

Conference Meeting – April 14, 2026

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 notice for this meeting was emailed to the Star Ledger and the West Orange Chronicle on October 30, 2025 and published in the West Orange Chronicle on November 6, 2025.

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

- Commendation: West Orange Recreation Department's
 - 5th Grade Boys Traveling Basketball Team
 - 7th Grade Boys Traveling Basketball Team
 - 8th Grade Girls Traveling Basketball Team
- Presentation: Older Adults Advisory Board

Public Meeting— April 14, 2026

The Public meeting began at 7:11 p.m., the Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

At approximately 7:19 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the Council recessed the public meeting and entered into an executive session.

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

At approximately 10:05 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Scarpa, the Council adjourned the executive session and resumed the public meeting.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Public Comment

Joe Fagan-Public Information Officer for West Orange

Todd Dubovy – Burnet Terr. – Budget, Contracts, Retirement Payouts

Micaela Bennett – Old Indian Rd.-CBAB member, Budget, 119-26 Executive Session Res.

Lawrence Cohen – Lincoln Ave. – Property taxes, Public Comment at start of meeting.

Jacqueline Hendy – Beverly Rd.-Immigration Trust Act resolution/Town Trust res; Erin Robbins – res. mirrors Executive Order #12

Matt Dvorin – Forest Hill Rd. – Report re: ICE

Ann Travers – Rainbow Terr. – in support of Immigration Trust Act res/Town Trust res.

Amy Pratt – Walker Rd. - in support of Immigration Trust Act res/Town Trust res.

Charlotte Wescott – St. Cloud Ave. – rallies on Sunday-Codey Arena-“No Kings”

Steve Block- Northfield Ave. – Opposed to Trump agenda; in support of Immigration Trust Act res/Town Trust res.

Justin Goldman – Moran Rd. – Res. 120-26; Public comment at start of meeting; World Cup

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

Consent Agenda

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

All members present voting “Aye.”

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – Public Meeting(s) – March 3, 2026, March 10, 2026, and March 24, 2026; Special meeting March 19, 2026

Report of Township Officers - None

Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids - None

Bill List

The Council held a discussion on the following Purchase Orders listed on the Bill List, no action was taken:

P.O. 191218 HERC Rentals, Inc. - \$593.34

P.O. 191212 Robert DeFilippis, DVM – Charges in the amount of \$327.89 and \$185.00

P.O. 191332 West Orange Arts Council – Class Film Festival - \$1,898.35

Resolution(s) Approved on Consent Agenda

- c. 117-26 Resolution for a Discharge of Mortgage for the Property at 12 Amos Street, West Orange, NJ (Semeraro)
- d. 118-26 Resolution Rescinding Resolution 82-26 and Correcting the Contract for the Assistant Attorney Gregg Paster (Semeraro)
- f. 120-26 Township of West Orange, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs LEAP (Local Efficiency Achievement Program) Challenge Grant FY 2026 (Admin)
- g. 121-26 Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Rebate Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Pursuant to Final Judgment by the Tax Court of NJ (Longo)
- h. 122-26 Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with Fat Daddy'z for Operation of Concession Stand at Ginny Duenkel Pool – 2026 (Reynolds)
- i. 123-26 Resolution Authorizing the Emergency Contract with Grabowski Construction, Inc., 770 Northfield Ave., West Orange, NJ in the amount of \$78,499.86, Relating to the Repair of the Sanitary Sewer Force Main at Old Short Hills Road between Hansen Road and Dogwood Drive (Carballo)
- j. 124-26 REMOVED
- k. 125-26 REMOVED

- l. 126-26 REMOVED
- m. 127-26 REMOVED

Resolution(s) Removed from Consent Agenda

Res. 108-26

Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Matthew Feula, Chief of Police (Legal-Semeraro)

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

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

Res. 109-26

Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Kevin Dalgauer, Deputy Chief of Police (Legal-Semeraro)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Res. 119-26

Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties to this body; and for the discussion of matters which, by express provision of federal law, state statute, or rule of court, are required to be rendered confidential, specifically including: Personnel Matter(s)-Police; Retirement Payouts; Contract(s)- Redevelopment; Litigation-Affordable Housing/Builders' Remedy Lawsuits and PVSC OxyChem TX Litigation (Semeraro)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Ordinances of Second and Final Reading

Ord. 2966-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 20, "Streets and Sidewalks," Section 5.2, "Removal by Township," of the Municipal Code 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 by Councilwoman Williams 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. 2967-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Scarpa, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange to Add a Section Regarding Fire Pits**, 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 Williams, 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.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2969-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilman Krakoviak, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, "Traffic," Section 32.2, "Restricted Parking Zones," of the Municipal Code 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 Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the public hearing was closed.

All members present voting "Aye."

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Ordinances of First Reading None

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

- 2026 Municipal Budget Hearing Dates
- Resolution that mirrors Executive Order #12

ABC Hearing - None

At approximately, 12:51 a.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: April 28, 2026