

Conference Meeting – September 30, 2025

The conference Meeting began at 6:47 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 Rudin, Councilwoman Scarpa

Absent: Council President Krakoviak

On motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, Councilwoman Casalino was appointed as Council President Pro Tempore in the absence of Council President Krakoviak.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Recognition(s):

- Spring Season

Girls Flag Football 12U Division - Mustangs White - Undefeated Season

Girls Flag Football 14U Division - Mustangs Navy - Back-To-Back Championships

Boys 7x7 Football 14U Division - Mustangs Navy - NJSFYL Inaugural 7x7 Season

- Summer Season

West Orange PAL 8U Travel Baseball Champions

- Council Liaison Announcements

Public Meeting— September 30, 2025

The Public meeting began at 7:31 p.m., the Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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Roll Call – Councilwoman Rudin, Councilwoman Scarpa and Council President Pro Tempore Casalino

Absent: Council President Krakoviak

Pledge of Allegiance

John Ditinyak presented a Power Point presentation with regard to the 2025 Municipal Budget

Public Hearing 2025 Municipal Budget

At approximately 8:01 p.m., on motion made by Council President Pro Tempore Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the Public Hearing on the 2025 Municipal Budget was opened.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Roll Call – Councilwoman Rudin, Councilwoman Scarpa and Council President Pro Tempore Casalino

Absent: Council President Krakoviak

The Clerk read the following statement: This is the time fixed for the public hearing on the Municipal Budget and Tax Resolution for 2025. The Budget was introduced on First Reading by the Township Council on July 22, 2025, and was advertised, as required, on July 24, 2025.

Public Comment – 2025 Municipal Budget

Sheila Lefkowitz – Pleasant Valley Way

Micaela Bennett – Old Indian Road

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

At approximately 8:09 p.m., on motion made by Council President Pro Tempore Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the public hearing on the 2025 Municipal Budget was closed.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Public Comment

Joe Fagan-Public Information Officer

Herb Waldman- Connolly Dr- Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Ordinance 25-19 IH-1 (Inclusionary Housing) District

Tammy Williams – Buckingham Road – Founder WO Suicide Advocacy Coalition (WOSAC)

Micaela Bennett – Agenda detail, Personnel matters

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

At approximately 9:15 p.m., on motion made by Council President Pro Tempore Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the Public meeting was recessed and the Council entered into an executive session.

All members present voting “Aye.”

At approximately 10:16 p.m., on motion made by Council President Pro Tempore Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin, the Executive Session was adjourned and the Council reconvened their Public Meeting.

Report of Township Officers

None.

Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids

- Contract for Snow Removal Services from Sidewalks, Paths, Crosswalk and Bus Shelters and Stops within the Township for 2025-2026

Minutes

Public Meeting – September 8, 2025

Bill List

The following bills were pulled for discussion by Councilwoman Rudin and approved on Consent:

Trenk Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian, P.C.
Antonelli Kantor, PC
Vanco Vasilev
D'Onofrio & Son, Inc.

Resolution(s) Approved on Consent Agenda

- a. 209-25 Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Agreement with Montclair State University for 2025 COVID-19 Vaccination program in an Amount NTE \$22,254.00 (Fonzino)
- b. 210-25 Resolution to Award Contract for RESOLUTION AWARD SNOW PLOWING 2025-2026 Rebid (P. Reynolds)
- c. 211-25 Resolution to Authorize the Repair of the Street Sweeper through the Bergen County of NJ Cooperative for the DPW (P. Reynolds)
- d. 212-25 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to a Duplicate Third Quarter Tax Payment (K. Longo)
- e. 213-25 Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to The Listed Taxpayer Due To a Duplicate Payment of the 2025 Annual Sewer Charge (K. Longo)
- f. 214-25 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- g. 215-25 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, County of Essex, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Governing Body and Mayor to Award a Final Design (FD) Phase Contract to Greenman-Pedersen Inc. (Carballo)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution(s) Removed from Consent Agenda

Resolution 216-25

Resolution Awarding Heyer Gruel & Associates A Professional Services Contract for Affordable Housing Planner (Legal-Gengaro)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution(s) Added to Agenda from the Floor

Resolution 217-25

217-25 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Specifically the Position of Township Planner (Council)

Ordinance(s) on Second and Final Reading – None

Ordinance(s) on First Reading

Ord. 2938-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 Section 17.1 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange**, was PULLED.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ord. 2939-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Scarpa and seconded by Council President Pro Tempore Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-32.1, Handicapped Parking on Streets, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Rollinson-Wellington – 19 McKinley)** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on **October 16, 2025**.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ord. 2940-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Council President Pro Tempore Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange to Add a Section Regarding Fire Pits** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on **October 16, 2025**.

After a brief discussion, Councilwoman Rudin made a motion to rescind her original motion, seconded by Council President Pro Tempore Casalino, who rescinded her second.

All members present voting “Aye.”

On motion made by Council President Pro Tempore Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange to Add a Section Regarding Fire Pits**, was TABLED.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

- Special Meeting Dates for the Purpose of Speaking with Susan Gruel
- Consensus Appointment for Rent Leveling Board

ABC Hearing-None

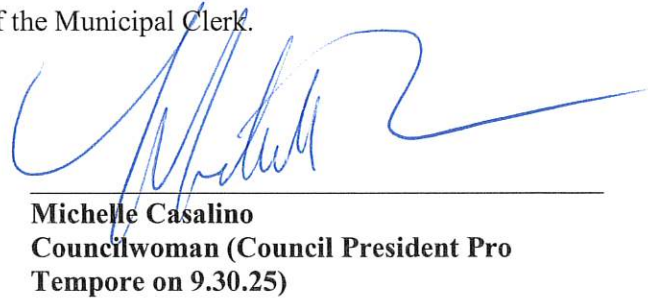
At 11:32 p.m., on motion made by Council President Pro Tempore Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin, the public meeting was adjourned.

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



Michelle Casalino
Councilwoman (Council President Pro
Tempore on 9.30.25)

Adopted: October 16, 2025