

Conference Meeting – June 9, 2020

The West Orange Township Council met virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic beginning at 6:40 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 additional residents who have passed due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Congressman Donald M. Payne, Jr. serving New Jersey's 10th District, spoke about the unrest currently facing the Country and commended the Township for its peaceful protest held over the weekend. He spoke of and explained the Heroes Act recently passed by Congress and it's financial impact. He ended with the importance of completing the 2020 Census. A Mayor's Proclamation was presented to Claire G. Keyles, Moms Demand Action, on behalf of Gun Violence Awareness Day. The Police Department, represented by Police Chief Abbott, Deputy Chief Matt Feula, Deputy Chief Michael Keigher, Captain Rich McDonald and Captain Will Varanelli gave a statement about the Police Department's policies and procedures and answered questions of the Council. Mr. Sayers gave an update on redevelopment.

The Council gave their liaison announcements.

Public Meeting – June 9, 2020

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

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Public Comment

Joseph Nalieth – 33 Ridgeview Avenue

Tammy Williams – Hillside Avenue – HRC Chair

Susan Anderson – 20 Colony Drive East

Truman Segal – 5 Ridgeview Avenue

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 May 26, 2020

***Report of Township Officers – None**

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

***Bills**

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

- a. **123-20** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to an Overpayment of Taxes Due to a Duplicate Payment (Gagliardo)
- b. **124-20** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Rebate Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Pursuant to Final Judgment by the Tax Court of New Jersey (Gagliardo)
- c. **125-20** Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Additional Surfacing through the Education Services Commission of NJ (ESCNJ) Cooperative Contract #ESCNJ 17/18-20

On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, the consent agenda was implemented.

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance 2604-20

2604-20 On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Council President Casalino, **Bond Ordinance Providing for the Local Unit’s Allocable Share of the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties, By and In the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (the “Local Unit”); Appropriating \$3,170,000. Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,170,000. Bonds or Notes to Finance the Cost Thereof** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on June 23, 2020.

All members present voting “Aye”.

Ordinance 2605-20

2605-20 On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Council President Casalino, **An Ordinance Releasing, Extinguishing and Vacating the Rights of a 25’ Wide Utility Easement Located in Colonial Woods North Major Subdivision Shown on Filed Map #4518, Filed in the Essex County Registers Office on July 30, 2007, Running Along the Rear of Lots 12.23, 12.24, 12.25, 12.26 and 12.27 in Block 173, Township of West Orange, County of Essex, State of Jersey** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on June 23, 2020.

All members present voting “Aye”.

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

The following topics were discussed:

Tax Shortfall

Update re: 2020 Municipal Budget
Appointments to the 2020 Citizens Budget Advisory Committee

At 9:50 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: June 23, 2020