

### **Conference Meeting – November 24, 2020**

The West Orange Township Council met virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic beginning at 6:34 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

A presentation was made in honor of “Walk the Extra Mile Recognition” recognizing volunteers Stacey and Rob Reese, West Orange Farmer's Market, Camille DeLorenzo on behalf of Pleasant Valley Productions, Ken Stele on behalf of the West Orange Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Cynthia Cumming on behalf of the Holy Trinity West Orange Food Pantry. Laura VanDyke, Senior Services Program Coordinator gave an update on Covid 19 and the efforts being made for the Senior residents of the Township. The Council approved unanimously, the 2021 Council Meeting dates.

Jack Sayers, Business Administrator gave a brief status on Redevelopment in the Township.

The Council gave their liaison announcements.

### **Public Meeting – November 24, 2020**

The West Orange Township Council met virtually beginning at 7:44 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

Emma Svetvilas – Prospect Avenue

Micaela Bennett – Old Indian Road

Raimie Svetvilas – Prospect Avenue

Hannah Munk – 14 Hoover Avenue

Svanfridur Mura – 8 Lessing Road

Katie Schaub – 59 Rollinson Road

Loren Svetvilas – Prospect Avenue

Joyce Rudin – Woodland Avenue

Clare Silvestri – 20 Grandview Avenue

Sally Malanga – 57 Ridge Road

Rosary Morelli – Ralph Road

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-** Executive Session – November 10, 2020

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

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

**\*Bills**

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

- a. **215-20** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$720,000 Special Emergency Notes for the Payment of Severance Liabilities Resulting from Unanticipated Required Accumulated Absence Payouts in Connection with the Layoff or Retirement of Employees in and by the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (Gross)
- b. **230-20** 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)
- c. **231-20** Resolution Authorizing Blau and Blau to Prosecute Affirmative Tax Appeals for 2019 Nunc Pro Tunc (Legal-Trenk)
- d. **232-20** Resolution Authorizing Blau and Blau to Prosecute Affirmative Tax Appeals for 2020 Nunc Pro Tunc (Legal-Trenk)
- e. **233-20** Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Berkley Accident and Health for Stop Loss Coverage for 2021 (Gross)
- j. **235-20** Resolution Determining the Form and Other Details of Not to Exceed \$4,500,000 Principal Amount of Refunding Bonds of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, New Jersey and Providing for the Sale and Delivery of Such Bonds (Gross)
- k. **236-20** Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Extension of Snow Plowing & Snow Removal Services for 2020-2021 – Various Vendors (Lepore)
- l. **237-20** Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Extension of Snow Plowing & Snow Removal Services for 2020-2021 to American Asphalt & Milling Services, 96 Midland Avenue, Kearny, NJ 07032 (Lepore)
- m. **238-20** Resolution Authorizing an Agreement to Modify Deed Restriction - Lot1 Block 140.02 (Legal-Kayser)
- n. **239-20** Resolution Authorizing an Award of Contract for the Installation of an Artificial Turf Field at Degnan Park Associated with the Project Ball Field Improvements at Degnan Park be awarded to Field Turf USA, Inc., 175 North Industrial Boulevard, Calhoun, Georgia 30701 (Lepore)

- o. **240-20** Resolution Authorizing an Award of Contract for the Project Degnan Park Baseball Field Improvements to Zenith Constructions Services, Inc., 365 Thomas Boulevard, Orange, NJ 07050, in the amount of \$413,000.00 (Lepore)
- p. **242-20** Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Gazebo through ESCNJ Co-Op for the Oskar Schindler Performing Arts Center (DeSantis)
- q. **243-20** Resolution to Award a Contract to VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists through HGAC National Co-Op (DeSantis)
- r. **244-20** Resolution Authorizing the Township to Enter into an Agreement with the Essex County Division of Senior Services for the Award of a Grant to Fund 25% of the Costs of a Senior Citizen Public Health Visiting Nurse for 2021 (DeNova)

On motion made by Council President Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, the consent agenda was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

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

**Resolution 212-20**

**212-20** Resolution for Services with Hatzalah of Essex County (Legal-Trenk)

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

All members voting “Aye.”

**Resolution 228-20**

**228-20** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Special Emergency Notes in an Amount Equal to the Special Emergency Appropriation Made for the Purposes Set Forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(L) and/or N.J.S.A. 40A:4-54(M), in and by the Township of West Orange, In the County of Essex, New Jersey (Gross)

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

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

**Resolution 229-20**

**229-20** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Services Agreement Between the Township of West Orange and the West Orange Board of Education – Improvement of Athletic Fields (Gross)

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

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

**Resolution 234-20**

**234-20** Resolution Authorizing an Application to Join the Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund to Provide Retiree Medicare Advantage Health Benefits to Township Retirees at or Over the Age of 65 (Gross)

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

All members voting “Aye.”

**Resolution 241-20**

**241-20** Resolution Authorizing an Award of Contract for the Removal and Replacement of the Artificial Turf Baseball Infield at the West Orange High School be Awarded to Field Turf, USA, Inc. 175 North Industrial Boulevard, Calhoun, Georgia 30701 (Lepore)

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

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

**Ordinances on Second and Final Reading**

**Ordinance 2621-20**

On motion made by Council President Casalino and seconded by Councilman Guarino, **Ordinance Authorizing Special Emergency Appropriation Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 for Severance Liabilities Resulting from Unanticipated Required Accumulated Absence Payouts in Connection with the Layoff or Retirement of Employees** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members 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 Councilman Guarino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

**Ordinance 2622-20**

On motion made by Council President Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, **Refunding Bond Ordinance Providing for the Refunding of All or a Portion of the Outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011, of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$4,500,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$4,500,000 Refunding Bonds of the Township for Financing the Cost Thereof** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members voting “Aye.”

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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 Council President Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members voting "Aye."

#### **Ordinance 2623-20**

On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, **Refunding Bond Ordinance Providing for the Refunding of All or a Portion of the Outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011, of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$4,500,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$4,500,000 Refunding Bonds of the Township for Financing the Cost Thereof** was taken up on second and final reading.

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

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 Councilman Guarino and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

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

#### **Ordinance 2616-20**

On motion made by Council President Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 25, Section 27.4 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Tree Protection and Removal-Permit Required; Prohibitions and Exemptions)** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members 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 else who wished to be heard and public comment was closed.

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

All members voting "Aye."

#### **Ordinances on First Reading**

#### **Ordinance 2624-20**

On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-19, Through Streets and Subsections 7-21.2, Multi-Way Stops Near Schools, Playgrounds and Youth Recreation Facilities 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 December 15, 2020.

All members voting “Aye.”

**Ordinance 2625-20**

On motion made by Councilwoman Matute-Brown 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 December 15, 2020.

All members voting “Aye.”

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

The following items were discussed:

The Council decided on a 6 p.m. start time for the December 15, 2020 Council meeting. The administration explained that the Township didn’t renew its contract with Ring. The new Council members will be receiving a packet for the next meeting so they can follow along. Also discussed was the timeline for making changes to the tree ordinance, policies and procedures.

At 11:38 p.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: December 15, 2020**