

Special Public Meeting— October 6, 2025

The Public meeting began at 4:09 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 notice for this meeting was emailed to the Star Ledger and the West Orange Chronicle on **October 2, 2025**.

Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Rudin, Councilwoman Scarpa and Council President Krakoviak

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

There was no one who wished to be heard and public comment was closed.

Resolution 218-25

218-25 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session to Discuss Contract Negotiations, Specifically Resolution Awarding Professional Services Contract For Affordable Housing Planner To Heyer Gruel & Associates

At approximately, 4:22 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the public meeting was recessed and the Council entered into an executive session for the purpose of discussing Contract Negotiations specifically resolution 216-25 Awarding a Professional Services Contract for Affordable Housing Planner to Heyer Gruel & Associates.

All members present voting “Aye.”

At approximately 5:25 p.m., on motion made by Council President Krakoviak and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the executive session concluded and the public meeting continued.

All members present voting “Aye.”

At approximately 5:34 p.m., Ramon Rivera, Esq. left the meeting.

Resolution(s) Removed from Consent Agenda

Resolution 216-25

Resolution Awarding Heyer Gruel & Associates A Professional Services Contract for Affordable Housing Planner (Legal-Gengaro)

At approximately, 5:38 p.m., Ms. Diana McGovern, Planning Board Attorney explained to the Council that Heyer, Gruel was hired by the Planning Board as the expert Planner, during their meeting the previous Friday. The firm was hired to cover regular and special meetings of the Planning Board, and to get up to speed with the West Essex Highlands matter, reading all 20 transcripts. The money spent will be paid through escrow. The only exception would be if the Township Council introduces a Land Use ordinance that the Planning Board may have to review. As of right now, there is no ordinance pending.

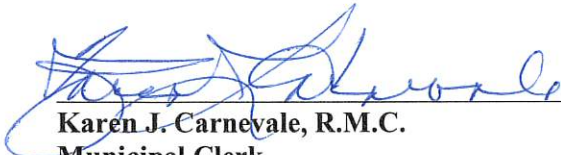
On motion made by Council President Krakoviak and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced resolution was approved.

All members present voting "

At approximately 5:40 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the special public meeting was adjourned.

All members present 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
Joe Krakoviak, Council President

Adopted: October 28, 2025