

Conference Meeting – May 4, 2021

The West Orange Township Council met virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic beginning at 6:35 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 Graduate Students Nazrin Akther, Greg Wu, Gabriel Almanza and Mr. Stan Goodman of the Stevens Institute of Technology's Environmental Engineering Department regarding a Sustainability Management Plan.

The Council had a follow up discussion regarding the 2021 Municipal Budget hearing dates.

The Council gave their liaison announcements.

Public Meeting – May 4, 2021

The West Orange Township Council met virtually beginning at 7:16 p.m., Karen Carnevale, Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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

Public Comment

Joe Fagan – Public Information Officer – Township of West Orange

Joe Krakoviak – 20 Grandview Avenue

Anthony Puglisi – Public Information Officer – 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-** 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. **33-21** Resolution Correcting Resolution 33-21 Previously Adopted by the Township Council on February 9, 2021 to Correct the Mis-Identification of the Address for the Property Being Transferred (Legal-Moon)
- b. **75-21** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle License (Clerk)
- c. **76-21** Resolution Authorizing Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes LLC to Prepare and Present a Comprehensive Amendment to the Downtown Redevelopment Plan that Would Focus on Permitted Uses and Other Development Regulations for Portions of the Township's Downtown Redevelopment Area, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$9,000 (Gross)
- d. **77-21** Resolution for Consideration of whether the Township Qualifies as an Area in Need of Rehabilitation that will be Referred to the Planning Board of the Township of West Orange for its Consideration and the Preparation of a Report by the Township Engineer (Legal-Trenk)
- e. **78-21** Resolution Making Application (Executive Drive) to the Local Finance Board Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-67(g) and 40A:12A-29(a)(3)a (Legal-Trenk)
- f. **79-21** Resolution Approving the Continuation of the Program with Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris, Inc, that will Assist the Police in Training, Responses and Evaluation of How Best to Address Mental Health Responses for the Balance of the year, from April 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at a Total Cost of \$40,000. (Legal-Trenk)
- g. **80-21** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with Hendricks Appraisal Company, Inc., 7 Hutton Avenue, West Orange, NJ to Provide Appraisal Services to the Township for the Period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at an Hourly Rate of \$150. (Legal-Moon)
- h. **81-21** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Ken Kayser, Esq. to Serve as Assistant Township Attorney for the Term Beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at an Annual Rate of \$31,500. (Legal-Moon)
- i. **82-21** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Richard Trenk, Esq., Trenk Isabel P.C., 290 W. Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Suite 2350, Livingston, New Jersey 07039 to Serve as Township Attorney, and other Members and Trenk Isabel, PC, to Assist Him at his Direction and at No Additional Cost for Non-Litigated Matters and for which the Firm is not hired as Special Counsel for 2021 at the Rates specified in the Agreement (Legal-Kayser)
- j. **83-21** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Fox Rothschild, LLP, 75 Eisenhower Parkway, Suite 200, Roseland, NJ to Serve as Labor Counsel for the Period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at an Hourly Rate of \$175.00. (Legal-Moon)
- k. **84-21** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with NW Financial Group, LLC to Provide Financial Consulting Services for the Calendar Year 2021 at the Rates specified in the Agreement (Legal-Moon)
- l. **86-21** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Allied Risk Management Services as Risk Management Consultant for the West Orange Insurance Fund Commission for the Period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a Total Cost of \$24,000. (Legal-Moon)
- m. **88-21** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with PKF O'Connor Davies, 293 Eisenhower Parkway, Livingston, NJ for appointment as the Township Auditor for the Period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at the Rate of \$55,000 per Audit. (Legal-Moon)

- n. **89-21** Resolution Authorizing Retention of Antonelli Kantor, P.C. as Special ABC Prosecutor for the Period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at an Hourly Rate of \$150.00 (Legal-Moon)
- o. **90-21** Resolution Authorizing the Township to Execute a Grant Agreement with the County of Essex for Receipt of the Grant Funds from the Municipal Alliance Program (Legal-Moon)
- p. **91-21** Resolution Approving Concession Agreement Between Kemper Sports Management, Inc. and RBG Hospitality Group, LLC. (Legal-Trenk)
- q. **92-21** Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation in the Amount of \$57,386.26 to Montana Construction, 80 Contant Avenue, Lodi, NJ, 07644 for Emergency Sewer Construction to the Township’s Sanitary Sewer Main on Curtis Avenue near Garfield Avenue (Lepore)
- r. **93-21** Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the Project Street Improvements, 2018 Phase IIA with Reggio Construction Inc., 416 E. Central Boulevard, Palisades Park, NJ 17650 in the Amount of \$196,275.00 (Lepore)
- s. **94-21** Resolution Authorizing Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes, LLC, 33-41 Newark Street, 3rd Flr., Suite D, Hoboken, NJ 07030, to Perform Certain Land Use and Consulting Services with Regard to Pending Tax Appeals Involving Essex County Country Club at an Amount Not to Exceed \$7,500. (Legal-Trenk)
- t. **95-21** Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session to Discuss a Matter of Litigation and Contract Negotiation Specifically Crestmont Country Club
- u. **96-21** Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Agreement Between West Orange Firefighters Mutual Benevolent Association, Local 28 and the Township of West Orange (Gross)
- v. **97-21** Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Watchung Avenue Improvements Project to Reggio Construction, Inc., 416 E. Central Blvd., Palisades Park, NJ in the Amount of \$213,103.53. (Lepore)

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

All members voting “Aye.”

Resolution(s) removed from the Consent Agenda

Resolution 85-21

85-21 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Joseph Wenzel, Esq. to Serve as the Township’s Municipal Prosecutor the for the Period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at the Rate of \$1,000. Per Week. (Legal-Moon)

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilman Rutherford, the above reference resolution was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

Resolution 87-21

87-21 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Kenneth D. McPherson, III, Esq. to serve as the Planning Board Attorney for the Township of West Orange for the Period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at the rates specified in the agreement (Legal-Moon)

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

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinances on Second and Final Reading - None

Ordinances on First Reading-None

Executive Session

At 8:35 p.m. on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the Council entered into an executive session.

All members voting “Aye.”

At 9:05 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams 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 approval of the FMBA Contract on tonight’s agenda.

At 9:19 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 18, 2021