

Conference Meeting – April 20, 2021

The West Orange Township Council met virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic beginning at 6:39 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

A presentation was given by Mayor Parisi and Paul Grygiel, the Township's Planning Consultant regarding "An Area in Need of Rehabilitation."

Councilwoman Susan McCartney recognized Arbor Day.

The Council discussed the upcoming Municipal Budget Hearing dates.

The Council gave their liaison announcements.

Public Meeting – April 20, 2021

The West Orange Township Council met virtually beginning at 7:41 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

Laura VanDyke – Coordinator-Township of West Orange Senior Services and Coordinator-Municipal Alliance Program

Rosary Morelli – Ralph Road

Joyce Rudin – Woodland Avenue

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

ABC Hearing

Resolution 658-21

658-21 Resolution Authorizing a Person to Person and Place to Place (Extension of Premises) transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0722-33-031-007 from Anchor Restaurant, LLC, 290 Watchung Ave., West Orange, NJ 07052 to, 2001 Proof, LLC, 178 Main Street, West Orange, NJ 07052 t/a Parkside Bar & Grill (Clerk)

Mr. Robert Williams, Esq. representing the new licensee Harrison Johnson, Mr. Harold Johnson and Mr. Daniel Antonelli, Jr., the Township's ABC Prosecutor appeared before the ABC Board.

Mr. Antonelli explained to the ABC Board that Police Chief Abbott and Lt. John DeMars recommended the transfer and dismissal of all pending charges on the former owner of the license.

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, the ABC Board approved the transfer and the recommendations of Chief Abbott and Lt. DeMars. All pending charges were dismissed and the transfer was finalized.

All board members voting "Aye."

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***Review of Consent Agenda**

***Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting-** Township Council Meeting- April 6, 2021

***Report of Township Officers – None**

***Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids - None**

***Bills**

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

- a. **64-21** Resolution Authorizing the Township to Execute and Record a Satisfaction of Mortgage for the Property at 54 Forest Hill Road after Receiving Payment of the Balance on the Mortgage from the Owners of the Property (Legal-Moon)
- b. **65-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Rebate Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Pursuant to Final Judgment by the Tax Court of New Jersey (Tax Collector)
- c. **66-21** Resolution Authorizing a Contract for the Project Street Improvements 2020, Phase II to Cifelli & Son General Contracting, 81 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110 in the amount of \$2,091,766.75 (Lepore)
- d. **67-21** Resolution Approving Tax Appeal Settlement for Property at 769 Northfield Avenue, Block 166.15, Lot 9 (Legal-Trenk)
- e. **68-21** Resolution Authorizing the 2020 Reimbursement for Services to Private Communities for Snow Removal (Lepore)
- f. **69-21** Resolution Authorizing the 2020 Leaf Collection and Obstruction Removal Reimbursement to Llewellyn Park (Lepore)

- g. **70-21** Resolution Authorizing Financial Reimbursement to Twenty-One Private Communities for the Costs of Street Lighting Pursuant to the Municipal Services Act (Lepore)
- h. **71-21** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract to Greenman – Pedersen, 301 Gibraltar Drive, Morris Plains, N.J. in the amount of \$9,504.00 for Inspection Services Associated with Road Improvements in the Rock Spring Road Neighborhood (Lepore)
- i. **73-21** Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 and Change Order No. 2 and Final for the Project Pleasant Valley Way Parking Lot Improvement with Zenith Construction Services, Inc., 365 Thomas Boulevard, Orange, NJ 07050 in the amounts of \$39,764.26 and \$8,102.52 (Lepore)
- j. **74-21** Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session to Discuss a Matter of Litigation and Contract Negotiation Specifically Crestmont Country Club

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

All members voting “Aye.”

Resolution(s) removed from the Consent Agenda

Resolution 72-21

- k. **72-21** Resolution Approving an Amended Memorandum of Agreement between the West Orange Fire Superior Officer’s Association and the Township of West Orange (Gross)

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

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

Ordinances on Second and Final Reading - None

Ordinances on First Reading-None

Executive Session

At 8:59 p.m. on motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, the Council entered into an executive session.

All members voting “Aye.”

At 9:38 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, the executive session was ended and the Council returned to their public meeting.

All members voting “Aye.”

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

The Council discussed the Cannabis legislation and the Preservation of Open Space.

At 10:00 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the Council Meeting was adjourned.

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

Cindy Matute-Brown, Council President

Adopted: May 4, 2021