

### **Conference Meeting – October 6, 2020**

The West Orange Township Council met virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic beginning at 6:41 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 Casalino presented a Township Council Citation to Sean Coxe recognizing the work he has done for his Eagle Scout Project, organizing a group of family and friends in cleaning up debris from the 2.5 miles of the West Branch of the Rahway River from Degan Park (by WOHS) down to the Reservoir.

The Council gave their liaison announcements.

### **Public Meeting – October 6, 2020**

The West Orange Township Council met virtually beginning at 7:08 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 – Public Information Officer – Township of West Orange

Sally Malanga – 57 Ridge Road

Altheia Tweiten – 15 Edgar Road

Soshanna Green – 171 Watchung Avenue

Michael Pages – 29 Ferris Drive

Sharon Syedwab – 23 Cleveland Terrace

Brent Scott – 75 Nestro Road

Joyce Rudin – 38 Woodland Avenue

Hannah Munk – 14 Hoover Avenue

H William Rutherford III – 8 Hunt Place

Kristen Reinhardt – 33 Ferris Drive

Greg Zuckerman – Edgemont Road

Stephen Ferry – 50 Edgemont Road

Monica Perkowski – 17 Bloomfield Way

Shilpa Mankikar – 7 Reed Street

Rosary Morelli – Ralph Road

Melinda Lee-Huerta – 17 Park Drive South

Mark Paull – 27 Sunnyside Road

Sharon Sherman – 7 Lakeview Drive

Anthony Puglisi – PIO Essex County

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

**\*Review of Consent Agenda**

**\*Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting-** Public Meeting and Executive Session - September 22, 2020

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

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

**\*Bills**

**Resolution(s)**

At this time the Administration asked that Resolution 183-20 Authorizing the Township of West Orange to Enter into and Execute an Agreement with Vigilant for access to Vigilant’s License Plate Booking Images Database as Part of Vigilant’s Program with Essex County Municipalities and Law Agencies for the rate of \$2,262.79 (Legal-Moon) be pulled off the agenda.

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

**186-20 Resolution Appointing a Recycling Coordinator (Gross)**

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

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

**187-20 Resolution Appointing a Clean Communities Coordinator (Gross)**

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

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

**195-20 197-20 Resolution Authorizing a Contract for the Project Street Improvements, 2020, Phase I to Reggio Construction, Inc. 416 East Central Boulevard, Palisades Park, NJ 07650, in the Amount of \$2,225,520.94 (Lepore)**

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

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

**196-20** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Service Contract to CME Associates, 3759 Highway 1 South, Suite 100, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852 to Provide LSRP and Professional Environmental Services for the Former DPW Garage and WOBOE Bus Storage Garage, 6-8 Lindsley Avenue, for a Fee not to exceed 69,500.00 (Lepore)

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

All Members voting “Aye.”

**198-20** Resolution Approving Memorandum of Agreement between the Township PBA and SOA (Legal-Trenk)

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

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

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

- a. **184-20** Resolution Authorizing an Exemption from Real Estate Taxes for a Totally Disabled Veteran as of July 20, 2020 Pursuant to N.J.S. 54: 4-3.30 et seq., for Property Located at 45 Burnett Terrace (Block 45.02, Lot 33) (Tax Assessor)
- b. **185-20** Resolution Authorizing Use of Competitive Contracting for Affordable Housing Planning and Consulting Services (Legal-Trenk)
- c. **188-20** Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session to Discuss a Matter of Litigation Specifically a Personnel Matter was postponed until the meeting of October 20, 2020.
- d. **189-19** Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Providing of Recreational Services and Social Services to the Residents of West Orange for the Period of January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 in the Amount of \$40,000. for the West Orange Community House (Legal-Moon)
- e. **190-20** Residents of West Orange for the Period of January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 in the Amount of \$12,000. for the Township Police Athletic League (Legal-Moon)
- f. **191-19** Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Providing of Recreational Services and Social Services to the Residents of West Orange for the Period of January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 in the Amount of \$9,500. for Mountain Top League (Legal-Moon)
- g. **192-20** Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into the Reimbursement Agreement between the County of Essex and Township of West Orange dated September 30, 2020 (CARES Act Funding) (Gross)
- h. **193-20** Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Playground Equipment and Surfacing through the Education Services Commission of NJ (ESCNJ) Cooperative Contracts # ESCNJ 20/21-02 and 20/21-22 (Lepore)
- i. **194-20** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to an Overpayment of Taxes Due to a Duplicate Payment (Gagliardo)

j. **197-20** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)

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

All members voting “Aye.”

**Ordinances on First Reading**

**Ordinance 2619-20**

On motion made by Councilman Krakoviak 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 to Implement a Settlement Agreement with Fair Share Housing Center** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on October 20, 2020.

All members voting “Aye.”

**Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion**

The following items were discussed:

Discussion about forming a committee to look at the tree issues  
Crestmont Country Club

**ABC Hearing**

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

All members voting “Aye.”

**Resolution 654-20**

Person to Person Transfer of License 0722-33-029-005 from Briad Restaurant Group, LLC, to TGI Friday’s, Inc.,  
495 Prospect Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052

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

All members voting “Aye.”

**Resolution 655-20**

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 Council President Casalino, the above referenced resolution was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

**Resolution 656-20**

Resolution Authorizing a Settlement Agreement on Behalf of License No. 0722-33-059-008 Rustica Restaurant and Lounge, 274 Main Street, West Orange, NJ

Kyle Fisher, Esq, Antonelli Kantor, PC, Livingston, NJ conducted a hearing regarding the charges against the licensee Ms. Yolanda Barreto and the settlement agreed upon. Ken Kayser, Asst. Township Attorney swore Ms. Barreto in for the record.

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

All members voting “Aye.”

On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Council President Casalino, the Council adjourned as the ABC Board and entered into their Public Meeting.

All members voting “Aye.”

At 12 midnight., on motion made by Councilwoman McCartney and seconded by Councilman Guarino, 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: October 20, 2020**