

Special Public Meeting- June 12, 2025

The Special Public meeting began at 12:08 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 June 6, 2025.

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

Absent: Councilwoman Casalino,

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

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

Resolution(s)

158-25 Resolution Authorizing the Township of West Orange Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills in Accordance with P.L. 1994, C.72 (Ditinyak)

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the resolution was approved.

All members present voting “Aye.”

At this time, Councilwoman Ghebremicael read the following statement:

Dear Council President, Members of the Council, Administration, and West Orange Residents,

It is with deep reflection and a heavy heart that I announce my resignation from the West Orange Township Council, effective immediately.

This decision has not come easily. Over the past year, I have been managing ongoing health challenges. While I’ve done my best to fulfill my duties with strength and integrity, I now must prioritize my healing and well-being—for myself, my family, and especially for my son.

When I was elected in 2022 as the highest vote-getter in a competitive race, I was deeply honored and humbled by the overwhelming support from our residents. It meant the world to me then, and it still does now. That trust has guided every decision I’ve made on this Council. Serving the people of West Orange has been one of the greatest privileges of my life.

I’m proud of the work we’ve done—amplifying community voices, championing good governance and transparency, and striving for inclusive, thoughtful leadership. Though I am stepping down from this official role, I will always be a daughter of West Orange and remain committed to uplifting our community in other ways.

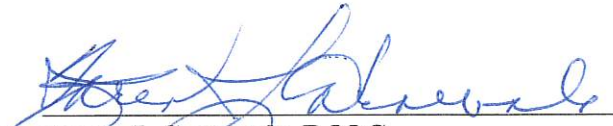
I extend my deepest gratitude to the residents for believing in me, and I wish my colleagues on the Council continued strength and success.

With appreciation and respect,

At 12:22 p.m., on motion made by Council President Krakoviak 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: June 24, 2025