

Conference Meeting – December 6, 2022

The Conference meeting began 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 24, 2021, and published in the West Orange Chronicle on December 2, 2021.

Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilman Rutherford, Councilwoman Williams, Council President McCartney
Councilwoman Matute-Brown was delayed.

Council President Susan McCartney recognized the many Township volunteers by providing a Certificate and pin to each. John Gross presented the Best Practice Inventory survey to the Council.

Councilwoman Matute-Brown arrived at the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

The Council gave their Liaison announcements.

Public Meeting – December 6, 2022

The West Orange Township Council meeting began at 7:27 p.m., Karen Carnevale, Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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Public Comment

Joe Fagan – PIO

Anthony Puglisi – PIO – Essex County

Rosary Morelli – Ralph Road

Sazah Khademi – Dawes Avenue

MK Adams – Park Drive S

Sally Malanga – Ridge Road

Joyce Rudin – Woodland Avenue

Phil Litwinoff – Linden Avenue

Claudia Sanders – Old Salem 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 22, 2022, Public Meeting and Executive Session Minutes

*Report of Township Officers – None

*Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids-None

*Bills

*Resolution(s) adopted on Consent Agenda

- a. **312-22** Resolution Authorizing a Community Services Agreement with Downtown West Orange Alliance Commencing on January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 (Legal-Moon)
- b. **313-22** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- c. **PULLED FROM AGENDA-314-22** Resolution for Emergency and Non-Emergency Tree Services 2023 Rich Tree Service, Inc., 325 Bergen St., S. Plainfield, NJ 07080 and Downes Tree Service Co., Inc., 65 Royal Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07970 (Lepore)
- d. **315-22** Resolution Authorizing Tree Removal Services - 2023 to Rich Tree Service, Inc., 325 Bergen St., S. Plainfield, NJ 07080, Beucler Tree Experts, 48 Harold St., Tenafly, NJ 07670 and Downes Tree Service Co., Inc., 65 Royal Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07970 (Lepore)
- e. **316-22** Resolution Of The Township Of West Orange, In The County Of Essex, New Jersey, Determining The Form And Other Details Of Its “Note Relating To The Water Bank Construction Financing Program Of The New Jersey Infrastructure Bank”, To Be Issued In The Principal Amount Of Up To \$5,130,000, And Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Such Note To The New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, And Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of Such Note By The Township Of West Orange In Favor Of The New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, All Pursuant To The New Jersey Infrastructure Bank Water Bank Construction Financing Program (Legal-E. Johnson)
- f. **317-22** Resolution Supporting Federal Legislation to Establish a Grant Program to Fund State and Local Law Enforcement Efforts to Combat Auto Thefts (Legal-Gengaro)
- g. **318-22** Resolution Awarding a Contract for Third Party Billing for Ambulance Services to Coronis (Reynolds)

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

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ordinance(s) on Second and Final Reading

Ord. 2700-22

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, Appropriating \$285,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$271,400 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof and Directing a Portion of Special Assessment of the Cost Thereof**, 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 that wished to be heard and the public hearing on this Ordinance was closed.

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ordinance(s) on First Reading

Ord. 2702-22

On motion made by Councilwoman Matute-Brown and seconded by Council President McCartney, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-29.1, Speed Limits, General, 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 December 20, 2022.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2703-22 was pulled from the agenda.

Ord. 2704-22

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilman Rutherford, **Bond Ordinance Providing For Various 2022 Capital Improvements, By And In The Township Of West Orange, In The County Of Essex, State Of New Jersey, Appropriating \$9,448,104 Therefor And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$8,998,191 Bonds Or Notes Of The Township To Finance Part Of The Cost Thereof**, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on December 20, 2022.

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


Pending Matters-New Matters-Council Discussion-None

ABC Hearing-None

At 8:43 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, the meeting was adjourned.

All members present 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



Susan McCartney, Council President

Adopted: December 20, 2022