

Conference Meeting – February 13, 2024

Due to the Snow storm, the meeting was held via Zoom only.

The Conference meeting began at 6:33 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 annual notice was emailed to the Star Ledger and filed in the Township Clerk's office on November 21, 2023, and published in the West Orange Chronicle on November 30, 2023.

Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilwoman Scarpa, Councilwoman Williams, Council President Rutherford, Mayor McCartney

Presentation: Revolution NJ – Joe Fagan

The Council provided their liaison announcements.

Public Meeting – February 13, 2024

The Public meeting began at 7:03 p.m., the Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilwoman Scarpa, Councilwoman Williams, Council President Rutherford, Mayor McCartney

Public Comment

Joe Fagan - PIO

Mayor McCartney

Jonathan Blank – Ferris Drive

Mehwish Qureshi – W.O. resident

Heather A. – Freeman Place

Tova Fry – W.O. resident

Dawan – W.O. resident

Lisa Davis – W.O. resident

Lamia-Muslim Professional Group

Noha-W.O. resident

Joyce Rudin-Woodland Avenue

John Blanton-Forest Hill Road

Liana – Ronald Terrace

Paul Greenhouse-Walker Road

Jen Hardell-Ashland Avenue

Sally Malanga-Ridge Road

Natania-Northfield Avenue

Matt Dragon-Sheridan Avenue

Eric Camins-Carter Road

Levi – Gaston Street

Amaris Mitchell – Freeman Place

Renee Glick – W.O. resident

Yusuf Abouelnaja

Gabe Strutman – Ferry Drive

Carla – Crystal Woods

Sheila Lefkowitz – Pleasant Valley Way

Elizabeth Redwine – Cobane Terrace
Akhil Khalfani – W.O. resident
Noor Shamin – Cullen Drive
Roula – W.O. resident
Fariha Chougale – Maplewood, NJ
Sara Quesja – Fort Lee, NJ
Mahmood – W.O. resident
Narjis – W.O. resident
Deborah Albert – Hillside Terrace
Rachel Klein – Howell Drive
Alexander Rodriguez – Park Terrace
Moshe Glick – W.O. resident
Brent Scott- Nestro Road
Zoe Perlman – W.O. resident
Julia Greenberg – W.O. resident
M. Abuawadeh – W.O. resident
Eric Freedman – W.O. resident
Jennifer – Conforti Avenue

Anonymous

Amy Gallatin – Smith Manor Blvd.
Gaby – W.O. resident
Jeremy - Watson Avenue
Victoria Dzienis – non-resident
Sara – NJ resident
John Mondy – Ridgeview Avenue
David Needle – former W.O. resident
Micaela Bennett – Old Indian Road
Arthur Dubroff-Devore Drive

Anonymous

Kevin Malanga – Ridge Road
Rachel Hersey – Mellon Avenue
Michelle Gross – Devonshire Terrace
Cindy Matute Brown – Korwel Circle
Stanley Asekoff – Cummings Circle
Suzy
Rudy Hess – 7 Sussex Road
Morgan Field – Union City, NJ
Jim Conley – non-resident
Lisa Hassan – non-resident

Anonymous

Alex Gold – Curtis Avenue

Anonymous

At this time, Council President Rutherford closed public comment due to vulgar and vile racist remarks expressed by those calling in, using aliases for an opportunity to speak.

Resolution(s)

- a. **54-24** Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation in an amount Not to Exceed \$36,267.30 without Authorization is authorized to American Asphalt and Trucking, 18 Summer Avenue Newark, NJ 07104, for Emergency Purchase and Delivery of 300 Tons of Road Salt (Pelose)
- b. **55-24** Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing the 2024 Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program Application (Mayor)
- c. **PULLED 56-24** Resolution Authorizing Service Agreement for Goose Control Technology – 2023 (Legal-Moon)

- d. **57-24** Resolution To Join Metropolitan Health Insurance Fund (Gross)
- e. **58-24** Resolution Authorizing Extension of Contract with Fat Daddyz to Operate Concession at Ginny Duenkel Pool – 2024 (Legal-Moon)
- f. **59-24** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services contract to CME Associates, 3759 Highway 1 South, Suite 100, Monmouth Junction, New Jersey 08852, Manal Baba, LSRP, to Provide Professional Services Associated with the Remediation of Contaminated Soil and Groundwater at the Fire House No. 4, 280 Pleasant Valley Way from a Former Leaking Underground Storage Tank, Underground Piping and Fuel Dispenser for a Fee Not to Exceed \$92,600.00. (Carballo)
- g. **60-24** Resolution Authorizing the Extension of Contract Entitled “The Maintenance of Various Township Owned Parcels, Including Turf Maintenance, Litter and Debris Collection and Disposal, Weed Control and Fall Leaf Collection and Disposal” awarded to D’Onofrio and Son, Inc., Landscaping, 47 Van Ness Terrace, Maplewood, New Jersey, 07040, for a Third and Final Year for the Period Beginning April 1, 2024 and Ending November 30, 2024 for the Same Services in an Amount NTE \$184,500.00 (Pelose)
- h. **61-24** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- i. **62-24** Resolution Authorizing the 2023 Reimbursement for Services to Private Communities – Street Lighting (Carballo)
- j. **63-24** Resolution Authorizing the 2023 Reimbursement for Services to Private Communities – Snow Removal (Carballo)
- k. **64-24** Resolution Authorizing the 2023 Leaf Collection costs to Llewellyn Park (Carballo)
- l. **65-24** Authoring the Rejection of the Eleven Bids Received for Janitorial Maintenance Services and Approval of Temporary Extension of Current Contract with One Total Cleaning Services LLC, 130 Garfield Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07062 (P. Reynolds)
- m. **66-24** Resolution Authorizing an On-Line Auction for the Disposal of the Township’s Surplus Equipment (Reynolds)
- n. **67-24** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract to Neglia Engineering Associates, 34 Park Avenue, P.O. Box 426, Lyndhurst, NJ, 07071, for Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Services Associated with the 2023 NJDOT Local Transportation Project Funds (LTPF) Grant Project for Walker Road (from Gregory Avenue to S. Valley Road), S. Valley Road (from Walker Road to Township Line with South Orange) and Rooney Circle Improvement Project in an Amount NTE \$28,800.(Carballo)
- o. **68-24** Resolution to Apply for and Obtain the NJ DCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant to Carry Out a Project to Make Improvements at the W.O. Oscar Schindler Performing Arts Center (OSPAC) (Gross)
- p. **69-24** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to a Duplicate Payment of Tax and/or Sewer Charge (Longo)

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the consent agenda was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinance(s) on Second and Final Reading-None

Ordinance(s) on First Reading

Ord. 2837-24

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-32.2 Restricted Parking Zones of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange-Handicapped Space(S) 77 Harrison Avenue, 153 Randolph Place and 1 Tompkins Street**, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on February 27, 2024.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2838-24

An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 25, Section 27 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange and Establishing Chapter ____ For Environmental Protection (Tree Protection, Removal And Replacement) failed as there was no motion given to introduce on first reading.

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

- Cease Fire Resolution

A motion was made by Council President Rutherford and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, to add the Cease Fire resolution to the 2.27.24 agenda, the motion failed.

Councilwoman Ghebremicael and Council President Rutherford voting "Aye." Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Scarpa and Councilwoman Williams voting "Nay."

- OGWO version of the Tree Ordinance

A motion was made by Council President Rutherford and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, to add the OGWO version of the Tree Ordinance to the 2.27.24 agenda.

Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilwoman Scarpa and Council President Rutherford voting "Aye." Councilwoman Casalino and Councilwoman Williams voting "Nay."

- Cannabis

ABC Hearing-None

At 2:16 a.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the meeting was adjourned.

All members 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


Bill Rutherford, Council President

Adopted: February 27, 2024