

Conference Meeting – November 12, 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, Councilwoman Elect Williams and Council President Krakoviak

- Recognition: A Celebration of Township Volunteers

Public Meeting— November 12, 2025

The Public meeting began at 7:09 p.m., the Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

Joe Fagan-Public Information Officer for West Orange

Anthony Puglisi – Public Information Director for Essex County, NJ

John Blanton – Forest Hill Rd. – Lafayette Park

Jackie Parisi – Mt. Pleasant Ave. – Speeding Issues on Mt. Pleasant Ave., Senior Facility, Leaves being blown in street

Karen DeAngelis – Mt. Pleasant Ave. – Preservation of Mt. Pleasant forest

Joy Burnett – Pillot Place - Parking issues on alphabet streets

Kim Fields Murphy – Quinby Pl. - Parking issues in the Valley

Delia Rucca – Pillot Pl. – Parking issues in the Valley

Jacquelyn Hendy – Beverly Rd. – Affordable Housing

Irfan Khawaja – Ridgeway Ave. – Immigration Trust Act resolution wanted

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

Sally Malanga – Ridge Rd. – Preservation of Mt. Pleasant forest

Rachel Klein – Howell Dr. – Oval Rd. traffic light, Builders Remedy lawsuit-155 Prospect Ave.

Jean McCree – Mt. Pleasant Ave. – Parking issues at Senior Housing Apt.

Phaedra Singelis – Essex Terr. - Preservation of Mt. Pleasant forest, Issues in West Orange

Sheila Lefkowitz – Pleasant Valley Way – Anti-Semitism Task Force needed

Todd Dubovy – Burnet Terr. – Payout of sick & vacation time, Appointment of 2 Deputy Chiefs, Town debt, Settlement of Law Suit between Mayor and Council

Justin Goldsman – Moran Terr. – Refund of sewer charges, Stormwater Utility, World Cup

Robert Hoatson – Gaston St. – No hot water at Renna House

Doug Adams-Westover Terr. – Individuals pursuing their own agendas

Marlene Douse-Pillot Pl. - Parking issues on Alphabet streets

Rick Ciamello – Riggs Pl. – One-way streets in the Valley

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – None

Report of Township Officers - None

Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids

- Repair & Maintenance of EMS Apparatus for W.O. Fire Department
- 2026 Tree Planting at Various Locations
- Tree Removal Services – 2026
- Emergency Tree Services 2026
- OSPAC and Crystal Lake Improvements

Bill List

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

Councilwoman Rudin questioned the bill for an Electrician at \$125.00 per hour x 17 hours along with a cell phone replacement for Chief Abbott, asking whether or not the phone would be turned in when the Chief retires. Also questioned was whether or not the overtime charge for the charity event that took place at the Rock Spring Golf Club will be reimbursed. Finally, the cost of the dog park maintenance was discussed, as well as suggesting the dog park be returned to the owner of the property.

Council President Krakoviak stated that Councilwoman Elect Williams was told by the Township Attorney, not to speak as she has not been sworn in yet.

Resolution(s) Approved on Consent Agenda

- g. **243-25** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- h. **244-25 REMOVED**
- i. **245-25** Resolution Approving the Final Accounting of As-Built Quantities and Supplemental Items for the Korwel Pump Station Decommission Project with Grabowski Construction, Inc., 770 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, NJ, 07052 in the Amount NTE \$7,073.55 (Carballo)
- m. **246-25** 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)
- n. **247-25** Resolution Approving that the original Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$48,513.00 Posted by Green Essex Partners Urban Renewal Entity, LLC, the Developer of Stonehill, 1000 – 3000 Executive Drive, West Orange, NJ 07052, Block 155, Lot 42.03, be Released and Replaced with the Two-Year Maintenance Bond Submitted by Stonehill Urban Renewal, LLC, c/o Sentinel, 1251 Avenue of the Americas, 24th Fl., New York, NY 10020 in the Amount of \$48,513.00. (Carballo)
- p. **249-25 Hearing** - Budget Amendment No. 1 (Ditinyak)
- r. **251-25** Resolution by the Township of West Orange Authorizing an Application to the Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program (Carballo)

This resolution authorizes the submission of the application with “North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) for a Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program application for the Gregory Avenue neighborhood loop formed by Walker Road, Gregory Avenue (County Road 577), Lowell Place, and Lowell Avenue, which measures approximately 0.9 miles. The study area includes Lowell Avenue from Walker Road to Lawrence Avenue, Gregory Avenue from Walker Road and Lawrence Avenue, Walker Road from Lowell Avenue to Gregory Avenue, and Lowell Place from Lowell Avenue to Gregory Avenue. “

- s. **252-25** 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)
- t. **253-25** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract to Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. 301 Gibraltar Drive Suite 2A Morris Plains, N.J. 07950, for Additional Professional Engineering Services Associated with the Various Street Improvements Project 2025; Phase 1 - Project A, Phase 1 – Project B, Phase 2 – Project C and Phase 2 – Project D in the amount NTE \$5,005.00. (Carballo)
- u. **254-25 REMOVED**
- v. **255-25** Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Purchase of CSAV System and Equipment to SHI International through the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (Reynolds)
- w. **256-25** Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Contract with French and Parrello Associates (FPA), 1800 Route 34, Wall Township, New Jersey 07719, to Provide Professional Services for Updating, Completing and Submitting the Watershed Inventory Report for Compliance with NJDEP Tier A MS4 Current Permit Cycle for a fee of \$134,100.00 (Carballo)
- x. **257-25** Resolution Approving the Appointment of Zayibeth Carballo and James A. Williams as Community Development (CDBG) Representatives from the Township of West Orange (Carballo)
- y. **258-25** Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation to the Shauger Group, 429 Dodd Street, East Orange, NJ, for an Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair and Construction to the Township’s 8-inch Sewer Main at Vosseler Court, in an A NTE \$30,429.54 (Carballo)
- z. **259-25** Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session (details to follow)

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 233-25

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

On motion made by Councilwoman Scarpa and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin, 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-Moorman)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 237-25

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 in an Amount NTE \$50,000. - 2025 (Legal-Moorman)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 248-25

Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract to Dynamic Traffic, LLC, to Provide Professional Engineering Services for the Implementation Plan of the Comprehensive Parking Study at the Valley, Heights, and Rolling Green Hills/Municipal Plaza Areas in the Amount NTE \$80,000.00. (Carballo)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

At approximately 11:37 p.m., the Township Council held a Public Hearing on Budget Amendment No. 1. 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 **November 9, 2025**, together with the Notice of Hearing for this date and time.

The Council President declared the hearing to be opened, and asked if anyone wished to be heard.

There was no one that wished to be heard.

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the Public Hearing on Budget Amendment No. 1 was closed.

All members present voting "Aye."

The following resolution (250-25) was approved after the Hearing on Budget Amendment No. 1.

Resolution 250-25

Adoption of the 2025 Municipal Budget (Ditinyak)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Ordinances of Second and Final Reading - None

Ordinances of First Reading

Ord. 2944-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 19 Sewers, Subsection 19-1.3, and Chapter 20, Streets and Sidewalks, Subsection 20-3.2 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 **November 24, 2025**.

All members present voting "Aye."

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion – None

ABC Hearing - None

At 11:55 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the Council entered into an Executive Session.

All members present voting "Aye."

At 1:22 a.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the Executive Session and Public meeting were 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