

**Conference Meeting – December 14, 2021**

The West Orange Township Council met virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic beginning at 6:51 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 meeting was started with a video presentation on the occasion of Jack Sayer’s retirement. The following employees/friends shared their memories of Jack, wishing him well in his retirement:

Anthony Puglisi, Richard Trenk, Susan McCartney, Jerry Guarino, Joe Fagan, Pastor Doug Adams, Nick Allegrino, Shari Quirk, Paula Reynolds, Michael Fonzino, Patty Spango, Kate Davenport, Joe Krakoviak, Jacklyn Sayers, Lenny Lepore, Richie Browne, Carolyn Wahlers, Michelle Casalino, Tammy Williams, Bill Rutherford, John Gross, Ken Kayser, Karen Carnevale and Cindy Matute-Brown.

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Susan McCartney was selected to be Council President for 2022.

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

The Council made their Council liaison appointments to each commission.

**Public Meeting – December 14, 2021**

The West Orange Township Council met virtually beginning at 8:07 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

Anthony Puglisi-Essex County PIO

Larry Mandel-8 Glenview Drive

Joe Krakoviak – 20 Grandview Avenue

Kevin Malanga – Ridge Road

Jonathan Redwine – 10 Cobane Terrace

Sally Malanga – Ridge Road

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-** November 23, 2021 Public Meeting Minutes

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

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

- a. Department of Planning and Zoning – Correspondence from Dr. Robert Bagoff, Chair, Township of W.O. Planning Board with Regard to Proposed Amendment to Land Use Regulations, Section 25-29, Stormwater Control

**\*Bills**

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

- b. **305-21** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- c. **306-21** Resolution Awarding a Contract for Recreational, Social and Educational Services to the Senior Citizens of the Township of West Orange, for the period commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022 (Legal-Trenk)
- d. **309-21** Resolution Authorizing the Subordination of the Township’s Mortgage on the Property at 1454 Pleasant Valley Way to Allow the Property Owners to Refinance their Mortgage (Legal-Moon)
- e. **310-21** Resolution Authorizing the Award of an Agreement for Janitorial Services for 2022 through 2023 to One Total Cleaning Services, LLC at an Annual Rate of \$56,624.24 (Legal-Moon)
- f. **311-21** Resolution Authorizing the Retention of Matrix to Perform Phase II Environmental Site Assessment for Properties in the Downtown Redevelopment Area (Legal-Trenk)
- g. **312-21** Resolution Authorizing the Repair of a 1998 Ford Dump Truck, DPW Truck No. 2, through the New Jersey State Contract A89274, with A. Lembo Collision, Inc. for the Department of Public Works (Lepore)
- h. **313-21** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract to Greenman – Pedersen Inc., 301 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 2A, Morris Plains, N.J. 07950 to Provide Professional Engineering and Traffic Services to Perform a Traffic Count at the Intersection of Moore Terrace and Nutwold Avenue in Accordance for a Fee NTE \$1,780.00 (Lepore)
- i. **314-21** 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)
- j. **315-21** Resolution Recommending to the New Jersey Department of Transportation that the Contract for 2020 Road Improvement Project Arverne Road, Crestmont Road and Westover Terrace in the Township of West Orange be Awarded to Cifelli & Son General Contractors, 81 Franklin Avenue,

Nutley, NJ 07110 whose Bid Amounted to \$873,652.41 Subject to the Approval of the Department (Lepore)

- k. **316-21** Resolution Authorizing Tax Appeal and Signage Agreement – Northfield Mass Associates, LLC (Legal-Trenk)
- l. **317-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to an Overpayment of Taxes Due to a Duplicate Payment (Tax Collector)
- m. **318-21** Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract to Frank H. Lehr Associates, 101 South Harrison Street, East Orange, NJ 07018, in the Amount of \$16,000.00 for Engineering Services for Rock Slope General Evaluation at 275 to 307 Northfield Avenue & 1 Benvenue Avenue (Purchasing)
- n. **319-21** Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract to CME Associates, to Provide Professional Engineering Services for Degnan Park Improvements Tennis Court Surface and Lighting Improvements, Rolling Green Tennis Courts Surface Improvements, Walkway Reconstruction around Vincent’s Pond and Parking Lot Expansion Adjacent to Katz Community Center in the Amount of \$46,500.00 (Lepore)
- o. **321-21** Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract to Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., 301 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 2A, Morris Plains, NJ 07950, for a Complete Bid Package Including Design Plans, Specifications and Bid Documents for a Fee NTE \$34,040.00 (Lepore)
- p. **322-21** Resolution Authorizing a Contract Between the County of Essex and the Township of West Orange for the Municipal Alliance Grant Award - Grant Year 2023 (VanDyke)
- q. **323-21** Resolution Designating the Entire Township as an Area of Rehabilitation, Pursuant to NJSA 40A:12A-1 et. seq. (Legal-Beckelman)
- r. **324-21** Resolution of the Township of West Orange, In the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Providing for the Issuance of Special Emergency Notes in an Amount Not to Exceed \$500,000 to Fund Contractually Required Severance Liabilities Resulting from the Retirement of Employees in the Township (Legal-Thompson)
- s. **325-21** Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Playground Equipment and Surfacing through the Education Services Commission of NJ (ESCNJ) Cooperative Contracts # ESCNJ 20-21/22 Co-op # 65MCESCCPS (B.Kehoe)
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On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilman Rutherford, the consent agenda was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

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

**Resolution 307-21**

**307-21** Resolution Authorizing Tax Adjustment Agreement with Essex County Country Club (Legal-Trenk)

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

All members voting “Aye.”

**Resolution 308-21**

**308-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to An Overpayment of Taxes Due to a Duplicate Payment (Tax Collector)

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

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

**Resolution 320-21**

**320-21** Resolution Authorizing the Township to Submit Applications for the 2022 Community Development Block Grant Program with a Priority List Revised January 20, 2022 (Lepore)

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

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

**Ordinances on Second and Final Reading**

**Ordinance 2667-21**

**HEARING POSTPONED - 2667-21** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 25 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange Authorizing and Encouraging Electric Vehicle Supply/Service Equipment (EVSE) and Make Ready Parking Spaces (Legal-Trenk) **Hearing will be held on 1.18.21 after Planning Board review**

**Ordinance 2668-21**

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 25, Land Use Regulations, Section 25-29, Stormwater Control and Subsections 25-29.1 Through 25-29.13** of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange 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 Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

#### **Ordinance 2669-21**

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **Bond Ordinance Providing for the Installation of a Sanitary Sewerage System and Associated Laterals Located on Mellon Avenue Between Cleveland Terrace and Kitchener Avenue, in and by the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$160,000. Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$152,000. Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof and Directing a Portion of the Special Assessment of the Cost Thereof** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members voting “Aye.”

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

All members voting “Aye.”

#### **Ordinances on First Reading**

##### **Ordinance 2670-21**

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 17.5, Chapter 4, Section 33.1 and Chapter 12, Section 12-10 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Smoking Prohibited)** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on January 4, 2022.

All members voting “Aye.”

##### **Ordinance 2671-21**

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, **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 approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on January 4, 2022.

All members voting “Aye.”

**Ordinance 2672-21**

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-18.1, One-Way Streets Designated, Subsection 7-7.3, Temporary Parking Prohibited for Snow Plowing and Removal, Subsection 7-12, Parking Prohibited for Street Cleaning and Maintenance, Subsection 7-14.1c, Night Parking Restricted and Subsection 7-14.7, Alternate Side Parking of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on January 4, 2022.

All members voting “Aye.”

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

A discussion took place with regard to the following:

- Sleep Out – January 2022

At 11:27 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilman Rutherford, the public meeting was recessed until January 4, 2022.

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: January 4, 2022**