

**Conference Meeting – October 26, 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

The Council gave their liaison reports.

**Public Meeting – October 26, 2021**

The West Orange Township Council met virtually beginning at 7:02 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

Love Gaillard – 31 Park Drive N.

Joe Krakoviak – 20 Grandview Avenue

Paul Hansen – Anchorage, Alaska

Jackie Schatell – 44 Buckingham Road

Clare Silvestri – 20 Grandview Avenue

Frank Balestriere – 275 St. Cloud Avenue

Lori Abrams – 139 Mitchell Avenue

Tez Roro – 24 Hudson Avenue

Jonathan Sharret – 11 Howell Drive

Anthony Puglisi – PIO – 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-** October 12, 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. **267-21** Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation NJS 40A:4-87 – Covid 19 Vaccination Supplemental \$50,000. (Prochilo)
- b. **268-21** Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation NJS 40A:4-87 – Municipal Alliance Programs 2021/22 (Prochilo)
- c. **269-21** Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation NJS 40A:4-87 – Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program 2022 (Prochilo)
- d. **270-21** Resolution Authorizing the Township to Exercise the First of Two (2) One-Year Extension Options for the Agreement with Reliable Wood for the Operation of the Township’s Recycling Center and Compost Facility (Legal-Moon)
- e. **271-21** Resolution Correcting the Previously Adopted Resolution 265-21, Authorizing the Subordination of Mortgage for the Property at 11 Tremont Avenue to Correct the Name of the Property Owners’ New Mortgage Lender (Legal-Moon)
- f. **272-21** Resolution Authorizing the New Parking Lot on Eagle Rock Avenue in the Pleasantdale Section of West Orange be Named the “Goldman Lot.” (Legal-Trenk)
- g. **273-21** Resolution Authorizing the Parking Lot on Lindsley Avenue and Northfield Avenue be Named the “Gordon Hansen Parking Lot.” (Legal-Trenk)
- h. **274-21** Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1, in the Amount of \$38,774.00 for Additional Fresh Air Damper/Cabinet Heater Wiring, Additional Roof Repairs Necessitated by the Fresh Air Damper/Cabinet Heater Wiring to TNS Construction, LLC, 1294 Waterloo Road, Stanhope, NJ 07874 (Lepore)
- i. **275-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Overpayment of Taxes to the Listed Taxpayer (Tax Collector)
- j. **276-21** Resolution Authorizing the Certification of the 2020 Annual Audit by the Governing Body (Gross)

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

All members voting “Aye.”

**Ordinances on Second and Final 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 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.

Joe Krakoviak – 20 Grandview Avenue

Clare Silvestri – 20 Grandview Avenue

On motion made by Councilwoman McCartney and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

**Ordinance 2662-21**

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, **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 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.

Clare Silvestri – 20 Grandview Avenue

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

**Ordinance 2663-21**

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **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 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.

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Rutherford, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

## **Ordinances on First Reading-None**

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

A discussion took place with regard to the following:

- The Township policy on the mandated Covid 19 vaccine.
- Retaining services of geo technical Engineer to study areas with steep slopes.
- 275 Northfield Avenue
- The preservation of the 12-acre forest on Ridge Road.
- Process to engage a charette for land acquisitions.

At 11:05 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilman Rutherford, the Council entered into an ABC Hearing.

All members voting “Aye.”

- a. 673-21** Resolution Rescinding in Part ABC Resolution No. 659-21, Removing Licensee No. 0722-33-067-010, Fan & Jade, Inc., (Inactive/Pocket License) and License No. 0722-44-027-005, AMI West Orange, LLC (Inactive/Pocket License) as Licenses Approved for Renewal for the 2021-2022 License Term for Failure to Obtain Required Special Rulings (Legal-Kayser)

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

All members voting “Aye.”

- b. 674-21** Hearing on Renewal for Plenary Retail Consumption, Distribution and Club Licenses for the 2021-2022 License Term (Clerk)

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

All members voting “Aye.”

At 11:09 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilman Rutherford 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: November 9, 2021**