

Conference Meeting – October 29, 2024

The Conference meeting began at 6:34 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

Councilwoman Ghebremicael joined the meeting via Zoom as she wasn't feeling well.

- Proclamation: West Orange High School – ROTC
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Best Practices Survey – John Ditinyak, CFO
- Council Liaison Announcements

Public Meeting October 29, 2024

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

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Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

Joe Fagan – PIO
Anthony Puglisi-PIO Essex County
Joe Krakoviak – Grand View Ave.
James Jackson – Ashley Road

There was no one else who wished to be heard and this public comment portion of the agenda was closed.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – Public Meeting October 8, 2024, Executive Session September 24, 2024 and October 8, 2024

Report of Township Officers-None

***Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids – None**

Bill List

Resolution(s) Approved on Consent Agenda

- 295-24** Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement with Sterling Securities L.L.C., 155 Pompton Avenue, Verona, NJ 07044 for Armed-Unarmed Security at Municipal Building - 2025 (P. Reynolds)

- b. **296-24** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- c. **297-24** Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Ammunition and Related Accessories for the West Orange Police Department through a State Contract Vendor, Eagle Point Gun/T.J Morris & Sons, in the Amount of \$34,066.17 (P. Reynolds)
- d. **298-24** Resolution Authorizing Approval of Helicopter Landing at Seton Hall Prep, 120 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052
- e. **299-24** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to a Duplicate Payment of 2022 Annual Sewer Charge (K. Longo)
- f. **300-24** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Attorney of the Listed Taxpayer Due to an Overpayment of Taxes Due to a County Board Judgment (K. Longo)
- g. **301-24** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to a Veterans Exemption (K. Longo)
- h. **302-24** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Rebate Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Pursuant to Final Judgment by the Tax Court of New Jersey (K. Longo)
- i. **303-24** Resolution Appointing Member(s) to the CCRB to Fill Vacancy by Council Consensus (Legal-Gengaro)
- j. **304-24** Resolution Authorizing Execution of Temporary Easement Agreement--735 Northfield Ave. (Legal-Gengaro)
- k. **305-24** Resolution Authorizing Execution of Temporary Easement Agreement--737 Northfield Ave. (Legal-Gengaro)
- l. **306-24** Schedule D 306-24 A Resolution Accepting a Grant from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Public Entity Program through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Carballo)
- m. **307-24** Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation for Emergency Work to Repair the Inlet at the "Kiss and Go" Lane at Kelly Elementary School to Reggio Construction, Inc., 416 E. Central Blvd., Palisades Park, NJ 07650, in an Amount NTE \$4,200.00 (Carballo)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution(s) Removed from the Consent Agenda

Resolution 292-24

Resolving Certain Litigation And Accepting Certain Public Improvements, Including The Rights Of Way At Colonial Woods North And Extension Of Nance Road And Public Easements Shown On The Filed Map Entitled "Final Plat-Block 173, Lot 2and Block 172.29, Lot 40.02, Colonial Woods North, Township Of West Orange, Essex County, New Jersey" (Carballo)

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the above referenced resolution was amended and approved as follows: "**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer recommends that a payment to the Township of \$23,275.00 be accepted from the Developer to be used

solely for the planting of trees that, with the consent of the respective property owners, were not planted in the development”.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Resolution 308-24

Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation for Storm Sewer CCTV Inspection and Pavement Investigation of the Township’s Storm Sewer and Pavement along Wellington Avenue to Colonelli Bros., Inc., 409 S. River Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601, in an Amount NTE \$8,930.00 (Carballo)

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Council President Rutherford, the above referenced resolution was approved.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ordinance(s) on Second and Final Reading

Ord. 2876-24

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-14.6 Winter Parking Restrictions, Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members present voting “Aye.”

The Council President stated that this is the scheduled time for the public hearing and asked the Clerk to read the ordinance by title only.

The Council President asked if there was anyone who wished to be heard.

There was no one that wished to be heard and the public hearing on this Ordinance was closed.

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ordinance(s) on First Reading

Ord. 2879-24

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Section 17.1 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Ordinances And Resolutions - Preparation)** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on **November 12, 2024**.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

- Kemistry, LLC-Amended Application for a Resolution of Local Support (Legal-Moon)
Councilwoman Williams recused herself and exited chambers during the discussion.

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Council President Rutherford, the Council voted on whether to allow Kemistry an extension to November 12, 2024 to cure their application.

Councilwoman Ghebremicael and Council Rutherford voting “Aye.” Councilwoman Casalino and Councilwoman Scarpa voting “Nay.” The motion failed.

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Rutherford, the Council voted to allow Kemistry an extension of one-week to cure their application.

All members present voting “Aye.”

- Stormwater Management Ordinance
- Discussion regarding Single Occupancy Restrooms
- Status of Township Revaluation
- 20th Century Film Studio

At 9:27 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the Council adjourned their public meeting and entered into an ABC Hearing.

All members present voting “Aye.”

ABC Hearing

753-24 Person to Person Transfer of Retail Distribution License No. 0722-44-001-006, JJS1, LLC t/a Main Street Liquors to El Patio Liquor Store, LLC t/a El Patio Liquor Store, 56 Main Street, West Orange, NJ 07052

On motion made by Council President Rutherford and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the above referenced resolution was approved.

All members present voting “Aye.”

At 9:30 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, the ABC Hearing was adjourned.

All members present voting “Aye.”

The Minutes of this meeting are on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.



Karen J. Carneyale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk



Bill Rutherford
Council President

Adopted: November 12, 2024