

## Conference Meeting – January 5, 2021

The West Orange Township Council met virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic beginning at 6:33 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 November 30, 2020, and published in the West Orange Chronicle on December 10, 2020.

Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman McCartney, Councilman Rutherford, Councilwoman Williams, Council President Matute-Brown, Mayor Parisi

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, Councilwoman Cindy Matute-Brown was nominated as the 2021 Council President. All members voting “Aye.”

Council President’s Oath of Office was administered by her husband, Stephen Brown, Esq.

The Oaths of Office was administered to Councilwoman Michelle Casalino by Assemblyman John McKeon, to Councilwoman Tammy Williams by Assemblywoman Mila Jasey and to Councilman Bill Rutherford by Councilman John McKeon.

Mayor Parisi offered his congratulations to each of the Council members.

The following Council Liaison appointments were made:

- **Council Liaison Appointments for 2021**

<u>SM</u> Planning Board	1 <u>MC</u>	m2 <u>CMB</u>	5-0
<del>rescind</del> Local Assistance Board			
<u>MC</u> ERSCHA (Degnan House)	m1 <u>SM</u>	m2 <u>CMB</u>	5-0
<u>TW</u> WOSCHA (John P. Renna House)	m1 <u>CMB</u>	m2 <u>MC</u>	5-0
<u>MC</u> Downtown West Orange Alliance			
<u>Nomination of Councilwoman Casalino</u>	m1 <u>MC</u>	m2 <u>CMB</u>	4-1
Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman McCartney, Councilwoman Williams, Council President Matute-Brown voting Aye, Councilman Rutherford voting Nay.			
<u>Nomination of Councilman Rutherford</u>	m1 <u>BR</u>	m2 <u>TW</u>	1-4
Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman McCartney, Councilwoman Williams, Council President Matute-Brown voting Nay, Councilman Rutherford voting Aye.			
<u>CMB</u> West Orange Municipal Alliance Committee	m1 <u>CMB</u>	m2 <u>SM</u>	5-0
<u>SM</u> West Orange Arts Council	m1 <u>MC</u>	m2 <u>CMB</u>	5-0
<u>BR</u> Open Space & Recreation Committee	m1 <u>CMB</u>	m2 <u>SM</u>	5-0
<u>MC</u> Public Relations Commission			
<u>Nomination of Councilwoman Casalino</u>	m1 <u>MC</u>	m2 <u>CMB</u>	3-2

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman McCartney, Council President Matute-Brown voting Aye, Councilwoman Williams and Councilman Rutherford voting Nay.

Nomination of Councilwoman Williams m1 TW m2 BR 2-3

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman McCartney, Council President Matute-Brown voting Nay, Councilwoman Williams and Councilman Rutherford voting Aye.

CMB Oscar Schindler Performing Arts Center m1 CMB m2 MC 5-0

MC West Orange Board of Education m1 CMB m2 SM 5-0

BR Joint Meeting Commission (2-year term-exp. 12/22) m1 CMB m2 SM 5-0

TW West Orange Historic Preservation Commission m1 TW m2 CMB 5-0

BR Pedestrian Safety Committee m1 CMB m2 TW 5-0

BR & CMB Municipal Insurance Fund (2-year term-exp. 12/22) m1 BR m2 MC 5-0

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

The Council gave their liaison announcements.

### **Public Meeting – January 5, 2021**

The West Orange Township Council met virtually beginning at 7:43 p.m., Karen Carnevale, Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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### **Public Comment**

Joe Fagan – Public Information Officer – Township of West Orange

Dr. Karma Brown Warren – Berkeley Avenue, Orange, NJ-wife of Mayor Ted Warren

Joyce Harley – 513 Smith Manor Blvd.

Dr. Janice Johnson Dias – 272 St. Cloud Avenue

Kathy Williams – 665 Tenet Road, Manalapan, NJ- Founding Member of Elect Women NJ

Rosary Morelli – Ralph Road

Tyneisha Gibbs – 239 Fortieth Street, Irvington, NJ

Khabirah Myers – Marion Drive

Carolyne Wright Hopkins – Emerson Court, Morris Township, NJ

Lady Trish Scipio – 7 Pleasant Avenue, Montclair, NJ

Stacie Yates Church – 22 Post Lane, Livingston, NJ

Pastor Douglas Adams – 9 Westover Terrace

Michael D. Pages – Ferris Drive

Shaviece Osborne 70 1/2 N Willow Montclair

Bessie Walker – 75 Vascar Avenue, Newark, NJ-Former Newark, NJ Councilwoman

Erika Swaringen-Blankumsee – Executive Director at ESSB Holdings, LLC

Melinda Huerta – 17 Park Drive S.

Justin Goldsman – 14 Moran Road

Susan Anderson – Colony Drive E

Sandra Mordecai – 516 Pleasant Valley Way

Maritza Brown – 5 Linden Court

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 - None**

**\*Bills - None**

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

- a. **1-21** Resolution Authorizing the Temporary Budget – 2020 (Gross)
- b. **2-21** Resolution Authorizing a Cash Management Plan for 2020 (Gross)
- c. **3-21** Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Temporary Appropriation for Funding of Tax Appeals (Gross)
- d. **4-21** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- e. **5-21** Interlocal Agreement with Roseland for Animal Control Services (DeNova)
- f. **6-21** Interlocal Agreement with North Caldwell for Animal Control Services (DeNova)
- g. **8-21** 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)
- i. **9-21** Resolution Accepting a Grant from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Public Entity Program Through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Lepore)

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, the consent agenda was approved.

All members voting "Aye."

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

**Resolution 7-21**

a. **7-21** Resolution Essex County Community Block Grant Program Year 2021 (Lepore)

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

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

**Ordinances on First Reading**

**Ordinance 2626-21**

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 January 26, 2021.

All members voting "Aye."

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

Council President Matute-Brown presented a re-cap of items discussed at previous council meetings that she would like addressed going forward: Investment of Town Planner or Economic Developer, Local Assistance Board Ordinance to be rescinded, Rent Leveling Board appointments to be made, Ord. 2595-20 Medical Marijuana Dispensary, Public Contract reform, Medicare for All resolution – Act HR1384, Rock Spring Golf Club, Edison Lofts, relocation of the DPW-Phase II Development of Downtown, fee for the State of the Township address, Timeframe for the review of the 2021 Municipal Budget, status of the curfew at O'Connor Park.

At 9:34 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, 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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**Cindy Matute-Brown, Council President**

**Adopted: January 26, 2021**