

Budget Meeting – April 27, 2026

The Budget Meeting began at 4:05 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 placed on the Township of West Orange website on April 16, 2026.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

There was no one else who wished to be heard, and on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Council President Scarpa, public comment was closed.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Motion to Codify the Process to Be Followed	MOVED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	Carried	Defeated
Casalino		X	X				
Krakoviak				X			
Rudin				X			
Williams	X		X				
Scarpa			X				
						X	
Motion to have one CBAB Member Come to Podium to ask Questions at the end of each section	MOVED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	Carried	Defeated
Casalino	X		X				
Krakoviak			X				
Rudin				X			
Williams		X	X				
Scarpa				X			

1. 2026 Budget Overview by the Finance Department

2. Presentation By The West Orange Department Of Public Works

- Discussion Of Salaries and Wages
- Discussion Of Operating Budget

Questions were presented to each of the departments by the Citizens Budget Advisory Board through representative Micaela Bennett.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	Page	Line							
Motion to remove the position of DPW Director from 2026 Budget	126		MOVED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABST	Carried	Deft.
Casalino			X		X				
Krakoviak					X				
Rudin					X				
Williams					X				
Scarpa				X	X				
								X	
Motion to remove \$18,000. from line item-rental 551 Valley Rd.	129	07A	MOVED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABST	Carried	Deft.
Casalino					X				
Krakoviak					X				
Rudin			X		X				
Williams						X			
Scarpa				X	X				
								X	
Motion to reduce line item by \$30,000.	129	91	MOVED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABST	Carried	Deft.
Casalino				X	X				
Krakoviak					X				
Rudin			X		X				
Williams					X				
Scarpa					X				
								X	
Motion to reduce line item by \$1000.	129	110	MOVED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABST	Carried	Deft.
Casalino						X			

Krakoviak						X			
Rudin			X		X				
Williams						X			
Scarpa				X	X				
									X
Motion to increase line item by \$2,000.	138	111	MOVED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABST	Carried	Deft.
Casalino				X	X				
Krakoviak					X				
Rudin						X			
Williams			X		X				
Scarpa					X				
								X	
Motion to reduce line item by \$1000.	140	111	MOVED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABST	Carried	Deft.
Casalino				X	X				
Krakoviak						X			
Rudin			X		X				
Williams						X			
Scarpa					X				
								X	
Motion to reduce line item by \$2000.	140	200	MOVED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABST	Carried	Deft.
Casalino									
Krakoviak									
Rudin			X						
Williams									
Scarpa									
									X

Motion to reduce line item by \$4000.	145	150	MOVED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABST	Carried	Deft.
Casalino									
Krakoviak									
Rudin			X						
Williams									
Scarpa									
									X

3. Presentation by the West Orange Fire Department

- Discussion Of Salaries and Wages
- Discussion Of Operating Budget

Questions were presented to each of the departments by the Citizens Budget Advisory Board through representative Micaela Bennett.

W.O. FIRE DEPARTMENT	Page	Line							
Motion to reduce Clothing Allowance by \$7,000.	110		MOVED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABST	Carried	Deft.
Casalino									
Krakoviak									
Rudin			X						
Williams									
Scarpa									
									X
Motion to reduce Clothing Allowance by \$5,000.	110		MOVED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABST	Carried	Deft.
Casalino					X				
Krakoviak					X				
Rudin					X				
Williams			X		X				
Scarpa				X	X				
								X	
Motion to reduce line item by \$15,000.	118	160	MOVED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABST	Carried	Deft.

Casalino									
Krakoviak									
Rudin			X						
Williams									
Scarpa									X

At approximately, 9:30 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, 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


Susan Scarpa
Council President

Adopted: May 12, 2026

