

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA
Township of West Orange
66 Main Street – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 - Meeting No. 6

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 - None**
- 4. *Report of Township Officers – None**
- 5. *Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids-None**
- 6. *Bill List - None**
- 7. *Resolution(s)**
 - v) **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)
 - v) **MOTION FAILED 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)
 - v) **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)

- v) **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)
- v) **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)
- v) **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)
- v) **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)
- v) **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)
- v) **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)
- v) **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)
- v) **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)
- v) **83-26 REMOVED**
- v) **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)
- v) **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)
- v) **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)

- v) **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)
- v) **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 \$35,000.00 (Ditinyak)
- v) **MOTION FAILED 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)
- v) **90-26 REMOVED**
- v) **96-26** Resolution Extending the Contract with D’Onofrio & Sons, Inc. Landscaping, 47 Van Ness Terrace, Maplewood, NJ 07040 for the Maintenance of Various Township Owned Parcels, Including Turf Maintenance, Litter and Debris Collection, Weed Control and Fall Leaf Collection and Disposal for the Period Beginning April 1, 2026 and Ending, November 30, 2026 in an Amount NTE \$154,805.00 (Reynolds)
- v) **98-26** Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session for Discussion on Governmental Structure, including but not limited to, Personnel, Legal Matters, Contract Negotiations, Property Transactions and Statutory/Regulatory; Litigation-Update on all Active Litigation matters; Attorney Client Communication-Violation of Attorney Client Privilege/Separation of Powers (Semeraro)
- v) **99-26** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)

8. Ordinance(s) on Second and Final Reading-None

9. Ordinance(s) on First Reading

- a. **MOTION FAILED 2954-26** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, Section 2.6 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange Removing Tenants’ Appeals to the Township Council from Findings of the Rent Leveling Board (Legal-Semeraro)
- b. **2955-26** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 25, “Land Use Regulations,” Section 47.5, “Organization,” of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange to Permit Successive Terms as Chairperson and Vice-chairperson (Semeraro)
- c. **2956-26 REMOVED**
- d. **2957-26** AN Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 2, “Administration,” Section 18.2, “Functions of the Engineering Department,” Of the Municipal Code of the Township of West Orange (Carballo) **Ordinance 2717-13, adopted by the Township Council on April 4, 2023, separated the Department of Public Works and Department of Engineering to improve efficiency and effectiveness, since functions of the two departments have different duties and licensing requirements. While amending**

other Ordinances enumerating the duties and functions of the two departments and their directors, it became clear that additional changes were needed to Ordinance 2717-23 to reflect the tasks performed annually by both departments.

- e. **2958-26** An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 2, “Administration,” Section 10.1, “Director of Public Works; Duties of the Department,” Of the Municipal Code of the Township of West Orange (Carballo) Ordinance 2717-13, adopted by the Township Council on April 4, 2023, separated the Department of Public Works and Department of Engineering to improve efficiency and effectiveness, since functions of the two departments have different duties and licensing requirements. While amending other Ordinances enumerating the duties and functions of the two departments and their directors, it became clear that additional changes were needed to Ordinance 2717-23 to reflect the tasks performed annually by both departments.
- f. **2959-26 REMOVED**
- g. **2960-26** An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 2, “Administration,” Sections 71.4c, 72.4c, And 73.4c, “Formula for Reimbursement,” of the Municipal Code of the Township of West Orange (Carballo) Ordinance 2717-13, adopted by the Township Council on April 4, 2023, separated the Department of Public Works and Department of Engineering to improve efficiency and effectiveness, since functions of the two departments have different duties and licensing requirements. While amending other Ordinances enumerating the duties and functions of the two departments and their directors, it became clear that additional changes were needed to Ordinance 2717-23 to reflect the tasks performed annually by both departments.
- h. **2961-26 REMOVED**
- i. **2962-26** An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 21, “Environmental Regulations,” Section 15.4c, “Design Standard,” Of the Municipal Code of the Township of West Orange (Carballo) Ordinance 2717-13, adopted by the Township Council on April 4, 2023, separated the Department of Public Works and Department of Engineering to improve efficiency and effectiveness, since functions of the two departments have different duties and licensing requirements. While amending other Ordinances enumerating the duties and functions of the two departments and their directors, it became clear that additional changes were needed to Ordinance 2717-23 to reflect the tasks performed annually by both departments.
- j. **2963-26** An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 18, “Fire Protection and Prevention,” Section 2.1b, “Establishing A Fire Lane at Bernard M Degnan Park,” Of the Municipal Code of the Township of West Orange (Carballo) Ordinance 2717-13, adopted by the Township Council on April 4, 2023, separated the Department of Public Works and Department of Engineering to improve efficiency and effectiveness, since functions of the two departments have different duties and licensing requirements. While amending other Ordinances enumerating the duties and functions of the two departments and their directors, it became clear that additional changes were needed to Ordinance 2717-23 to reflect the tasks performed annually by both departments.
- k. **2964-26** An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 17, “Solid Waste Management,” Sections 7.9 “Leaf Disposal Period,” 7.10, “Warning; Penalty,” And 12.3b “Procedure for Reimbursement,” of the Municipal Code of the Township of West Orange (Carballo) Ordinance 2717-13, adopted by the Township Council on April 4, 2023, separated the Department of Public Works and Department of Engineering to improve efficiency and effectiveness, since functions of the two departments have different duties and licensing requirements. While amending other Ordinances enumerating the duties and functions of the two departments and their directors, it became clear that additional changes were needed to Ordinance 2717-23 to reflect the tasks performed annually by both departments.

1. **MOTION FAILED 2965-26** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, “Administration,” Section 40.2 “Judge of the Municipal Court; Powers And,” of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange to Consolidate the Judge of the Municipal Court Positions (Legal-Semeraro)

10. Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

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

11. ABC Hearing(s)-None

12. Adjournment

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Public Comment – In Person Only

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Next Meeting Date(s): Tuesday, March 24, 2026

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