

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on January 17th and 18th, 2026, two long duration snow and ice storms were predicted to begin in the early hours; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department along with our contractors were ask to report to work at 1:00 am, January 17th, 2026 and 5 am January 18th 2026; and

WHEREAS, the storm consisted of approximately 2-4 inches of snow for each day with over ten hours on January 17th and over sixteen hours on January 18th; and

WHEREAS, the temperatures were below freezing from the evening of January 17th forward; and

WHEREAS, to keep the roads safe for motorist, the road crews worked diligently for over 24 hours, which out of necessity depleted our road salt supplies; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, Emergency Contracts, N.J.S.A. 40A:11.6a the Acting Public Works Director on January 19th, 2026, was provided a quote to purchase salt from an alternate supplier, American Asphalt & Trucking at a cost of \$121.50 per ton for a total cost of \$61,543.40 as another snow event was predicted and as temperatures stay below freezing areas need to be treated with salt; and

WHEREAS, the Acting Public Works Director by letter dated January 20, 2026, recommends paying the costs of this emergency purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works did place orders for salt delivery through the state contract vendor on January 18, 2026, but it was not delivered; and

WHEREAS, on or about January 23, 2026 NJ State Governor issued a state of emergency due to the impending snow storm starting January 24, 2026 with an additional snow accumulation of 9-13 inches; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of NJ ordered the state contract vendor to stop private work of salt deliveries and gave township's "front of line privileges" to pick up salt orders placed; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works authorized American Asphalt and Trucking to pick up the salt ordered placed with the state contract vendor at a cost of \$20.00 per ton at a total cost of \$29, 578.20; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds exist for this work; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council concurs in the foregoing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange that an emergency appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$91,121.60 is authorized to American Asphalt and Trucking for emergency purchase and delivery of 2000+ tons of road salt.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this work was performed pursuant to the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, Emergency Contracts, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 as the work was required to protect public health and welfare.

Karen J. Carnevale, RMC, Municipal Clerk

Susan Scarpa, Council President

Adopted: February 10, 2026

I certify funds are available for this work from Account No. _____
\$91,121.60

John Ditinyak, Chief Financial Officer