

Conference Meeting – January 20, 2026

The conference Meeting began at 6:39 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 January 7, 2025 and published in the West Orange Chronicle on January 16, 2025.

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

- **Recognition:** W.O.H.S Boys Soccer Team – NJSIAA Group 4 State Champions with Senior Captain Marcus Jackson named National Player of the Year
- **Council Consensus Appointments**

Economic Development Commission – (Roz Moskowitz)
Rent Leveling Board (Jennel Jerome)
Older Adult Advisory Board (Elmire Pecora & Rachael Hersey)
Citizen Budget Advisory Board (Ron Charles)

Public Meeting— January 20, 2026

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-Public Information Officer for West Orange
John Blanton – Forest Hill Rd. – In Person public comment, Congratulations to Councilwoman Williams on joining the NJ Governor's Council on Mental Health
Brent Draper Scott – Nestro Road – W.O. African Heritage Program – February 22, 2026 at the Library
Todd Dubovy – Burnet Terrace – 2026 Municipal Budget, DPW Supervisor, project at OSPAC, Special Counsel appointment
Clare Silvestri – Grand View Ave. – Public Comment
Irfan Khawaja – Ridgeway Avenue. – Immigrant Trust Act
Lawrence Cohen – Lincoln Ave. – Alleged that previous speaker had lied about rise of antisemitism, Investigation of Council Member, Planning/Zoning Board Chair
Rachel Klein – Howell Drive – incident at Temple

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – Public Meeting January 6, 2026

Report of Township Officers - None

Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids

- S. Valley Rd, Union St, Nassau St, and Wheatland Ave Improvement Project

Bill List - None

Resolution(s) Approved on Consent Agenda

- a. **3-26 REMOVED**
- b. **4-26 REMOVED**
- r. **17-26 REMOVED**
- c. **18-25** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- d. **19-26** Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, County of Essex, State Of New Jersey Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Federal Aid Agreement with the NJDOT (Carballo)
- e. **21-26** Resolution Endorsing the Request by the Township to Essex County to Install two (2) New Rapid Flashing Beacons on Pleasant Valley Way between the Intersections of Stanford Avenue and Alisa Drive to Improve Pedestrian and Student Safety (Carballo)
- i. **23-26** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract to Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. 301 Gibraltar Drive Suite 2A Morris Plains, N.J. 07950, for Professional Land Surveying, Civil Engineering and Construction Administration Services Associated with the MA 2026, Kirk Street, Virginia Avenue, Winfield Street and Grant Terrace Improvement Project in an Amount NTE \$27,622.00. (Carballo)
- j. **24-26** Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Specifically the Contracts of Chief Matthew Feula and Deputy Chief Kevin Dalgauer
- k. **25-26** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Overpayment of Taxes to the Listed Taxpayer (K. Longo)
- l. **26-26** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with Deena B. Rosendahl, Esq., Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC, 169 Ramapo Valley Rd., Upper-Level Suite 105, Oakland, NJ 07436 at a Rate of \$185.00 Per Hour, NTE \$7,500.00 (Semeraro)
- o. **29-26** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to a Veteran Exemption (K. Longo)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the Consent Agenda was approved.

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution(s) Removed from Consent Agenda

Resolution 20-26

Resolution Endorsing the Request by the Township to Essex County to Install 40-50 Delineators on Gregory Avenue Lawrence Avenue to Walker Road to Improve Pedestrian and Student Safety (Carballo)

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

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Rudin, Councilwoman Williams and Council President Scarpa voting "Aye." Councilman Krakoviak voting "Nay."

Resolution 22-26

Resolution Authorizing a Contract for the Site Improvements at Oskar Schindler Performing Arts Center to ZN Construction, LLC, 185 East 54th Street, Elmwood Park, New Jersey, in the Amount NTE \$1,016,526.00. (Carballo)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 27-26

Resolution Authorizing the Extension of the Bid Contract for Armed/Unarmed Security Officers for the Township of West Orange Municipal Building, to Sterling Securities, LLC, 155 Pompton Ave., Verona, NJ 07044, at the Rate Specified in the Agreement (P. Reynolds)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 28-26

State Of New Jersey - Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program Enabling Resolution for Supplemental Funding Request (Millennium)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 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 (Ditinyak)

On motion made by Councilman Krakoviak and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced resolution was TABLED.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ordinances of Second and Final Reading

Ord. 2947-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Council President Scarpa, **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**, 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.

On motion made Council President Scarpa and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the public hearing was closed.

All members present voting "Aye."

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2948-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Scarpa, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-10.1 Stopping or Standing Prohibited During Certain Hours on Certain Streets, and 7-14.3 Parking Time Limited on Certain Streets During Certain Hours of Certain Days of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange**, was taken up on second and final reading.

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilman Krakoviak, Councilwoman Rudin and Council President Scarpa voting "Aye." Councilwoman Williams voting "Nay."

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.

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

On motion made Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Scarpa, the public hearing was closed.

All members present voting "Aye."

On motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Council President Scarpa, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilman Krakoviak, Councilwoman Rudin and Council President Scarpa voting "Aye." Councilwoman Williams voting "Nay."

Ordinances of First Reading

Ord. 2949-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Article 2 Subsection 7-37.1 Regulation for the Movement and Parking on Municipal and Board of Education Property of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange**, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on **February 10, 2026**.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2950-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Council President Scarpa, **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**, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on **February 10, 2026**.

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilman Krakoviak, Councilwoman Williams and Council President Scarpa voting "Aye." Councilwoman Rudin voting "Nay."

Ord. 2951-26

A motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Council President Scarpa, to approve **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsections 7-7.3 Temporary Parking Prohibition for Snow Plowing and Removal, and 7-14.1c Night Parking Restricted, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange**.

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Rudin, Councilwoman Williams and Council President Scarpa voting "Aye." Councilman Krakoviak voting "Nay."

After further discussion, a motion to reconsider was made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

All members present voting "Aye."

The clerk requested a motion to introduce the item on first reading; however, no motion was offered, and the item FAILED for lack of action.

Ord. 2952-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **Capital Ordinance Providing For The Cost Of Preliminary Engineering Expenses In Connection With The Gregory Avenue And Lowell Avenue Safe Routes To School Project, By And In The Township Of West Orange, In The County Of Essex, State Of New Jersey; Appropriating \$387,047.59 Therefor To Pay For The Cost Thereof (Which Amount Will Be Funded By A Grant In The Amount Of \$387,047.59 Received Or Expected To Be Received From The New Jersey Department Of Transportation)**, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on **February 10, 2026**.

All members present voting "Aye."

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

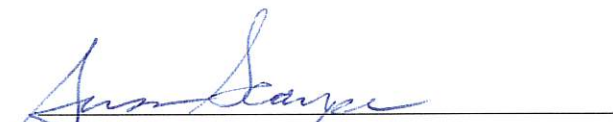
- Discussion: Stop Sign Ordinance – Chief Matthew Feula and Sgt. Matthew Reiss
- Discussion with Regard to Council Meetings
- St. Patrick's Day Parade Township Council Ad
- Forensic Audit

ABC Hearing - None

At 10:32 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the 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
Susan Scarpa
Council President

Adopted: March 3, 2026