

Conference Meeting – December 15, 2020

The West Orange Township Council met virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic beginning at 6:07 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.

On November 25, 2020 a 48 hour notice was sent to the West Orange Chronicle and the Star Ledger indicating that the Conference meeting would begin at 6:00 p.m.

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

A presentation about the Street Smart New Jersey Pedestrian Campaign was given by Councilman Guarino, West Orange School District Superintendent Dr. Scott Cascone, West Orange Police Department Traffic Bureau Patrolman Scott Smarsh, Will Yarzab, Street Smart NJ Coordinator-North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, Zachary Calle, Assistant Coordinator-EZ Ride – Bike & Pedestrian Safety Programs and Lisa Lee, Deputy Director-EZ Ride – Bike & Pedestrian Safety Programs.

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

The Council gave their liaison announcements.

Public Meeting – December 15, 2020

The West Orange Township Council met virtually beginning at 7:15 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

Crystal Dickinson – 24 Ralph Road

Dave Cubie – W.O. Public Library Director

Michael D. Pages – 29 Ferris Drive

Sally Malanga – Ridge Road

Eta Levenson – 21 Ferris Drive

Marc Rosenberg – Fernwood Circle

Rosary Morelli – Ralph Road

Micaela Bennett – Old Indian Road

Zasah Khademi – 4 Dawes Avenue

Tammy Williams – 16 Hillside Avenue

Isabela Dias Freedman – 716 Northfield Avenue

Joyce Rudin – Woodland Avenue

Gerald Sweeney – 24 Oak Bend

Clare Silvestri – 20 Grandview Avenue

Kevin Malanga – Ridge Road

Douglas Adams – 9 Westover Terrace

Bill Rutherford – 8 Hundt Place

Anand Bhagwat – 51 Haggerty Drive

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.

***Review of Consent Agenda**

***Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting-** Public Meeting(s) November 10 and November 24, 2020

***Report of Township Officers – None**

***Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids**

- a. Correspondence from Mayor Parisi for advice and consent of the Township Council for the appointment of Sunjana Sridhar to the West Orange Public Library Board. Her appointment will become effective January 1, 2021 and continue through December 31, 2022.
- b. Correspondence from Mayor Parisi for advice and consent of the Township Council for the appointment of Kendall Blue to the West Orange Public Library Board. Her appointment will become effective January 1, 2021 and continue through December 31, 2024.
- c. Planning Board Resolution 20-08 Consideration of the Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan to Become Part of the Master Plan for the Township of West Orange
- d. Planning Board Resolution 20-09 Recommending Designation of Block 155, Lot 40.02; Block 155, Lot 42.02; and Block 155, Lot 41.02 as a Non-Condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment
- e. Correspondence from Mayor Parisi for advice and consent of the Township Council for the appointment of Dana R. Nugent to the West Orange Public Library Board. Her appointment will become effective January 1, 2021 and continue through December 31, 2025.
- f. Correspondence from Mayor Parisi for advice and consent of the Township Council for the appointment of Karen Mengden to the West Orange Public Library Board. Her appointment will become effective January 1, 2021 and continue through December 31, 2025.

- g. Correspondence from Mayor Parisi for advice and consent of the Township Council for the appointment of Amy Schwarz to the West Orange Public Library Board. Her appointment will become effective January 1, 2021 and continue through December 31, 2025.
- h. Correspondence from Mayor Parisi re-appointing the Honorable Dennis Dowd for a three-year term ending December 31, 2023. His appointment will become effective January 1, 2021 and designate continuation as Chief Judge of the Municipal Court ending with the Mayor's term.

***Bills**

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

- i. **246-20** Resolution Authorizing an Exemption from Real Estate Taxes for a Totally Disabled Veteran as of August 7, 2020 Pursuant to N.J.S. 54: 4-3.30 et seq., for Property Located at 17 Kenz Terrace (Block 152.22, Lot 1424.11) (Tax Assessor)
- j. **247-20** Resolution Appointing Leonard Lepore and James Williams to the Essex County Division of Housing and Community Development for the Year 2021 (Lepore)
- k. **248-20** Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Gross)
- l. **250-20** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Rebate Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Pursuant to Final Judgment by the Essex County Board of Taxation (Gagliardo)
- m. **251-20** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to an Overpayment of 2020 Annual Sewer Charge (Gagliardo)
- n. **252-20** Resolution Authorizing a Discharge of Mortgage for Property at 60 Ridgeway Avenue (Block 158.02, Lot 60 (Zoning)
- o. **253-20** Resolution Authorizing a Contract for the Renewal of Dental Benefit Claims Coverage with Delta Dental for 2021 (Gross)
- p. **255-20** Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 and Final for the Project Installation of Emergency Generators at Fire Station No. 2 and Fire Station No. 3 with D&M Electrical, LLC, 3 Borrego Drive, Woodland Park, NJ 07424 in the Amount of \$1,340.90 (Lepore)
- q. **256-20** Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 and Final for the O'Connor Park Tennis Court Improvements with Ralph Checchio, Inc., P.O. Box 627, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 in the Amount of \$925.00 (Lepore)
- r. **257-20** Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property (DeSantis)
- s. **258-20** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with authorized to enter into a Professional Services Contract with Herbst-Musciano, 611 Main Street, Second Floor, Boonton, New Jersey 07005 to Provide Professional Architectural Services for a New Roof at the Ginny Duenkel Pool Locker Rooms and Concession Building on Cherry Street for an Amount NTE \$27,896.00 (Lepore)
- t. **259-20** 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, Which Complies with their Contract No. 18/19-55 with a State Approved Cooperative Purchasing Agency, Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, in the additional amount of \$20,491.84 Bringing the Total Contract Price to \$282,122.30 (Lepore)
- u. **260-20** Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Gross)

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 245-20

245-20 PUBLIC HEARING and Adoption of Downtown West Orange Alliance Special Improvement District 2021 Budget (Brill)

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

All members voting “Aye.”

Resolution 249-20

At this time Councilman Krakoviak made a motion to postpone the reading and approval on resolution 249-20. There was no second. The motion failed.

Ken Kayser swore in Ms. Susan Gruel, Planning Consultant with the firm Heyer, Gruel & Associates prior to her testimony.

249-20 Resolution of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, Designating Block 155, Lots 40.02, 41.02 and 42.02 as a Non-Condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment (Trenk)

At this time, the Council President allowed public comment on this resolution.

Susan McAbee – 2 Mountain Way

Micaela Bennett – Old Indian Road

Lois Reichert – 97 Main Street

Melina Huerta – 17 Park Drive S.

Bill Rutherford – 8 Hundt Place

Brent Scott – Nestro Road

Kevin Malanga – Ridge Road

Joyce Rudin – Woodland Avenue

Clare Silvestri – 20 Grandview Avenue

Patrick Hinfey – 9 West Road

Gerald Sweeney – 24 Oak Bend

Zasah Khademi – 4 Dawes Avenue

Sally Malanga – Ridge Road

Isabela Dias Freedman – 716 Northfield Avenue

Rosa Williams – Oak Crest Road

Karen Jones – 7 Edgewood Avenue N.

Darren Tobia – Columbia Street

Marc Rosenberg – Fernwood Circle

Marge Mingin – 30 Davey Drive – President – W.O. Library Board

Anand Bhagwat – 51 Haggerty Drive

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

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

Resolution 254-20

254-20 Resolution Authorizing the Retention of Heyer, Gruel & Associates, Planning Consultant for the Preparation and Presentation of a Redevelopment Plan for the Redevelopment Area (Legal-Trenk)

On motion made by Councilwoman Matute-Brown 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 2625-20

- v. On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Council President Casalino, **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 (Gross)** 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 Council President Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion-None

At 1:40 a.m., on motion made by Council President Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, the Council Meeting was recessed until January 5, 2021.

All members 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

, Council President

Adopted: January 5, 2021