate Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Pursuant to Final Judgment by the Tax Court of NJ (Longo)
- g. **91-24** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract be Awarded to Neglia Engineering Associates, 34 Park Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071 to Provide Engineering Services for 2024 NJDOT Municipal Aid Morris Road, Sussex Road, and Hunterdon Road (from Warren Road to Westover Terrace) in an Amount NTE \$25,700.00. (Carballo)
- h. **92-24** Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Body Armor for the West Orange Police Department through a State Contract (P. Reynolds)
- i. **94-24** Resolution Authorizing the Township to Remove a Non-Viable Tree from 21 Park Drive South (Legal-Trenk)
- j. **95-24** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- k. **96-24 REMOVED**
- l. **97-24** Resolution Approving a Food Insecurity Program Spearheaded by Food for Hope through the CARE Center of New Jersey and Recommending Support from the New Jersey Governor's State Budget (Mayor)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution(s) Removed from the Consent Agenda

Resolution 87-24

Resolution Authorizing an Award of Contract with Reggio Construction Inc., 416 E. Central Boulevard, Palisades Park, New Jersey, 07650 for the 2021 Street Improvements, Phase II Project in an Amount NTE without Authorization of \$2,080,282.97 (Carballo)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 90-24

Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Reggio Construction, Inc., 416 E. Central Boulevard, Palisades Park, NJ 07650 for the 2022 Street Improvements Project in an Amount NTE without Authorization \$2,375,523.00 (Carballo)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 93-24

Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract to CME Associates, 1460 Route 9 South, Howell, NJ 07731 to Provide Professional Engineering Services for Professional Architectural and Land Surveying Services for Landscape Improvements and Rain Garden at 10 Rooney Circle for an Amount NTE \$15,000.00. (Carballo)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 98-24

Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Operation of the West Orange Recycling Center (Legal-Moon)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

The Municipal Clerk was instructed to list the above referenced resolution on the 3.26.24 agenda.

Ordinance(s) on Second and Final Reading

Ord. 2840-24

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, **An Ordinance Supplementing Chapter 12 Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange And Establishing Chapter 10, Section 16 For Regulation Of Township Dog Parks (Dog Park Rules And Regulations)**, 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 Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2843-24

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10, Section 2.5 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange to Add a Fee for a Potentially Dangerous Dog License (Licensing Of Dogs-Fees)**, 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 Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ordinance(s) on First Reading

Ord. 2844-24

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-23.1, Turn Prohibitions of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange – Pleasant Valley Way & Greenwood Ave.**, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on March 26, 2024.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

- Training – Free Speech/Hate Speech
- Cannabis Workshop scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 5 p.m. via Zoom
- Tree Ordinance

A motion was made by Council President Rutherford and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa to introduce the tree ordinance at the March 26, 2024 Township Council meeting.

Councilwoman Ghebremichael, Councilwoman Scarpa and Council President voting “Aye.”
Councilwoman Williams voting “Nay.” Councilwoman Casalino abstained.

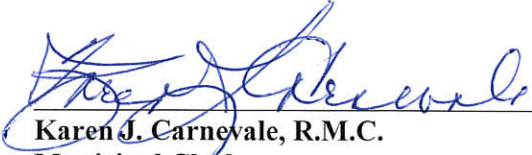
- Garbage Contract
- ABC Hearing for the purpose of hearing charges was scheduled on June 12, 2024 and 5:30 p.m.
- Town Hall Meetings

ABC Hearing-None

At 11:05 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, 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

Bill Rutherford, Council President

Adopted: March 26, 2024