

**Conference Meeting – October 12, 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

Council President Matute-Brown presented the Mayor’s Proclamation on behalf of Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day and #LightUPMBC National Campaign.

The Council gave their liaison reports.

**Public Meeting – October 12, 2021**

The West Orange Township Council met virtually beginning at 7:00 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

Darren Tobia – Columbia Street

Deborah Feinberg – Cullen Drive

Anthony Puglisi – PIO – Essex County

Love M. Gaillard – 31 Park Drive N.

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-** September 28, 2021 Public Meeting Minutes

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

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

**\*Bills**

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

- a. **259-21** Resolution Authorizing the Subordination of the Recorded Mortgage on the Property at 36 Robertson Road for the Housing Rehabilitation Program to Allow the Property Owner to Refinance the Mortgage on the Property (Legal-Moon)
- b. **260-21** 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. **261-21** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with BBG, Inc., 205 Main Street, P.O. Box 255, Chatham, NJ 07928, to Provide Appraisal Services to the Township of West Orange at the Total Cost of \$42,000 (Legal-Trenk)
- d. **WITHDRAWN 262-21** Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 2 for the Project Street Improvements, 2020 Phase I with Reggio Construction Inc., 416 E. Central Boulevard, Palisades Park, NJ 07650 in the Amount of \$221,000.00 or 19.76 Percent Increase in the Original Contract Amount (Lepore)
- e. **263-21** Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 2 for the Project Street Improvements, 2020 Phase II with Cifelli & Son General Contracting, 81 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110 in the Amount of \$162,000.00 or 18.07 Percent Increase in the Original Contract Amount (Lepore)
- f. **265-21** Resolution Authorizing the Subordination of the Recorded Mortgage on the Property at 11 Tremont Avenue, for the Housing Rehabilitation Program to Allow the Property Owner to Refinance the Mortgage on the Property (Legal-Moon)
- g. **266-21** Resolution authorizing the Township of West Orange to Incur Necessary and Emergent Expenses to Ensure the Safety of the Property and Assist the Residents, and Take All Other Necessary and Appropriate Steps to Protect the Public Safety and Health at 275 Northfield Avenue (Block 81.01, Lot 1.02) that Consists of Forty-Four (44) Apartments Contained in a Two-Floor Apartment Building (Legal-Trenk)

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

All members voting “Aye.”

**Resolution(s) removed from the Consent Agenda**

**Resolution 264-21**

- h. **264-21** Resolution Authorizing the Township of West Orange, In the County of Essex, State of New Jersey to Issue One or More Series of Non-Recourse Redevelopment Area Bonds in an Aggregate Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$4,500,000. to Fund a Portion of the Project Costs Related to the Essex Green Executive Drive Redevelopment Project (Legal-E. Johnson-Wilentz)

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

All members voting “Aye.”

**Ordinances on Second and Final Reading**

**Ordinance 2658-21**

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 14.5 and Establishing Chapter 2, Section 14.9 of the**

**Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Appointment of Police Department, Officers and Personnel)** was taken up on second and final reading.

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

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.

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

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

### **Ordinances on First Reading**

#### **Ordinance 2661-21**

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements In and By the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$15,236,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$14,510,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on October 26, 2021.

All members voting “Aye.”

#### **Ordinance 2662-21**

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of Various Properties Pursuant to the Downtown Redevelopment Plan, By and In the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Appropriating \$7,000,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$7,000,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance the Cost Thereof** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on October 26, 2021.

All members voting “Aye.”

#### **Ordinance 2663-21**

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **Bond Ordinance Providing for the Remediation, Demolition and Development of Township Owned Properties Identified on the Official Tax Map of the Township and Commonly Known as Block 9, Lots 32 and 36, Commonly Referred to as 8-10 Central Avenue, Respectively, Pursuant to the Central Avenue Development Plan, By and In the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Appropriating \$500,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$500,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance the Cost Thereof** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on October 26, 2021.

All members voting “Aye.”

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

A discussion took place with regard to the Jitney ridership, the sidewalk on Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Strider lights on Prospect Avenue and Ridge Road and what can be done about vehicular accidents in the Township.

At 9:48 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino the public 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: October 26, 2021**