

Conference Meeting – August 12, 2025

The conference Meeting began at 6:36 p.m., the Deputy 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 Rudin, Councilwoman Scarpa, Council President Krakoviak

- Historical Art discussion - Joe Fagan
- Budget Update - CFO John Ditinyak
- Council Liaison Announcements

Public Meeting—August 12, 2025

The Public meeting began at 7:04 p.m., the Deputy Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

Joe Fagan-Public Information Officer

Amy McCampbell- DWOA- David Cassidy event success

Anthony Puglisi- Essex County Public Information Officer

Karen DeAngelis- Mt. Pleasant Ave- listening device system for Council Chambers- CC system- ADA compliance

Herb Waldman- Connolly Dr- Amend Steep Slope Ordinance

Maureen Robinson- Mt. Pleasant Ave- Kudos to West Orange Fire Department- 2026 Mayoral election

Joe Pannullo- Essex Fells- WeCare objector to West Essex Highlands development- preserve forest

Lawrence Cohen- Lincoln Ave- Zero budget increase- Township employee perks and salaries paid by taxpayers

Todd Dubovy- Burnett Terrace- Matrix Resolution for Green Acres funding

Richard Cohn- Eagle Ridge Way- Spotted lantern fly infestation from neighbors' property, adopt a resolution to declare nuisance

Luz Cuerdo- Hunterdon Rd- House fire

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

Report of Township Officers

None.

Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids

Fire Station #5- Maintenance and Rehabilitation

Minutes

July 22, 2025 Public Meeting

Bill List

The following bills were pulled by Councilwoman Rudin and approved on Consent: #1884175 and #188525 for Herc Rentals and #199814 for D'Onofrio.

All members present voting "Aye."

The remainder of the Bill List was approved on Consent.

Resolution(s) Approved on Consent Agenda

- a. **171-25-** Resolution Authorizing Execution of Professional Services Agreement with Steven K. Warner of Savo, Schalk, Corsini, Warner, Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher, P.A., 56 E. Main Street, Suite 301, Somerville, NJ, 08876, as Zoning Board Attorney at the Rate Specified in the Agreement (Legal-Trenk)
- b. **181-25-** Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Provision and Support of Primepoint Software to Shi International Through the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (P. Reynolds)
- c. **183-25-** Resolution for Emergency Repair of Storm Water Sewer at Minish (Lancaster) Park (Carballo)
- d. **186-25-** Resolution Appointing a Municipal Housing Liaison (Legal- Gengaro)
- e. **187-25-** Resolution to Award and Reject Snow Services (P. Reynolds)
- f. **188-25-** Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Performance of Preliminary Engineering Services to Greenman Pedersen Inc for the Washington Street Corridor Improvement Project Phase 2 (Carballo)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution(s) Removed from Consent Agenda

Resolution 152-25

Resolution Authorizing the Planning Board to Draft a Redevelopment Plan for Block 88, Lot 1 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (Legal- Trenk)

Peter F. Smeraldo, the Business Administrator asked that the resolution be TABLED .

Resolution 172-25

Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract with Diana McGovern, Esq., of Gaccione Pomaco, P.C., One Boland Drive, Suite 102, West Orange, NJ for the Position of Planning Board Attorney at the Rate Specified in the Agreement (Legal-Trenk)

On motion made by Council President Krakoviak and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the above referenced resolution was TABLED.

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 182-25

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:6-52.1 (K. Longo)

On motion made by Council President Krakoviak and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the above referenced resolution was TABLED.

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 184-25

Resolution Approving a Proposal from Matrix New World for Environmental Services at Rock Spring Golf Club Located at 90 Rock Spring Road (Carballo)

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin, the above referenced resolution was APPROVED.

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 185-25

Resolution Authorizing the Rental of Specialized Equipment to be Used for the Leaf and Snow Collection Seasons 2025-2026 Through State Contract #GS-21F-0020T (P. Reynolds)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 189-25

Resolution Amending Resolution No. 289-23 Concerning Fees for Land Use Board Attorneys Paid from Applicant Escrows (Legal-Trenk)

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Krakoviak, the above referenced resolution was APPROVED.

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 190-25

Resolution Authorizing Execution of Professional Services Agreement with MATRIX NEW WORLD ENGINEERING for Environmental Consulting Services – 2025 (Legal- Gengaro)

On motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced resolution was TABLED.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Resolution 191-25

Resolution Authorizing Execution of Professional Services Agreement with CME for Engineering Services – 2025 (Legal- Gengaro)

On motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced resolution was TABLED.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ordinance(s) on Second and Final Reading

Ord. 2932-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-7.3, Temporary Parking Prohibition for Snow Plowing and Removal, Subsection 7-12, Parking Prohibited for Street Cleaning and Maintenance, Subsection 7-14.1c, NIGHT PARKING RESTRICTED, AND SUBSECTION 7-14.7 Alternate Side Parking, Of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West**, 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 Rudin and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ord. 2933-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin, **An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-7.3 Temporary Parking Prohibition For Snow Plowing And Removal, Subsection 7-10.2 Stopping Or Standing Prohibited During Certain Hours On Certain Streets On Certain Days, Subsection 7-12 Parking Prohibited For Street Cleaning And Maintenance, Subsection 7-14.1 NIGHT PARKING RESTRICTED, And**

SUBSECTION 7-14.7 Alternate Side Parking Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange, 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 Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2934-25

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Ordinance(s) on First Reading

Ord. 2936-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, Section 15-7 to Update the Township's Rent Control Ordinance**, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on **September 8, 2025**.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2937-25

On motion made by Council President Krakoviak and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **An Ordinance for Calendar Year 2025 to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**, FAILED on first reading.

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

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

Proposed amendment to the Tree Ordinance (Tree of Heaven)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa to amend the Tree Ordinance by adding Tree of Heaven as a listed nuisance.

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

At 11:44 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the Council adjourned the Public meeting and entered into the ABC Hearing.

All members present voting "Aye."

ABC Hearing

Resolution 780-25

Resolution Authorizing a One Year Extension of Plenary Retail Distribution Pocket License No. 0722-44-061-005, Shaku & Kaamil, Inc., for the 2025-2026 License Term.

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 781-25

Resolution Authorizing a One Year Extension of Plenary Retail Distribution Pocket License No. 0722-33-037-007, ARA Kitchen Group, LLC for the 2025-2026 License Term.

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 782-25

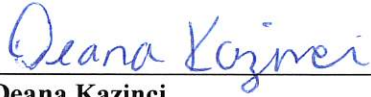
Resolution Authorizing a One Year Extension of Plenary Retail Distribution Pocket License No. 0722-33-063-005, Raghav Varma for the 2025-2026 License Term.

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

At 11:51 p.m., on motion made by Council President Krakoviak and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin, the ABC Hearing was adjourned.

All members present voting "Aye."

The Minutes of this meeting are on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.



Deana Kazinci
Deputy Municipal Clerk



Joe Krakoviak
Council President

Adopted: September 8, 2025