

## **Conference Meeting – October 16, 2025**

The conference Meeting began at 6:45 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 and Council President Krakoviak

- Presentation: James Koehne, W.O. resident and Creator of “Fishing For Compliments: The Game Designed with Kind in Mind”
- Council Liaison Announcements

## **Public Meeting— October 16, 2025**

The Public meeting began at 7:05 p.m., the Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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## **Pledge of Allegiance**

## **Public Comment**

Joe Fagan-Public Information Officer

Anthony Puglisi – Public Information Officer – County of Essex

Robert Hoatson – Gaston Street – flooding in the Valley area

Bob Rourke – Longview Street – cleanup of brook adjacent to his auto shop

Ezra McClendon – Quinby Street – parking in the Valley, SHP students parking issue

Joy Burnett – Pillot Place – parking in the Valley

Susan Lenczyk – Eagle Rock Avenue – Feasibility study by Dynamic

Nina Boykin – Rollinson Street – parking issues

Jennifer Iorio – Bellevue Terrace – curbside pickup for Dogwood Dispensary

Rachel Klein – Howell Drive – issue with Library not allowing knitting club to use space

Joe Pannullo – Essex Fells-President We Care – West Essex Highlands

James Jackson – Ashley Road – CEO - Yerrr Canna – renewal of license

Andrea Goodman – Roosevelt Ave. – alleged property damage by Arco/Murray-hold performance bond

Ryan Eustache – Pillot Place – ongoing parking issues on Alphabet streets

Micaela Bennett – Municipal Budget

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

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## **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 30, 2025

### **Bill List**

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

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### **Resolution(s) Approved on Consent Agenda**

- a. **219-25** Resolution Authorizing Mediation Per the Mediation Order Entered by Judge Cecchi – 2025 (Legal-Moon)
- b. **220-25** Resolution Authorizing Extension of Agreement with LensLock for Body Worn Cameras In-Car Camera Audio Video Recording Systems and Related Services (Legal-Moon)
- c. **221-25** Resolution Approving a Proposal from Matrix New World for Environmental Services for Demolition Oversight & LSRP Services at 4-10 Central Avenue (former Biddleman Inc. site) NTE \$19,120.00 (Carballo)
- d. **222-25** New Jersey Department of Transportation Division of Local Aid and Economic Development Recommendation of Award State Aid Project - NJDOT 2024-MA-00006 Morris Road, Sussex Road and Hunterdon Road Roadway Improvements Project be awarded to Reggio Construction, Inc., 416 East Central Boulevard, Palisades, N.J. 07650 whose bid amounted to **\$2,255,808.00** subject to the approval of the Department (Carballo)
- g. **225-25** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract with Consulting and Municipal Engineers, LLC (CME), 379 US Route 1 South, Suite 100, Monmouth Junction, NJ to Provide Additional Municipal Engineering Services for the Township Zoning Board and Township Planning Board for the Remainder of CY 2025 NTE \$25,000. (Legal-Gengaro)
- h. **226-25** Resolution Granting West Orange Wellness a Renewal of its Local License to Operate a Cannabis Retail Business with the Township of West Orange – 2025 (Legal-Moon)
- i. **227-25** Resolution Granting Yerrr Canna's Application to Renew its Local License to Operate a Cannabis Cultivation Business with the Township of West Orange - 2025 (Legal- Moon)
- j. **PULLED 228-25** Public Hearing and Adoption of Budget Amendment No. 1 (Ditinyak)  
**The above referenced resolution regarding the adoption of Budget Amendment No. 1, will be added to the October 28, 2025 Council meeting agenda. The Public Hearing will take place this evening.**
- k. **PULLED 229-25** Adoption of the 2025 Municipal Budget (Ditinyak)  
**The above referenced resolution will be added to the October 28, 2025 Council meeting agenda.**

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 223-25**

Resolution Authorizing the Release of the Performance Bond Posted by Green Essex Partners Urban Renewal Entity, LLC, the Developer of Stone Hill, 1000 – 3000 Executive Drive, West Orange, NJ 07052, Block 155, Lot 42.03 to Guarantee the Installation of Certain Off-site Improvements in the Amount of \$132,399.90, be Released Subject to Posting a Two-Year Maintenance Bond with the Township in the Amount of \$48,513.00. (Carballo)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, to table the above referenced resolution.

All members present voting "Aye."

After further discussion, Councilwoman Rudin rescinded her original motion to table, and Councilwoman Scarpa rescinded her second to the motion.

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

All members present voting "Aye."

**Resolution 224-25**

Resolution Authorizing the Release of the Performance Bond Posted by Arco/Murray National Holdings, Inc., the developer of Trojan Storage, 955 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange, NJ 07052, Block 172.02, Lot 8.01 to Guarantee the Installation of Certain Off-Site Improvements in the Amount of \$10,150.08, be Released Subject to Posting a Three-Year Maintenance Bond with the Township in the Amount of \$8,301.00. (Carballo)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Casalino, and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa to approve the above referenced resolution.

All members present voting "Nay."

After further discussion, Councilwoman Casalino rescinded her original motion to approve, and Councilwoman Scarpa rescinded her second to the motion.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Casalino and Councilwoman Scarpa, to postpone the above referenced resolution to the next meeting on October 28, 2025.

All members present voting "Aye."

**Resolution 230-25**

Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Extend the Grace Period for the 2025 Fourth Quarter Taxes (K. Longo)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Krakoviak to amend the date in the first paragraph of the resolution from October 16, 2025 to October 28, 2025.

All members present voting "Aye."

A motion was made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa to approve the above referenced resolution as amended.

All members present voting "Aye."

### **Public Hearing Budget Amendment No. 1**

At approximately 10:16 p.m., the Council President opened the Public Hearing on Budget Amendment No. 1

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

The Clerk read the following statement: This is the time for the public hearing on the Municipal Budget Amendment No. 1 for 2025. The amendment was advertised in the Star Ledger as required by law on October 12, 2025, together with the Notice of Hearing for this date and time.

A copy of the Budget Amendment resolution was posted to our website and printed copies are available this evening for anyone desiring a copy.

### **Public Comment**

Clare Silvestri – Grandview Avenue – Commended Mr. Ditinyak for all of his hard work, patience and professionalism. Thinks everyone should take responsibility for the lengths and depths of the budget process. Also commended the Administration, Council and CBAC for a really good job.

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

On motion made by Councilwoman Scarpa and seconded by Council President Krakoviak, the Hearing on Budget Amendment No. 1 was closed.

All members present voting "Aye."

### **Ordinances of Second and Final Reading**

#### **Ord. 2939-25**

On motion made by Council President Krakoviak and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, **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 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.

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

### **Ordinances of First Reading**

#### **Ord. 2941-25**

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 (6 McKinley, 6 Kling St., 38 Mitchell Street. and 136 Rollinson)**, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on **October 28, 2025**.

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

#### **Ord. 2942-25 - PULLED**

#### **Ord. 2943-25**

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino, and seconded by Council President Krakoviak, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-29.1, Speed Limits in General, 7-30 Mid-block Crosswalks, and 7-10.2 Stopping or Standing Prohibited During Certain Hours on Certain Streets on Certain Days of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange**, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on **October 28, 2025**.

All members present voting "Aye."

### **Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion**

Dogwood Green Dispensary – Request for a 30-Day Extension of Cannabis License

At approximately 10:38 p.m., Ms. Whitney Oldham, Owner – Dogwood Green Dispensary appeared before the Council to answer questions.

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

All members present voting "Aye."

- Modifications to Handicapped Parking Ordinance
- Request for an update of Ordinances approved in new business by the Council at every meeting by the Attorney.
  - Tree of Heaven
  - Fire Pits
  - West Essex Highlands
  - Amendment to the Agenda Process

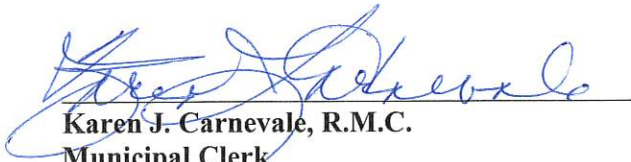
- Committee of the Whole – Council Workshops
- Site Remediation – Department of Public Works – Lakeside Avenue

**ABC Hearing-None**

At 12:00 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Scarpa and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, 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.

  
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**Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.**  
**Municipal Clerk**  
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**Joe Krakoviak**  
**Council President**

**Adopted: October 28, 2025**