

Conference Meeting – October 28, 2025

The conference Meeting began at 6:41 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

- West Orange PAL 10U Summer Travel Baseball Champions
- Presentation: Fire Pits – Chief Anthony Vecchio & Fire Official Captain Joe Matullo
- Discussion: 2026 Council Meeting Dates
- Council Liaison Announcements

Public Meeting— October 28, 2025

The Public meeting began at 7:34 p.m., the Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

Joe Fagan-Public Information Officer

Charles Upshaw – Roosevelt Avenue – Building on steep slopes on surrounding properties

Herb Waldman – Connell Drive – Rockslide potential on Howell Dr.-Planning Board Public Comment

Justin Goldsman – Rand Terrace – Heyer Gruel, Fourth Round Housing Plan, Redwood School Traffic

Jennifer Iorio – Bellevue Terrace – Redwood School Zone

Rachel Klein – Howell Drive – Res. 240-25 Sewer Upgrade for Verona

Ken Gibbons – Riggs Place – Candidate for Council, Budget Workshops

Ezra McClendon – Quinby Pl. - Parking issues on Alphabet streets

Joy Burnett – Pillot Place - Parking issues on Alphabet streets

Todd Dubovy – Res. 242-25 Settlement Agreement

Andrea Goodman – Roosevelt Ave.-Steep Slope building damage on property

Micaela Bennett – Old Indian Road – Res. 233-25, 234-25 and 242-25

Whitney Oldham – Owner, Dogwood Green Dispensary

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

At this time, the new Township Attorney Mark Semeraro, Semeraro & Fahrney, LLC and the new Assistant Township Attorney, Gregg Paster, Paster & Associates, were welcomed by the Council Members and Administration.

At 9:40 p.m., the Council went out of order and the following resolution was considered:

Resolution 242-25

Resolution Approving Various Settlement, Employment, and Professional Services Agreements (Legal)

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

All members present, voting "Aye."

Mr. Smeraldo made a public statement thanking Richard Trenk for his service to the Township.

Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids

- Armed/Unarmed Security Officers for Municipal Court Security

Minutes

Public Meeting – Special Meeting 10.6.25 and Public Meeting 10.16.25

Bill List

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

- 189413-WOPD Overtime for WOSAC at Rock Spring
- 189044-Hearing Device

Resolution(s) Approved on Consent Agenda

231-25 Resolution Authorizing a Discharge of Mortgage for Property Located at 29 Woodland Avenue, West Orange, NJ (Legal-Moon)

236-25 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Professional Services Agreement with Heyer Gruel & Associates, 236 Broad St, Red Bank, NJ 07701, for Planning Services for the West Orange Planning Board – 2025, in an Amount NTE \$14,800.00 (Legal-Moon)

238-25 Resolution Awarding Contract(s) to Grabowski Construction of West Orange, NJ and Shauger Property Services of Orange, NJ for Snow Removal from Sidewalks, Paths, Crosswalk, and Bus Shelters and Stops within the Township for 2025/26 with an Option to Extend for Two (2) One Year Periods at a Rate Outlined in the Resolution (P. Reynolds)

239-25 Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due To an Overpayment of the 2025 Annual Sewer Charge (K. Longo)

240-25 Resolution Granting Municipal Consent for Verona Township to Apply for Treatment Works Approval from DEP to Upgrade Its Wastewater Treatment Facility (Legal-Moon)

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 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 Council President Krakoviak to approve the above referenced resolution. There was no second. The motion fails for lack of a second.

Resolution 228-25 and Resolution 229-25

228-25 Adoption of Budget Amendment No. 1 (Ditinyak)

229-25 Adoption of the 2025 Municipal Budget (Ditinyak)

Mr. Ditinyak explained that the above referenced resolutions, 228-25 and 229-25, must be pulled from the agenda because the document is still under review with the Division of Local Government Services. He stated that he has been answering questions throughout the day regarding the Budget document and further explained that the Budget can't be adopted until the DLGS approves the final version. When that occurs, the 2025 Municipal Budget will be listed on an upcoming agenda for approval.

Resolution 232-25

Resolution Stating No Objection to the Montclair Golf Club at Rock Spring's Issuance of a License for Use of a Helicopter to Deliver Santa Claus (Legal-Moon)

Resolution 233-25

Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Matthew Feula, Deputy Chief of Police (Legal-Moon)

At 11:06 p.m., Councilwoman Casalino made a motion to enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel, specifically, resolution 233-25, 234-25 and Ordinance 2942-25 Salary Guideline being considered this evening. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa.

All Council members present voting "Aye."

At 11:58 a.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the Council came out of executive session and returned to the open meeting.

All members present voting "Aye."

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

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

After some discussion, and on motion made by Council President Krakoviak and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced action was reconsidered.

All members present voting “Aye.”

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

All members present voting “Aye.”

Resolution 234-25

Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Michael Keigher, Deputy Chief of Police (Legal-Moon)

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

All members present voting “Aye.”

Resolution 235-25

Resolution Granting Dogwood Green Dispensary a Renewal of Its Local License to Operate a Cannabis Retail Business within the Township of West Orange – 2025 (Legal-Moon)

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

All members present voting “Aye.”

Resolution 237-25-PULLED

Resolution Authorizing Execution of Professional Services Agreement with CME Associates, 379 US Route 1 South- Suite 100 Monmouth Junction, New Jersey 08852, for Planning Services for the West Orange Zoning Board – 2025, in an Amount NTE \$15,000.00 (Legal-Moon)

Resolution 241-25

Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Repair of Sanitary Sewer Main at Northfield Avenue Near Valley Road to the Shauger Group, 429 Dodd Street, East Orange, NJ 07017, in the Amount of \$198,269.65 (Carballo)

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

All members present voting “Aye.”

Resolution 242-25

Resolution Approving Various Settlement, Employment, and Professional Services Agreements (Legal)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Ordinances of Second and Final Reading

Ord. 2941-25

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2943-25

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

Ordinances of First Reading

Ord. 2942-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino, and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, **An Ordinance Creating a Reclassification and Salary Schedule of Certain Township of West Orange Employees Setting Forth Their Titles, Classification and Salary Ranges and Adopting a Salary Guide and Establishing the Employee's Status as a Township Employee and Under the Guidelines of the New Jersey Department of Personnel**, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on **November 24, 2025**.

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

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

- Best Practices
- Advertisement for DPW Supervisor due to Louis Reynold's retirement
- Councilwoman Casalino recommended adding Asst. Supervisor for DPW to 2026 Municipal Budget
- Ordinance for Stop Signs/Permit Parking on Rollinson with additional Streets in the Heights

At 12:32 a.m., on motion made by Council President Krakoviak and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the Public Meeting was adjourned and the Council into an ABC Hearing.

All members present voting "Aye."

ABC Hearing

785-25 Hearing on Renewal for Plenary Retail Consumption, Distribution and Club Licenses for the 2025-2026 License Term (Clerk)

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the above referenced ABC resolution was adopted.

All members present voting "Aye."

At 12:35 a.m., on motion made by Council President Krakoviak and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, 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.


Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk


Joe Krakoviak
Council President

Adopted: November 24, 2025