

### **Conference Meeting – August 11, 2020**

The West Orange Township Council met virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic beginning at 6:38 p.m., Karen Carnevale, 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 October 31, 2019 and published in the West Orange Chronicle on November 7, 2019.

Roll Call – Councilman Guarino, Councilman Krakoviak, Councilwoman Matute-Brown, Councilwoman McCartney, Council President Casalino

Council President started the meeting with a moment of silence for the residents who have passed due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Council President introduced Councilman Jerry Guarino representing the Pedestrian Safety Committee who in turn introduced the Nikhil Badlani Foundation Youth Advisory Board members, Darlene Folas, Brett Zeligson, Anika Fernandes, Anay Badlani and Nicole Rojas who spoke about the advisory board's accomplishments and goals for the future. They announced the kickoff of the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Nikhil Badlani Foundation's virtual fundraiser on September 13, 2020.

The Council gave their liaison announcements.

### **Public Meeting – August 11, 2020**

The West Orange Township Council met virtually beginning at 7:09 p.m., Karen Carnevale, Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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Roll Call – Councilman Guarino, Councilman Krakoviak, Councilwoman Matute-Brown, Councilwoman McCartney, Council President Casalino

### **Public Comment**

Joe Fagan – W.O. Public Information Officer

Micaela Bennett – Old Indian Road

Khabirah Myers – Marion Drive

Kassi Bourne – Winding Way

Tammy Williams – Hillside Avenue

Lois Reichert – Main Street

Anthony Puglisi- Essex County Public Information Officer

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

### **PUBLIC HEARING on the 2020 Municipal Budget**

The Clerk read the Opening Statement and outlined the procedure for the 2020 Municipal Budget Hearing. On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Council President Casalino, the 2020 Municipal Budget Public Hearing was opened.

All members voting “Aye.”

John Gross, Chief Financial Officer explained the Budget timeline to the Council, discussed tax collection and the current status of the Budget. He proceeded with a detailed Power Point Presentation of the Municipal Budget.

After the Power Point presentation was done, the Council President stated that this is the scheduled time for the public hearing and asked if there was anyone who wished to be heard.

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

The Council had the opportunity to ask questions about the budget which were answered by Mr. Gross.

John Gross read the following resolution in full: 149-20 Resolution to Amend Introduced Budget

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

All members voting “Aye.”

b. 150-20 Resolution to Adopt the 2020 Municipal Budget

On motion made by Councilwoman McCartney and seconded by Council President Casalino, the above referenced resolution was tabled until September 8, 2020.

All members voting “Aye.”

**\*Review of Consent Agenda**

**\*Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting-** Public Meeting July 14, 2020 and June 23, 2020-revised.

**\*Report of Township Officers – None**

**\*Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids –** Correspondence from Mayor Parisi appointing Dawn M. Donohue as Municipal Judge of West Orange for a three-year term September 15, 2020 and ending September 14, 2023.

**\*Bills**

**\*Resolution(s) Removed from the Consent Agenda:**

a. 143-20 Resolution Regarding Forgiveness of WO Rehabilitation Program Loan for Estate of Madeline Colondrillo

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

All members voting “Aye.”

c. 144-20 Resolution Authorizing the Extension of the Contract with Kemper Sports Management, Inc. to manage and operate the Rock Spring facilities through December 31, 2021

On motion made by Council President Casalino and seconded by Councilman Guarino, the above referenced resolution was implemented.

All members voting “Aye.”

d. 160-20 Resolution to Increase the Public Bidding Threshold from \$40,000. to \$44,000.

On motion made by Councilwoman McCartney and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, the above referenced resolution was implemented.

Councilman Guarino, Councilwoman Matute-Brown, Councilwoman McCartney and Council President Casalino voting "Aye." Councilman Krakoviak voting "Nay."

- e. 163-20 Resolution Permitting Display of Fireworks at the Life Christian Church (Legal-Moon)  
**This resolution permits the Life Christian Church to display fireworks on August 9, 2020.**

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

Councilman Guarino, Councilman Krakoviak, Councilwoman McCartney and Council President Casalino voting "Aye." Councilwoman Matute-Brown voting "Nay."

**\*Resolution(s) adopted on Consent Agenda:**

- a. 145-20 Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Taxes in the Amount of \$4,935.78 to a Totally Disabled Veteran Pursuant to N.J.S. 54: 4-3.30 et seq. (Tax Assessor)
- b. 146-20 Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to An Overpayment of Annual Sewer Charge (Gagliardo)
- c. 147-20 Resolution Authorizing the 2020 Municipal Budget to be Read by Title Only (Clerk)
- d. 148-20 Resolution Authorizing Self Examination of the Municipal Budget (Gross)
- i. 151-20 Resolution Authorizing the Placement of a Lien at 76 Riggs Place, West Orange, NJ (Legal-Trenk)
- j. 152-20 Resolution Approving Pilot Program with Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris, Inc, that will Assist the Police in Training, Responses and Evaluation of How Best to Address Mental Health Responses Commencing September 1, 2020 for a Period of Six (6) Months at a Rate NTE \$30,000. (Legal-Trenk)
- k. 153-20 Resolution Approving Revaluation Order and Consent Judgment with Essex County Board of Taxation (Legal-Trenk)
- l. 154-20 Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Rebate Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Pursuant to Final Judgment by the Tax Court of New Jersey (Gagliardo)
- m. 155-20 Resolution Supporting the NJ DOT Improvements on Route 10 Constructing Connecting Sidewalk on Route 10 on the Westbound Side from Chelsea Drive in the Township of Livingston to Kelly Drive/ Merklin Avenue in the Township of West Orange with Associated Curb, Shoulder and Drainage Modifications (Lepore)
- n. 156-20 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Service Contract to Dr. David E. Jones for Employee Training Workshops for a Maximum Fee of \$30,000 (Legal-Trenk)
- o. 157-20 Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Strategic Plan for the Municipal Alliance Grant for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (VanDyke)
- p. 158-20 Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Strategic Plan for the Municipal Alliance Grant for Fiscal Year October 1, 2020 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (VanDyke)
- q. 159-20 Resolution Authorizing a Contract to Absolute Protective Services, 51 Suttons Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854 to Furnish and Install a Fire Alarm System in the Municipal Building in the Amount of \$42,662.00 (DeSantis)
- r. 161-20 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 Vertical Delineation of Groundwater Contaminants at the Public Works Building, 25 Lakeside Avenue from a Former Leaking Underground Storage Tank for a Fee NTE \$7,200.00 (Lepore)

- s. 162-20 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract to CME Associates, 3759 Highway 1 South, Suite 100, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852 to provide LSRP and Environmental Services for Fire House No. 4, 280 Pleasant Valley Way for a Fee NTE \$57,100.00 (Lepore)
- t. 164-20 Resolution Authorizes the Township to Retain Matrix New World to Provide Environmental Consultant Services to Close Out an Open Department of Environmental Protection File Related to Lake Vincent at Degnan Park (Legal-Moon)
- u. 165-20 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Deed Transferring Title to an Undersized Lot in the Upper Mellon Avenue Area to the Adjacent Property Owner Dov and Miriam Gardin (Legal-Moon)
- v. 166-20 Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the Reconstruction of Lessing Road to Cifelli & Son Contractors, 81 Franklin Street, Nutley, NJ 07110 in the Amount of \$47,761.41 (Lepore)
- w. 167-20 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Manor II Electric, Inc., 3 Ardsley Court, Holmdel, NJ 07733 for the Installation of Emergency Electrical Generator in the Municipal Building in the Amount of \$90,000. (Lepore)
- x. 168-20 Resolution Approving Proposal with PPGLH, 33-41 Newark Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Suite D, Hoboken, NJ 07030 to Prepare Zoning Amendments for an Amount NTE \$7,500. (Legal-Trenk)
- y. 169-20 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with the Essex County Division of Senior Services for the Period of March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, in the amount of \$25,00.00, in Addition to and as a Supplement to the Visiting Nurse Grant; (DeNova)

On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, the consent agenda was implemented.

All members voting “Aye.”

### **Ordinances on Second and Final Reading**

#### **Ordinance 2609-20**

On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 to Include Section 39 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Use of Force, Reporting and Accreditation)** as amended 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 who wished to be heard and public comment was closed.

On motion made by Councilwoman Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members present voting “Aye.”

## Ordinances on First Reading

### Ordinance 2610-20

On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Council President Casalino, **Bond Ordinance Providing Various Capital Improvements in and by the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$13,463,500 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$12,822, 345 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on September 8, 2020.

Councilman Guarino, Councilwoman Matute-Brown, Councilwoman McCartney and Council President Casalino voting "Aye." Councilman Krakoviak voting "Nay."

### Ordinance 2611-20

On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Council President Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, Section 15-7 to Update the Township's Rent Control Ordinance** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on September 8, 2020.

All members present voting "Aye".

### Ordinance 2612-20

On motion made by Councilwoman McCartney and seconded by Councilman Guarino, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-32.1 Handicapped Parking on Streets and 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 September 8, 2020.

All members present voting "Aye".

### Ordinance 2613-20

On motion made by Council President Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **An Ordinance Creating a Reclassification and Salary Schedule of Certain Township of West Orange Employees Setting Forth Their Titles, Classification and Salary Ranges and Adopting a Salary Guide and Establishing the Employee's Status as a Township Employee and Under the Guidelines of the New Jersey Department of Personnel** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on September 8, 2020.

All members present voting "Aye".

### Ordinance 2614-20

On motion made by Council President Casalino and seconded by Councilman Guarino, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter XXV Land Use Regulations 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 September 8, 2020.

All members present voting "Aye".

## Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

The following items were discussed:

The process of approval of Fireworks applications.

Investigative powers of the Township Council regarding discussion with the Tax Assessor.

The process to let residents know about pending legislation being considered prior to the meeting.

Policy on traffic mediation issues and techniques.

**ABC Hearing**

On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Council President Casalino, the Township Council entered into an ABC Hearing.

All members voting “Aye.”

**Resolution 643-20**

Hearing on Renewal for Plenary Retail Consumption, Distribution and Club Licenses for the 2020-2021 License Term (Clerk)

On motion made by Councilwoman McCartney and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, the above referenced resolution was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

On motion made by Councilwoman McCartney and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, the ABC Hearing was adjourned and the Public meeting continued.

All members voting “Aye.

At 12:05 a.m., on motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, the Council Meeting was adjourned.

All members voting “Aye.

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

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**Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.**  
**Municipal Clerk**

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**Michelle Casalino, Council President**

**Adopted: September 8, 2020**