

Conference Meeting – November 9, 2021

The West Orange Township Council met virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic beginning at 6:41 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

John Gross spoke about the Best Practices Inventory Survey.

The Council gave their liaison reports.

Public Meeting – November 9, 2021

The West Orange Township Council met virtually beginning at 7:06 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

Lawrence Dominguez – President – PBA Local 25

Joe Krakoviak – 20 Grandview Avenue

Sally Malanga – Ridge Road

Charity Bracy – 275 Northfield Avenue

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 26, 2021 Public Meeting Minutes

***Report of Township Officers – None**

***Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids**

- a. Planning Board Resolution Recommending that Block 116, Lot 44, 239-245 Main Street be Designated as a Condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5(b) of the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law (LRHL)

***Bills**

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

- a. **277-21** Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 3 for the Project Street Improvements, 2020 Phase II with Cifelli & Son General Contracting, 81 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110 in the Amount of \$345,750.00 or a 34.6 Percent Increase in the Original Contract Amount Bringing the Adjusted Contract Amount to \$2,815,516.75 (Lepore)
- b. **278-21** Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation in the Amount of \$111,974.00 to Pay S. Brothers, Inc., P.O. Box 317, South River, NJ 08882 for Emergency Road Construction Consisting of Pavement Milling and Resurfacing and Manhole to Portions of Brennan Drive, Crystal Avenue, Cobane Terrace, Rollinson Street and Syme Avenue (Lepore)
- c. **279-21** Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation in the Amount of \$337,500.00 to Reggio Construction, Inc., 416 E. Central Boulevard, Palisades Park, NJ 07650 for Emergency Road Repair on Brook Place and Wessman Drive for Emergency Road Construction Consisting of Pavement Milling, Resurfacing, New Curb and Sidewalk (Lepore)
- d. **280-21** Resolution Appointing Panayiota Reynolds to the Position of Qualified Purchasing Agent (Gross)
- e. **281-21** Resolution to Upgrade the 800 MHz Radio Communication Equipment 2nd Phase (Reynolds)
- f. **282-21** Resolution Awarding a Contract to Carrier Corporation, Through Use of the Sourcewell (formerly) NJPA) National Cooperative Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 (Reynolds)
- g. **283-21** Resolution Authorizing the Subordination of the Recorded Mortgage on the Property at 94 Mayfair Drive, for the Housing Rehabilitation Program to Allow the Property Owner to Refinance the Mortgage on the Property (Legal-Moon)
- h. **284-21** Resolution Authorizing a Competitive Contracting Process for the Services of a Third-Party Administrator (TPA) to Assist in the Processing of the Township's Various Self-Insured Claims for Worker's Compensation, Automobile and General Liability (Reynolds)
- i. **285-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to a Veteran Exemption (Tax Collector)
- j. **286-21** Resolution of the Township Council Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Any Documents Required for Issuance of an Annual ABC Concessionaire's Permit by the NJ Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the Sale and Service of Alcoholic Beverages by RBG Hospitality Group, LLC, d/b/a The Rock 1925 at the Township Owned Rock Spring Golf Club (Legal-Kayser)
- k. **287-21** Resolution Designating a Property Within Main Street Extension Area for Redevelopment (Legal-Beckelman)
- l. **288-21** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle License(s) (Clerk)
- m. **289-21** Resolution In Support of the Application for Funds to Develop Family Affordable Housing in the Tompkins Street Apartments (Legal-Trenk)

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

All members voting "Aye."

Ordinances on Second and Final Reading - None

Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance 2664-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, **An Ordinance of the Township of West Orange, In the County of Essex, State of New Jersey Providing for a Special Emergency Appropriation in an Amount Not to Exceed \$500,00 to Fund Contractually Required Severance Liabilities Resulting from the Retirement of Employees in the Township** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on November 23, 2021.

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinance 2665-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-32.2, Restricted Parking Zones of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange-Handicapped Parking – 160 So. Valley Rd., 34 Park Terrace, 48 Liberty Street** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on November 23, 2021.

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinance 2666-21

On motion made by Councilwoman McCartney and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 25, Section 40.2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Permits)** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on November 23, 2021.

All members voting “Aye.”

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

A discussion took place with regard to the following:

- The Garbage/Recycling Contract
- The 90th Birthday of resident Rosary Morelli
- 275 Northfield Avenue
- Downtown West Orange Alliance-Grant for Study of Ridges, Open Space and the downtown area of West Orange
- The hiring of an Economic Developer
- West Orange Police Department – Unpaid leave and Scheduling

At 9:50 p.m., on motion 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.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

Cindy Matute-Brown, Council President

Adopted: November 23, 2021