

REVISED

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

Township of West Orange

66 Main Street – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 (2.24.26) Meeting No. **5**

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 West Orange Chronicle and the Star Ledger on October 30, 2025.

Statement of Decorum

In all matters not provided for in subsection 3-15.1 and except upon consent of the Council President, each person addressing the Council pursuant to this subsection shall be required to limit his or her remarks to five (5) minutes and shall at no time engage in any personally offensive or abusive remarks. The chair shall call any speaker to order who violates any provision of this rule. (1972 Code § 3-15.2)

**Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilman Krakoviak, Councilwoman Rudin,
Councilwoman Williams, Council President Scarpa, Mayor McCartney**

Pledge of Allegiance

- 1. Public Comment**
- 2. *Consent Agenda**
- 3. *Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting** - Public Meeting January 20, 2026 and Special Meeting January 21, 2026
- 4. *Report of Township Officers – None**
- 5. *Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids**
 - a. RFQ for Professional Services - 2026 Affordable Housing Counsel
 - b. Request for Bid Proposal for Janitorial Services
 - c. Bid- Degnan Park Community Garden and Outdoor Fitness Area Improvements Project
- 6. *Bill List** - (1/1/26-2/16/26)
- 7. *Resolutions**
 - a. **30-26** Resolution Approving a Debt Management Policy that Shall Serve to Guide Decisions and Actions of the Township of West Orange’s Existing and Future Debt Related Activities
 - b. **55-26** Introduction of the 2026 Downtown West Orange Alliance Budget (Brill)
 - c. **60-26** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)

- d. **TABLED 61-26** Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Providing of Recreational Services and Social Services to the Residents of West Orange for the Period of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 in the Amount of \$12,000. for the Township Police Athletic League (Semeraro)
- e. **TABLED 62-26** Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Providing of Recreational Services and Social Services to the Residents of West Orange for the Period of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 in the Amount of \$9,000. for the West Orange Elite Basketball Club (Semeraro)
- f. **TABLED 63-26** Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Providing of Recreational Services and Social Services to the Residents of West Orange for the Period of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 in the Amount of \$9,500. for the Mountain Top League (Semeraro)
- g. **64-26** Resolution Designating Abdur R Yasin, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Coordinator for the Township of West Orange (Smeraldo)
- h. **65-26** Resolution Authorizing the Utilization of Competitive Contracting to Solicit and Review Proposals for the Contract for Professional Planning and Technical Support Services (Carballo)
- i. **66-26** Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Road Opening Permit Fees for Installation of Underground Utilities (Carballo)
- j. **67-26** Resolution to Authorize the Purchase and Installation of an Electronic Sign through the Education Services Commission of NJ (ESCNJ) Cooperative Contracts No. ESCNJ 24/25-38 Co-op No. 65MCESCCPS (Reynolds)
- k. **TABLED 68-26** Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Battaglia Associates, 153 East Allendale Rd., Saddle River, NJ 07458, for Miscellaneous Financial Services at an Amount NTE \$35,000. (Ditinyak)
- l. **TABLED 69-26** Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Heyer, Gruel & Associates, 236 Broad Street Red Bank, New Jersey 07701, for Municipal Planning Services at an Amount NTE \$85,000. (Ditinyak)
- m. **TABLED 70-26** Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Phoenix Advisors, 625 Farnworth Avenue Bordentown, New Jersey 08505, for Redevelopment Financial Consultant at an Amount NTE \$35,000. (Ditinyak)
- n. **TABLED 71-26** Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Wilentz Attorneys at Law of 90 Woodbridge Center Drive Suite 900, Box 10, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095, for Municipal Redevelopment Attorney at an Amount NTE \$75,000. (Ditinyak)
- o. **TABLED 72-26** Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Blau & Blau of 233 Mountain Avenue Springfield, New Jersey 07081, for Municipal Tax Appeal Attorney at an Amount NTE \$72,000. (Ditinyak)

- p. **TABLED 73-26** Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with KAI Strategic Insurance Partners (SIP)_of 492 Franklin Avenue Nutley, New Jersey 07110, for Risk Management Services at an Amount NTE \$24,000. (Ditinyak)
- q. **TABLED 74-26** Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Samuel Klein and Company of 550 Broad Street 11th Floor Newark, New Jersey 07102, for Municipal Audit Services at an Amount NTE \$119,950.00 (Ditinyak)
- r. **TABLED 75-26** Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Bourne, Knoll & Kenyon of 382 Springfield Avenue PO Box 690 Summit, New Jersey 07652 for Municipal Tax Appeal Attorney at an Amount NTE \$39,000.00 (Ditinyak)
- s. **TABLED 76-26** Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Phoenix Advisors, 625 Farnworth Avenue Bordentown, New Jersey 08505, for Financial Consultant in an Amount NTE \$75,000.00 (Ditinyak)
- t. **TABLED 77-26** Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Wilentz Attorneys at Law of 90 Woodbridge Center Drive Suite 900, Box 10, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095, for Municipal Bond Attorney, in an Amount NTE \$95,000.00 (Ditinyak)
- u. **78-26** Resolution Accepting and Adopting the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund's 2026 Safety Incentive Program (Smeraldo)
- v. **79-26** Resolution Authorizing a Contract for the Structural Improvements at Oskar Schindler Performing Arts Center MT Contractors, LLC., 490 Riverview Drive, Suite 6, Totowa, New Jersey, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$235,150.00. (Carballo)
***Please note: Bond Ordinance 2953-26 must be approved prior to the approval of this resolution.**
- w. **80-26** Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement of Storm/Sanitary Sewer Permit Fee tto Roto Rooter 7-9 Pleasant Hill Road, Cranbury, NJ 08512 in the Total Amount of \$600.00. (Carballo)
- x. **81-26** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to a Duplicate First Quarter Tax Payment (Longo)
- y. **TABLED 82-26** Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Gregg F. Paster & Associates, 2160 N. Central Road Suite 303 Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024, for Assistant Municipal Attorney, in an Amount NTE \$120,000.00 (Ditinyak)
- z. **TABLED 83-26** Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Professional Property Appraisals of PO Box 18 Barrington, New Jersey 08007, for Appraisal Services, in an Amount NTE \$120,000.00 (Ditinyak)
- aa. **TABLED 84-26** Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Antonelli, Kantor, Rivera of 354 Eisenhower Parkway, Suite 1000 Livingston, New Jersey 07039, for Municipal Alcohol and Beverage Control (ABC) Attorney, in an Amount NTE \$85,000.00 (Ditinyak)

- bb. **TABLED 85-26** Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Friend and Wenzel, LLC of 1000 Clinton Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey 07013, for Municipal Prosecutor, in an Amount NTE \$48,000.00 (Ditinyak)
- cc. **TABLED 86-26** Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Hendricks Appraisal Company of 7 Hutton Avenue West Orange, New Jersey 07052, for Appraisal Services, in an Amount NTE \$35,000.00 (Ditinyak)
- dd. **TABLED 87-26** Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Antonelli, Kantor, Rivera of 354 Eisenhower Parkway, Suite 1000 Livingston, New Jersey 07039, for Municipal Labor Counsel, in an Amount NTE \$115,000.00 (Ditinyak)
- ee. **TABLED 88-26** Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with The Law Office of Fernando Marin, Esq of 111 Northfield Avenue, Suite 300 West Orange, New Jersey 07052, for Public Defender, in an Amount NTE \$115,000.00 (Ditinyak)
- ff. **TABLED 89-26** Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Heyer, Gruel & Associates of 236 Broad Street Red Bank, New Jersey 07701, for Municipal Affordable Housing Planner; in an Amount NTE \$85,000.00 (Ditinyak)
- gg. **TABLED 90-26** Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Souder Law Group, LLP, 570 Broad Street 15th Floor Newark, New Jersey 07102, for Rent Leveling Board Attorney; in an Amount NTE \$55,000.00 (Ditinyak)
- hh. **91-26** Resolution Authorizing Payment for Tree Planting Services to Frank Galbraith & Son Excavation and Demolition, LLC in the Amount of \$16,187.50 for the Planting of 37 Additional Trees within the Township (Smeraldo)
- ii. **TABLED 92-26** Resolution of the Township of West Orange Authorizing the Execution of a First Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement Between the Township of West Orange and 18 Central Avenue Urban Renewal LLC (Beckelman)
- jj. **93-26** Resolution Authorizing the Township to Contract with CVS Caremark for a Prescription Self Insurance Program (Smeraldo)
- kk. **94-26 Removed**
- ll. **95-26** Resolution of the Township of West Orange, Regarding the Publication of Legal Notices and Designating Approved Online News Publications in Accordance with P.L. 2025, c.72 (Semeraro)
- mm. **96-26 Removed**

8. Ordinances on Second and Final Reading

- a. **2953-26** Bond Ordinance Providing For Various Improvements To The Oskar Schindler Performing Arts Center, By And In The Township Of West Orange, In The County Of Essex, State Of New Jersey; Appropriating \$1,250,000 Therefor (Including A Grant Received Or Expected To Be Received From The New Jersey Department Of Community Affairs Coronavirus State Fiscal

Recovery Fund In The Amount Of \$1,000,000) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$238,000 Bonds Or Notes Of The Township To Finance Part Of The Cost Thereof (Ditinyak)

9. Ordinances on First Reading-None

10. Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

- Ordinance Status Report
- Draft of Proposed 2026 Budget Process/Timeline

11. ABC Hearing(s)-None

12. Adjournment

**The Council President may at his/her discretion modify with consent the order of business at any meeting of the Council if he/she deems it necessary and appropriate.
(1972 Code § 3-8; Ord. No. 726-84; Ord. No. 1157-93; Ord. No. 2128-07 § II)**

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Next Meeting Date(s): Tuesday, March 10, 2026

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