

Conference Meeting – April 22, 2025

The Conference meeting began at 6:36 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 notice for this meeting was emailed to the Star Ledger and the West Orange Chronicle on January 7, 2025 and published in the West Orange Chronicle on January 16, 2025.

Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilwoman Rudin
Councilwoman Scarpa, Council President Krakoviak

- Proclamation: W.O. PAL Competition Cheer Team
- Presentation: West Orange Police Department CSU - Blue Envelope Program
- Proclamation: Family Promise League, Nur Kalyoncu, Executive Director –
Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Public Meeting April 22, 2025

The Public meeting began at 7:15 p.m., the Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilwoman Rudin
Councilwoman Scarpa, Council President Krakoviak

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

Joe Fagan-Public Information Officer

Anthony Puglisi – Public Information Officer-Essex County

Samuel Kennedy – Yale Terrace – Leaf Blower Ord.

Julia Greenberg – Watson Avenue – In support of Immigration Trust Act resolution

Frank Barszcz – Ridgeview Ave. – In support of Ord. 2915-25 Road Improvements

Eric Camins – Carter Road – In support of Immigration Act Reso and Gender-Neutral Bathrooms

Rachel Cohen – Fairview Avenue – In support of Immigration Trust Act resolution and Gender-Neutral Bathrooms

Rebekah Veneit – Maplewood, NJ resident – Comments made to WO BOE re: students on the spectrum

Irene Robinson – Mt. Pleasant Ave. – Update at conditions on her apartment

Richard Leonardis – Pleasant Valley Way – no comments stricken from record re: Montclair Law Suit

Pamela Beardsley – Edisonia Terr. – In support of Immigration Trust Act resolution.

Nick Marucci – Cobane Terrace – Pro Media

Joe Pannullo – President – WECare – West Essex Highlands

Micaela Bennett – Old Indian Rd. – Email that was sent

Todd Dubovy – Burnett Terrace – Library, Nishuane Group, Audit & Corrective Action Plan, Tone of Council meetings

Natalia – Harrison Avenue – Owner-Exclusive Nail Salon – neighbor harassment, Noise complaints

Brenda – 98 Harrison Avenue – Harassment, Noise complaint, Noise Ord.

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

Bids

One 2019 Model Year or Newer, Used 25-Passenger Ford E450 Cab with Glaval Jitney Type Bus or Equivalent

Bill List

The Bill List was approved on Consent.

Resolution(s) Approved on Consent Agenda

- a. **111-25** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Blau and Blau, 223 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ to Serve as the Special Tax Counsel for Commercial Properties for the Township for 2025 at the Rates specified in the Agreement (Legal-Trenk)
- b. **114-25** Resolution Approving Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 (VanDyke)
- c. **115-25** Resolution Authorizing an Extension of the Agreement with Custom Protection Services LLC for Armed-Unarmed Municipal Court Security – 2025 (P. Reynolds)
- d. **116-25** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- e. **117-25** Resolution Authorizing The Collector Of Taxes To Refund Payment To The Listed Taxpayer Due To Veteran Exemption (K. Longo)
- f. **118-25** Resolution for the Township of West Orange, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Adopting Emergency Temporary Budget Appropriations Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40a:4-20 for the 2025 Year (Ditinyak)
- g. **119-25** Resolution Authorizing Award for Historical Architectural Services - Historic Preservation Certified Local Government Grant (P. Reynolds)
- h. **120-25** Resolution Authorizing Execution of Professional Services Agreement with Samuel Klein for Auditor Services – 2025 (Legal-Trenk)
- i. **121-25** Resolution Approving a License Agreement Between Pro Media New Jersey, LLC, 7 Oak Place, Montclair New Jersey 07042, and the Township of West Orange for the Lease of a Portion of 10 Rooney Circle, (Approximately 4,500 Square Feet) for Film and/or Television Production and Post Production and Related Uses (Legal-Trenk)
- j. **124-25** Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Potential Litigation – Specifically Daughters of Israel – Fourth Round Housing Obligation

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the Consent Agenda was approved.

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution(s) Removed from Consent Agenda

122-25 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement for Affordable Housing Planner – Nishuane Group, LLC, 105 Grove St, Montclair, NJ 07042, for a Twelve-Month Term to Expire on April 21, 2026 in an Amount NTE \$50,500. (Legal-Gengaro)

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Council President Krakoviak the motion on the above referenced resolution FAILED.

Councilwoman Ghebremicael and Council President Krakoviak voting "Aye." Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Rudin, and Councilwoman Scarpa voting "Nay."

123-25 Resolution for the Township of West Orange, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Approving the Corrective Action Plan for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2023 (Ditinyak)

On motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the above referenced resolution was approved.

All members present voting "Aye."

125-25 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contract Negotiations – U.S, Department of Education Lease – 10 Rooney Circle

A motion was made by Council President Krakoviak and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, to TABLE the above referenced resolution.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ordinance(s) on Second and Final Reading

Ord. 2905-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 28 and Establishing Sections of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange Regarding a Lawn Care Registry** was taken up on second and final reading.

Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilwoman Rudin, Councilwoman Scarpa and Council President Krakoviak voting "Aye." Councilwoman Casalino voting "Nay."

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.

Micaela Bennett – Old Indian Road

There was no one else that wished to be heard and the public hearing on this Ordinance was closed.

There were no motions made on the second reading, therefore, the ordinance failed to pass.

Ord. 2906-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 to Add a New Section of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange Regarding Single-Use Bathrooms** was taken up on second and final reading.

Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilwoman Rudin and Councilwoman Scarpa voting "Aye." Councilwoman Casalino and Council President Krakoviak voting "Nay."

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 TO ADD A NEW SECTION OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE REGARDING SINGLE-USE BATHROOMS

BE IT ORDNANED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY that Chapter 10 of the Revised General Ordinances of the
Township of West Orange be and are hereby amended as follows:

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to require any business establishment to designate all single-occupancy bathrooms as gender neutral.

§ 10-_____ : Definitions

Single-Occupancy Facility or Single-Occupancy Restroom: Shall mean a toilet facility with one toilet in the facility, or a toilet and one urinal without a privacy stall separating the two with a locking mechanism controlled by the user on the door to enter the facility.

§10-_____ : Requirements for Single-Occupancy Restrooms

- A. All single-occupancy restrooms in any business establishment, place of public accommodation, and Township-owned building or facility shall be designated as all gender for any individual, family, or assisted use. This includes single-occupancy restrooms intended for use by Township employees or employees of a business or public accommodation.
- B. Existing business establishments, places of public accommodation, and Township facilities subject to this section shall have 60 days from the effective date of this Ordinance to comply by replacing existing gender-specific signage on the exterior of single-occupancy restrooms with signs that do not indicate a specific gender (such as signs that read "restroom"). New businesses, places of public accommodation, and Township facilities shall be in compliance with this section immediately upon opening to the public.
- C. During any inspection of a business or a place of public accommodation by an employee of the Township of West Orange Zoning Department, Building Department, or other local official, the inspector or official may inspect for compliance with this Ordinance.

II. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

Any Ordinances of the Township which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

III. SEVERABILITY

If any part of this Ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such determination shall only apply to those specific section(s), paragraph(s), subparagraph(s), clause(s) or provision(s) and those parts shall be severed. The invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance which shall be deemed valid and effective.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

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.

Micaela Bennett – Old Indian Road

There was no one else that wished to be heard and the public hearing on this Ordinance was closed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, to remove the legislation from Chapter 10 and have it placed in Chapter 2.

All members present voting “Aye.”

On motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, the above referenced ordinance was passed as amended on second and final reading.

Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilwoman Rudin and Councilwoman Scarpa voting “Aye.”
Councilwoman Casalino and Council President Krakoviak voting “Nay.”

Ord. 2913-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, **An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsections 7-32.1 Handicapped Parking On Streets, And 7-32.2 Restricted Parking Zones Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members voting “Aye.”

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 7, TRAFFIC, SUBSECTIONS 7-32.1 HANDICAPPED PARKING ON STREETS, AND 7-32.2 RESTRICTED PARKING ZONES OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Subsections 7-32.1, Handicapped Parking on Streets of the Revised General

Ordinances of the Township of West Orange is hereby supplemented and amended as follows (*italic type denotes deletion, bold type denotes addition*):

7-32.1 Handicapped Parking on Streets. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-197(2c) the following on-street location is designated as a handicapped parking place. Such spaces are for use by persons who have been issued special identification cards, plates, or placards by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, or a temporary placard issued by the Chief of Police. No other person shall be permitted to park in these places.

<u>Residence Address</u>	<u>No. of Spaces</u>	<u>Location</u>
120 Elm Street	1	Beginning 35 feet east of the easterly curb line of Mississippi Avenue extended, and extending 20 feet east.

Section 2. Subsections 7-32.2, Restricted Parking Zones of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange is hereby supplemented and amended as follows (*italic type denotes deletion, bold type denotes addition*):

7-32.2 Restricted Parking Zones. Pursuant to N.J.S.A 39:4-197.6, Restricted Parking Zones, as defined in N.J.S.A. 39:4-207.6e, are established in front of the following residences as indicated on the Tax Maps of the Township of West Orange, at the specified locations. Parking within a specific zone is restricted to the motor vehicle issued a permit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.7. In accordance with N.J.S.A., 39:4-197.6 parking is permitted in the Restricted Parking Zone except when prohibited in front of the residence by other sections of this Chapter.

<u>Residence Address</u>	<u>No. of Spaces</u>	<u>Location</u>
48 Park Terrace	1	Beginning 682 feet west of the westerly curb line of Main Street, and extending 20 feet west.
42 Wellington Avenue	1	Beginning 124 feet west of the westerly curb line of Oakridge Road and extending 20 feet west.

Section 3. If any provision of this Ordinance or application thereof, under any circumstances, is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect any other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision(s) or application(s) and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law and upon the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation if required.

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 Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced ordinance was passed on second and final reading.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2915-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **Bond Ordinance Providing For Various Roadway Improvements, By And In The Township Of West Orange, In The County Of Essex, State Of New Jersey, Appropriating \$10,030,000 Therefor And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$6,714,669 Bonds Or Notes Of The Township To Finance Part Of The Cost Thereof** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members present voting "Aye."

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$10,030,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,714,669 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), **AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements to be undertaken by the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (the "Township"). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3 hereof, there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$10,030,000, which sum includes (i) a \$300,000 grant expected to be received from the Community Development Block Grant Program (the "CDBG Grant"), (ii) \$2,966,891 grants expected to be received from the Department of Transportation of the State of New Jersey (the "DOT Grants" and together with the CDBG Grant, the "Grants"), and (iii) down payments in the aggregate amount of \$48,440 (the "Down Payments") for said improvements or purposes as required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented (N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq.) (the "Local Bond Law"), which Down Payments are now available from the Township's Capital Improvement Fund by virtue of a provision or provisions in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Township for down payment or capital improvement purposes. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c) of the Local Bond Law, no down payment is required for the

improvements or purposes set forth in Section 3(a)(ii), (iii), (iv), and (v) hereof, as such projects are being funded by the DOT Grants, which are grants provided by the State of New Jersey.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to meet part of said \$10,030,000 appropriation not provided for by said Down Payments and the Grants referred to in Section 1 hereof, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$6,714,669 pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Township in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$6,714,669 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, said Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued include, but are not limited to, as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
(i) Improvements and repairs to the entire lengths or portions of, as applicable Franklin Avenue from Main Street to Chestnut Street and Oxford Place from Cherry Street to Chestnut Street, including, but not limited to, as applicable, milling, paving, storm drain installation, curbs, sidewalks, ADA complaint ramps, and driveway aprons;	\$ 530,000 (including the \$300,000 CDBG Grant)	\$ 219,000	\$ 11,000	10 years
(ii) Improvements and repairs to the entire lengths or portions of, as applicable, Walker Road, South Valley Road, and Rooney Circle, including, but not limited to, as applicable, milling, paving, storm drain installation, curbs, sidewalks, ADA compliant ramps, and driveway aprons;	\$ 2,510,000 (including the \$1,000,000 DOT Grant)	\$ 1,510,000	\$ 0	10 years
(iii) Improvements and repairs to the entire lengths or portions of, as applicable, Morris Road, Sussex Road and Hunterdon	\$ 1,700,000 (including the \$517,907 DOT	\$ 1,182,093	\$ 0	10 years

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
Road, including, but not limited to, as applicable, milling, paving, storm drain installation, curbs, sidewalks, ADA compliant ramps, and driveway aprons;	Grant)			
(iv) Improvements and repairs to the entire lengths or portions of, as applicable, South Valley Road, Union Street, Nassau Street from South Valley Road to Township limits and Wheatland Avenue, including, but not limited to, as applicable, milling, paving, storm drain installation, curbs, sidewalks, ADA compliant ramps, and driveway aprons;	\$ 2,510,000 (including the \$950,000 DOT Grant)	\$ 1,560,000	\$ 0	10 years
(v) Improvements and repairs to the entire lengths or portions of, as applicable, Helen Avenue, Lawrence Avenue, Florence Place, and Lowell Avenue, including, but not limited to, as applicable, milling, paving, storm drain installation, curbs, sidewalks, ADA compliant ramps, and driveway aprons; and	\$ 2,000,000 (including the \$498,984 DOT Grant)	\$ 1,501,016	\$ 0	10 years
(vi) Section 20 Expenses.	\$ 780,000	\$ 742,560	\$ 37,440	

TOTALS: \$10,030,000 \$6,714,669 \$ 48,440

(b) The improvements and purposes set forth in Section 3(a) above shall also include, as applicable, all engineering and design work, surveying, construction management services, construction planning, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration, environmental testing and remediation, and all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(c) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued by the Township for said improvements and purposes is \$6,714,669.

(d) The estimated cost of said improvements and purposes to the Township is \$10,030,000, the excess amount thereof over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor are the Grants and the Down Payments in the amount of \$48,440 now available for said improvements and purposes from the Township's Capital Improvement Fund and the Grants.

SECTION 4. Except for the Grants, in the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Essex make a contribution or grant in aid to the Township for the improvements and purposes authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Township prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Essex. Except for the Grants, in the event that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Essex shall be received by the Township after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose. This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant in aid received by the Township as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as "matching local funds" to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

SECTION 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township (the "Chief Financial Officer"), provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8.1 of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at a public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to

report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget of the Township, as applicable. The capital budget or temporary capital budget, as applicable, of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

SECTION 7. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements and purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements and purposes which the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of said improvements or purposes, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof in accordance with the limitations set forth in the Local Bond Law, is 10 years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Township and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$6,714,669. The obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An amount not exceeding \$780,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes and improvements described in Section 3 hereof.

SECTION 8. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township and, unless paid from other sources, the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the principal of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 9. The Township reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. This Section 9 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Township's official intent to reimburse any expenditure toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

SECTION 10. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of the obligations of the Township authorized herein and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of the obligations of the Township, which are authorized herein, and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the

Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 11. The Township covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the interest on all bonds and notes issued on a tax-exempt basis under this bond ordinance.

SECTION 12. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication of the notice of final adoption of this bond ordinance, as provided by the Local Bond.

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 Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the above referenced ordinance was passed on second and final reading.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ordinance(s) on First Reading

Ord. 2912-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 11, Section 3.4 Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange (License Fees; Maximum Number)**, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on **May 6, 2025**.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2919-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5, Sections 32.3 And 32.8 Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange (Police-Requesting Towing And Storage Services)**, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on **May 20, 2025**.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2920-25-REMOVED

Ord. 2921-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, **Bond Ordinance Providing For Various 2025 Capital Acquisitions And Improvements, By And In The Township Of West Orange, In The County Of Essex, State Of New Jersey, Appropriating \$635,000 Therefor And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$605,600 Bonds Or Notes Of The Township To Finance**

Part Of The Cost Thereof was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on **May 6, 2025**.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin to remove the following section from the Ordinance:

(iii) Improvements and repairs to Dogwood Drive at Boland Park including, but not limited to, milling, paving, line painting, Striping, signage, new curbs, base repair, and driveway aprons; and

\$ 85,000	\$ 81,000	\$ 4,000	10 years
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All members present voting "Aye."

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin, the above referenced ordinance was approved, as amended.

All members present voting "Aye."

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

- West Orange for Humanity: Requesting Resolution in Support of Immigrant Trust Act

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin, the Council decided not to move forward with this request.

Councilwoman Ghebremicael and Councilwoman Rudin voting "Yes." Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Scarpa and Council President Krakoviak voting "Nay."

- 2025 Municipal Budget and Timeline for Workshops and Meetings

The Council decide on the following dates for the Budget Workshop(s):
Thursday, May 1 at Noon via Zoom only, Thursday, May 14, 2025 at 6 p.m., in person and via Zoom, May 21, 2025 at 6 p.m., in person and via Zoom, and May 28, 2025 at 6 p.m., in person and via Zoom. The Clerk will provide a 48-hour notice for same.

- NJ Chapter Jack & Jill – Visit to Town Hall – September (date needed)

A tentative date of September 18, 2025 was discussed, the same night as the Council Connection hour.

- Daughters of Israel – Fourth Round Housing Obligation-No action taken.

New Matter(s):

Councilwoman Rudin made a motion, and it was seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa to place the version of the Noise Ordinance sent on April 8, 2025 by Councilwoman Rudin, onto the Council agenda of April 22, 2025.

All members present voting "Aye."

Councilwoman Rudin made a motion, and it was seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael to place an Ordinance restricting entertainment licenses on an upcoming agenda.

All members present voting "Aye."

The Clerk explained that Legal will need time to review and format the Ordinance, so the ordinance may not go on the next agenda.

ABC Hearing

- **762-25** Resolution Authorizing a Place-to-Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0722-33-012-003, on behalf of BK Lobster WO, LLC t/a Hendrix House, 161 Main Street, 1st Floor, West Orange, NJ 07052 (Clerk) **(TO BE HEARD ON 4/22/25)**

At 11:58 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Rudin 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

Joe Krakoviak
Council President

Adopted: May 6, 2025

