

Conference Meeting – April 14, 2020

The West Orange Township Council met virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic beginning at 6:46 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 October 31, 2019 and published in the West Orange Chronicle on November 7, 2019.

Roll Call – Councilman Guarino, Councilman Krakoviak, Councilwoman Matute-Brown, Councilwoman McCartney, Council President Casalino

Council President started the meeting with a moment of silence for the 52 residents who have passed due to the Covid 19 pandemic. She also recognized the Honorable Anthony Minnitti, former Municipal Court Judge and former Councilman Mr. Joseph Suriano, a beloved 50-year West Orange Educator and former track and field coach. Assemblyman John McKeon, offered his support to the Township personnel and recognized two residents lost to Covid 19, the Honorable Bob Mangino, former Councilman, 1970-1974, and longtime resident Winnie Cunningham McNeill. He gave a briefing as to what is happening at the State level with regard to Covid 19. Nick Allegrino, OEM Coordinator gave a briefing of the West Orange Coronavirus Task Force and thanked the community for their donations to the task force. Susan Iovino, West Orange Health Department-Head Nurse gave a briefing of the day to day process of the Covid Investigation team. Theresa DeNova-Health Department Officer extended her condolences and gave a briefing of the tasks being handled by the Health Department at this time. She also announced a change in the Recycling program beginning on April 20, 2020. Laura VanDyke-Senior Services Program Coordinator gave a briefing as to the programs offered to Senior Citizens during this time.

Mr. Sayers gave an update on the Redevelopment projects in the Township. The Council gave their liaison announcements.

Public Meeting – April 14, 2020

The West Orange Township Council met virtually beginning at 8:31p.m., Karen Carnevale, Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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Public Comment

Marge Mingin – President-West Orange Library Board

Joe Fagan – West Orange Public Information Officer

Dave Cubie – West Orange Library Director

Anthony Puglisi- Essex County Public Information Officer

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-** Public Meeting and Executive Session - March 3, 2020

***Report of Township Officers – None**

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

*Bills - March 24, 2020 and April 14, 2020

*Resolution(s) adopted on Consent Agenda:

- a. 80-20 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- b. 83-20 Resolution to Disburse Funds to Valley Road Residential Urban Renewal LLC, Owner of Block 9, Lot 1.01, Known as 22-24 Central Avenue (Legal-Trenk)
- c. 84-20 Resolution Authorizing Retention of Matrix to Prepare and Submit Application for HDSRF Grant Funds for Implementation of the Remedial Action Work Plan (Legal-Moon)
- d. 85-20 Resolution Approving Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Township of West Orange and Trustees of the Free Public Library of the Township of West Orange (Legal-Trenk)
- e. 86-20 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Reggio Construction for the Improvements to Dogwood Drive and Dogwood Road in the Amount of \$705,500.90. (Lepore)
Of this amount, \$620,000.00 of funding is provided by a Municipal Aid Grant from the NJDOT and the remaining amount of \$85,500.90 is funded through the 2019 W.O. Capital Budget.
- f. 87-20 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract Awarded to PS&S of 67 B Mountain Boulevard Extension, P.O. Box 4039 Warren, NJ 07059, to Provide Engineering Services for the Improvement of Degnan Park Ball Field, Fee not to exceed \$27,100.00. (Lepore)
- g. 88-20 Resolution Authorizing the Township to Utilize the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract # 120617-CMM whose Authorized Distributor is Cummins Sales and Service, 435 Bergen Avenue, Building 2, Kearny, NJ 07032, to Provide a Cummins Generator C175D6D and Appurtenances for the Municipal Building, Cummins Generator C80N6 and Appurtenances for Fire House No. 2 and Cummins Generator C40N6 and Appurtenances for Fire House No. 3 (Lepore)
- h. 89-20 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract with Keller and Kirkpatrick, 301 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 2A, Morris Plains, NJ 07950 to Provide Professional Land Surveying and Engineering Services for the Improvement of the St. Mark's Walkway for a Fee not to exceed \$3,700.00 (Lepore)
- i. 90-20 Resolution Awarding a Contract to Ralph Checchio, Inc., P.O. Box 627, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 for the O'Connor Park Tennis Court Improvements in the amount of \$240,350.00, which Represents the Base Bid of \$219,550.00, Plus a Contingency Allowance of \$20,800.00. (Lepore)
- j. 91-20 Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1, for the project Lake Vincent Dam Improvements with Colonnelli Brothers, Inc., 409 South River Street, Hackensack, NJ 07602 in the Amount of \$29,575.00 (Lepore)
- k. 92-20 Resolution Authorizing the Township to Place a Lien in the Amount of \$2,245.50 on the Property at 76 Riggs Place for Costs Incurred by the Township to Abate Property Maintenance Violations (Legal-Moon)
- l. 93-20 Resolution Approving Proposed Tax Appeal Settlement with Falcon Associates for S. Mt. Rlty, 563 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, NJ, Block 168, Lot 27.02 (Legal-Trenk)
- m. 94-20 Resolution Approving Proposed Tax Appeal Settlement with GGFF Mt. Pleasant LLC and Total Renal Care, Inc., 375 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Block 155, Lot 26 (Legal-Trenk)
- n. **95-20 Duplicate**
- o. 97-20 Resolution Authorizing the Township to Enter into an Agreement with Buzz411 for Appointment as the Township's Social Media Coordinator for 2020 at a Rate of \$2,000 per Month (Legal-Moon)
- p. 98-20 Resolution Approving Shared Services Agreement between the Township and the Board of Education for Purchase and Use of Wireless Devices (Legal-Trenk)

- q. 101-20 Resolution Authorizing Retention of Antonelli Kantor, P.C. as Special ABC Prosecutor (Legal-Maier)
- r. 102-20 Resolution Authorizing the Extension of the Grace Period for Property Owners to Pay Sewer Charges for the Year 2020 from April 13, 2020 to June 15, 2020 (Gross)

On motion made by Councilwoman McCartney and seconded by Council President Casalino, the consent agenda was implemented.

All members voting “Aye.”

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

Resolution 81-20

81-20 Resolution Appointing Councilman Joe Krakoviak Liaison to the West Orange Historic Preservation Commission for a Term of One-Year Commencing on January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Councilman Krakoviak, the above referenced resolution was approved.

All Councilmembers voting “Aye.”

Resolution 82-20

82-20 Resolution Authorizing Settlement Agreement with Fair Share Housing Center (Legal-Trenk)

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

All Councilmembers voting “Aye.”

Resolution 96-20

96-20 Resolution Approving Agreement with West Essex Highlands, Inc. (WEHI) (Legal-Trenk)

On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Council President Casalino, the above referenced resolution was approved.

All Councilmembers voting “Aye.”

Resolution 99-20

99-20 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Professional Services Agreement with Fairview Insurance for Risk Management Consultant – 2020 (Legal-Trenk)

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

Councilman Guarino, Councilwoman McCartney and Council President voting “Aye.” Councilman Krakoviak and Councilwoman Matute-Brown voting “Nay.”

Resolution 100-20

100-20 Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Agreement with Fairview for Insurance Broker-2020 (Legal-Trenk)

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

Councilman Guarino, Councilwoman McCartney and Council President voting “Aye.” Councilman Krakoviak and Councilwoman Matute-Brown voting “Nay.”

Resolution 103-20

103-20 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Joe Fagan for Public Information Officer at a rate of \$31,200.00 Annually, an Increase of \$1,500. (Legal-Moon)

On motion made by Councilwoman McCartney and seconded by Councilman Guarino, the above-mentioned resolution was approved.

Councilman Guarino, Councilwoman McCartney and Council President voting “Aye.” Councilman Krakoviak and Councilwoman Matute-Brown voting “Nay.”

Ordinance(s) on Second Reading

Ordinance 2598-20

On motion made by Council President Casalino and seconded by Councilman Guarino, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter XXV, Section 25-30.2 of the Revising General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange Entitled “Historic Preservation Commission”, Subsections a. and b. To Add a Council Liaison as an Ex Officio Non-Voting Member** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members present 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 and public comment was closed.

On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ordinance 2599-20

On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Council President Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 14.2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Police Department)** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members present 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 and public comment was closed.

On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ordinance 2600-20

On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Council President Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-19 Through Streets and 7-21 Multiway Stop Intersection of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members present 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.

Nancy Warshowsky asked for an explanation of what was being voted on. Mr. Lepore explained the reason for the ordinance.

On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Council President Casalino the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ordinance 2601-20

On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-29.1 Speed Limits in General of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of West Orange-Walker Road**, was taken up on second and final reading.

All members present 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 and public comment was closed.

On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Council President Casalino the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ordinance(s) on First Reading

Ordinance 2602-20

a. **2602-20** On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Council President Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-32.1, Handicapped Parking on Streets and Subsection 7-32.2, Restricted Parking Zones, 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 April 28, 2020.

All members present voting "Aye".

Ordinance 2603-20

b. **2603-20** On motion made by Councilwoman McCartney and seconded by Council President Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 25, Sections 3.2 and 26.13 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Zone Map and Conservation District)** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on April 28, 2020.

All members present voting “Aye”.

ABC Hearing

Resolution 638-20

638-20 Resolution Authorizing a Person to Person Transfer for License No. 0722-33-053-001 Rock Spring Club d/b/a Montclair Golf Club at Rock Spring to DPG Edison, LL, LLC (Legal-Kayser)

On motion made by Councilwoman McCartney and seconded by Councilman Guarino, the resolution was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

Presentation - Fair Share Housing

- Richard Trenk, Township Attorney
- Shirley Bishop, P.P., Affordable Housing Professionals of NJ
- Wayne DeFeo, DeFeo Associates, Sustainability Consulting
- Ms. Susan Gelb – President-West Essex Highlands Condo Association

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

- Timeline of the 2020 Municipal Budget
- Vote by Mail

At 11:50 p.m. on motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, 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

Michelle Casalino, Council President

Adopted: April 28, 2020