

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 25, 2022

Pursuant to rules of Council of the Town of Westfield, the members thereof convened in regular session Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Brindle made the following announcements:

“The adequate notice of this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, was provided by the posting, mailing, and filing of the annual notice of regularly scheduled meetings of the Town Council on December 8, 2021. The notice was, on that date, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, mailed to THE WESTFIELD LEADER, and THE STAR LEDGER, and filed with the Clerk of the Town of Westfield.”

PRESENT: Mayor Brindle, Councilmembers: Habgood, Parmelee, LoGrippe, Katz, Mackey, Dardia, and Root

ABSENT: Councilman Contract

Invocation was given by Councilman LoGrippe

Salute to the flag.

APPOINTMENTS

OPENING REMARKS

Town Administrator Update

The Town Administrator communicated the 2022 Leaf Collection Program brochures were sent to homeowners last week. The Westfield Conservation Center opened on Monday, October 24th for the season Monday-Friday 9:00AM-2:30PM and Saturday, Sunday 9:00AM-3:00PM.

Residents can pick up ten (10) free leaf collection bags at the Center. The Town Administrator reminded residents leaf collection is expected to start on November 7th and to sign up for Nixle alerts to stay informed on the collection process. Nixle Alerts will be sent the evening prior to the collection on what areas were completed that day and where the crews intend on picking up the following morning and to remind residents to move any vehicles in the streets.

The Town Administrator provided an update on road paving and reiterated the Town's 5.5-mile road paving project for 2022 have been completed with a few final touches on striping to be happening shortly. Union County has two road projects in Town including paving in the Central Avenue section from East Broad to South Avenue. Striping will be completed soon. The County is also doing work on South Avenue from the traffic circle to Garwood. New Jersey American Water Company has completed their infrastructure updates and is beginning to pave the Rahway Avenue grid, from Willow Grove Road to Leigh Drive with a handful of streets to be included. Lastly, Elizabethtown Gas has informed the Town they will begin to pave sections of East Broad Street from Springfield Avenue to North Euclid starting on November 10th-November 23rd starting towards Springfield Avenue. North Euclid will also be paved starting from East Broad Street to Mountain Avenue. The Town Administrator explained North Euclid will be paved last due to the Stream Cleaning Project in Mindowaskin Park has begun and it requires large trucks to go on North Euclid.

The Town Administrator discussed the large amount of road paving that has taken place in 2022 with many roads being paved by the utility companies at no cost to the taxpayers.

Mayor's Update

Good evening, everyone, and thanks to all who are joining us both here in the Council Chambers and online tonight. As a reminder, public comment will be accepted in person only, and we are live streaming for viewing only via Facebook. As always, the replay will also be available afterwards on Facebook, YouTube, and TV 36.

NEW BUSINESSES

The momentum in Downtown Westfield continues! Since we last met, we've attended ribbon cuttings for Bimmer Hub BMW Repair Center, as well as the newly expanded Mimi & Hill on

East Broad Street. In addition, we anticipate early November openings for the new Akai Lounge and the AHD & Co. design showroom – both located on Elm Street – in the coming weeks. In early 2023, we look forward to welcoming Mochimoly Donuts, German Doner Kebab, Fresh & Co., and of course, Millburn Deli!

ONE WESTFIELD PLACE PREVIEW CENTER

Also on Elm Street, you'll find the One Westfield Place Preview Center, where HBC | Streetworks Development is providing a place for residents to view their redevelopment proposal, ask questions, and find out details.

Thank you to the many residents who have already visited the Preview Center to view the proposal and provide your input. For those who have not yet had the chance, I encourage you to take advantage of their newly expanded hours. Self-guided tours, where you can explore the center at your own pace, are available Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 - 5:00 and Saturday from 1:00 - 4:00. There are also weekly open houses on Wednesday from 5:30 - 7:30, or you can book a 90-minute curated group tour.

Before you visit, I would suggest first reviewing the expansive FAQs on our website (westfieldnj.gov/One-Westfield-Place-FAQs), which also includes a link to a comprehensive parking report, as well as those written by HBC | Streetworks Development at onewestfieldplace.com. Both of these documents provide helpful and detailed information on the issues that matter most to residents, and will continue to be expanded as additional questions come in over time.

You can also expect a series of Facebook Live discussions in the coming weeks on the issues of greatest interest – traffic, parking, PILOTs, demand for commercial and residential space – and more.

Lastly, please make sure you've signed up to receive newsletter updates from HBC | Streetworks Development, which you can do at onewestfieldplace.com/contact. They are using this helpful tool to send out updates about their hours, as well as facts and answers to questions they are hearing throughout the week.

There are many ways to stay informed about this proposal, and your participation in this exciting process is critical as we work together to shape the future of our downtown.

NOVEMBER 8 ELECTION

The November 8 election is quickly approaching, and it's important for everyone to understand their voting options: Vote by mail, early in-person voting (opens October 29), and in-person voting on Election Day.

As of yesterday, 38% of Westfield's registered voters had submitted their vote by mail ballot, so we still have a long way to go to match the 85% return rate that we've experienced previously. There is no time like the present to get your ballots in! This is a critical election, so please exercise our country's greatest democratic privilege by casting your vote. For information on polling locations and voting deadlines, visit the Union County Board of Elections website.

WESTFIELD ART ASSOCIATION EXHIBIT

And we're happy to announce that residents have another reason to visit us in Town Hall. Thanks to the Westfield Art Association for curating an art exhibit in our main hallway. Beauty in the Everyday is a photography show featuring the work of Matt Allouf and Lenny McDonald with industrial landscapes, insects, and cityscapes. The exhibit will run through November 29 and is available for the public to view during business hours.

GO BLUE DEVILS!

Congratulations to our incredible Westfield High School student athletes! The Boys Soccer team claimed their second straight county title in their 11th shutout of the season on Saturday night. The undefeated Girls Soccer team also won their second straight county title, and the top-seeded Girls Volleyball team secured its second county championship in three years. In addition, the top-seeded Girls Tennis team repeated as sectional champions. It's another great year for our high school athletic teams. Huge congrats to the Blue Devils!

EVENTS

AddamsFest

Thanks to everyone who has come out to support our fifth annual AddamsFest! The events have been a tremendous success, drawing visitors from as far away as West Virginia and Tennessee, and continuing to fulfill our goal of making Westfield a seasonal destination by celebrating our native son Charles Addams. From returning favorites like the Haunt Your House contest, Wicked Windows, Family Fun Day, the Masquerade Ball, and Charlie's Ale Garden, to the new comedy show with Impractical Jokers and seance at Addams Tavern, there has been something for everyone.

Councilwoman Mackey made comments that Westfield has been named one of the best Halloween Town's by New Jersey Family and NJ.com! Tomorrow, AddamsFest has the privilege of hosting a special advanced screening of the new Netflix series, Wednesday, ahead of its release next month.

There's still time to check out the two most Charles Addams-centric events that pay homage to his artistry. On Thursday, Addams enthusiasts can attend Chatting with Charlie, which will re-air a 1981 PBS interview with Addams, followed by a private tour of the Evolution exhibit at the Rialto. You can also view this unique exhibit during its final weekend from Friday through Sunday, which is an amazing opportunity to see how Addams' work evolved from an idea to publication. For more information, visit addamsfest.com.

Gun Safety Discussion

Join Nancy Kislin, author of Lockdown: Talking to Your Kids About School Violence, for a discussion about how parents can talk to their children about gun violence in schools and the community. This event will be held on October 27 at 6:00 PM in the Cranford Community Center, and is sponsored by the Westfield Democratic Club for all members of the community at large.

Friends of Westfield Memorial Library Book Sale

Don't miss the 11th Annual Children's and Teens' Book Sale on October 26-29, hosted by the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library. All funds raised go directly back to the library via Friends-sponsored programs. It's the perfect time to update your favorite reader's bookshelf or your classroom library.

Darshana

Thanks to the library and to the Human Relations Advisory Commission for hosting Darshana: A Glimpse into the Hindu Civilization on November 5 at 10:30. This event celebrates the 3.2 million Hindus who call America their home, and we are fortunate to have many Hindu neighbors in and around Westfield.

Green Team Events

Join the Westfield Green Team for a weekend of activities on November 5 and 6 with the Green Energy Fair and Town-Wide Storm Drain Clean-Up Volunteer Day. For details, visit our website.

TONIGHT'S AGENDA

We have a brief legislative agenda this evening. Before we get started, I wanted to mention that the proclamation for Imagine, which appears on tonight's agenda, will instead be read at our next meeting. And now, I'm going to turn it over to Fire Chief Duels as we proudly recognize the promotions and swearing in of six members of the Westfield Fire Department. Thank you.

PRESENTATIONS

Westfield Fire Chief Michael Duels Comments

Good evening and thank you everyone for coming to tonight's swearing in ceremony. To Town Administrator Jim Gildea, Mayor Brindle, and the Town Council thank you for supporting these promotions and appointments of new personnel to the Westfield Fire Department within the last three years. This is a positive step forward for our department to officially get sworn into their positions. Two of the six individuals are recently promoted and the following transpired over the last 36 months. Due to the pandemic this ceremony was delayed time after time, but this evening these six firefighters will finally receive the credit they deserve. Starting with rank-and-file order Battalion Chief Michael Sawicki will be sworn in first.

Michael began his career as a volunteer Firefighter in 2000. In 2002, Michael was appointed to career status as a Firefighter & EMT. During Michael's tenure as Firefighter, he has continued his education and obtained many licenses and certification as well as held the office of President of the FMBA Local 30 from 2006-2015. In 2015, Michael was appointed to the rank of Lieutenant and served the department as a company officer. In September 2020, Michael was promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief serving as the Platoon Commander for Tour 3. Throughout Michael's 20 years with the Westfield Fire Department, he has received numerous citations and awards including the New Jersey State FMBA Valor Award and the Union County 200 Club. Michael, I commend you on all your achievements and accomplishments with the Westfield Fire Department and I wish you continued success.

Mayor Brindle administered the Oath of Office to Battalion Chief, Michael Sawicki.

Chief Duels continued his comments and introduced Battalion Chief Brian Piccola. Brian was literally born into the fire service. Between his father and two older brothers, Brian grew up in a fire station. Brian was appointed to the Westfield Fire Department as a Probationary Firefighter in March 2015. Brian instantly jumped into action in his career within the Westfield Fire Department, always leading by example, challenging himself, and furthering his education to become the best firefighter he could. In September of 2020, Brian was promoted to the rank of Captain and serviced the department as a Company Officer. During Brian's tenure as a Captain, he received his certification as a Rescue Task Force Instructor for Trench Rescues and Four Main Methods of Warm Zone Care to teach the department how to handle active incidents. September 1, 2022 Brian was promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief serving the department as a Staff Officer in the Fire Prevention Bureau. Brian, I commend you on all your achievements and accomplishments with the Westfield Fire Department and I wish you continued success.

Mayor Brindle administered the Oath of Office to Battalion Chief, Brian Piccola.

Chief Duels introduced Captain Thomas Bottini. Thomas is a Westfield native, played sports growing up, graduated from the Westfield school systems, and has given back to the community as best as he can. He truly takes pride in wearing the Westfield Fire Department Uniform. Thomas was appointed to the Westfield Fire Department as a Probationary Firefighter in October of 2015. Within his years at the department Thomas worked extremely hard to become a better Firefighter and to increase his knowledge and learn more about his career. Tom has held many positions within the Union and different committees within the department. He is the leader of the Local 30 FMBA Food Drive organizing countless amounts of meals for the needy every year. This past September 1st, Thomas was promoted to the rank of Captain, serving the department as a Company Officer on Tour 3. Since Tom has been promoted, he has taken on a leadership role as the Fire Department's Officer in Charge of Rapid Response Team. Tom, I commend you on all your achievements and accomplishments with the Westfield Fire Department and I wish you continued success.

Mayor Brindle administered the Oath of Office to Captain, Thomas Bottini.

Chief Duels introduced Firefighter Gerry Peyton. Gerry was appointed to the Westfield Fire Department as a Probationary Firefighter in December of 2019. The following December of 2020 Gerry completed his one year of service and earned the title of Firefighter and was proudly awarded badge #132. Prior to joining the Westfield Fire Department Gerry was employed by the Union County Division of Emergency Services. Gerry, I hope that you will have a long successful career within the Westfield Fire Department.

Mayor Brindle administered the Oath of Office to Firefighter, Gerry Peyton.

Chief Duels introduced Firefighter Patrick Carey. Patrick was appointed to the Westfield Fire Department as a Probationary Firefighter in December of 2019. The following December of 2020 Gerry completed his one year of service and earned the title of Firefighter and was proudly awarded badge #133. Prior to joining the Westfield Fire Department, Patrick was employed by Southern Regional High School in Manahawkin, New Jersey helping students develop social ND professional skills as an aid in an Autism program. Patrick, I hope that you will have a long successful career within the Westfield Fire Department.

Mayor Brindle administered the Oath of Office to Firefighter, Patrick Carey.

Chief Duels introduced Firefighter Scott Boyer. Scott was appointed to the Westfield Fire Department as a Probationary Firefighter in January 2021. This past January, Scott completed his one year of service and earned the title of Firefighter and was proudly awarded badge #134. Prior to joining the Westfield Fire Department, Scott was employed by the Union County Department of Public Works where he assisted with performing preventative maintenance on engines, transmissions, and other vehicle systems. Scott, I hope that you will have a long successful career within the Westfield Fire Department.

Mayor Brindle administered the Oath of Office to Firefighter, Scott Boyer.

ADVERTISED HEARINGS

PENDING BUSINESS

BIDS

MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman LoGrippo and seconded by Councilman Dardia, Council approved the Minutes of the Town Council Conference Session and Regular Meeting held October 11, 2022.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

OPEN DISCUSSION BY CITIZENS

Mayor Brindle opened the public comments portion of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments.

Tony LaPorta, 409 North Chestnut Street, former Councilmember posed a question regarding the One Westfield Place proposal. He is concerned about the value of the project was decided. From what he has read in the newspapers and online the Town of Westfield is going to receive \$200 million over 30 years from a PILOT program. He would like to know how value is decided. Mr. LaPorta previously worked in insurance and stated one of the key ingredients is decided what the value of something is. From Mr. LaPorta's understanding there was no public bidding on this project and feels this was done behind closed doors without the public or press. He is asking what was said, what was agreed and what was promised. He would like Mayor Brindle to elaborate on how residents can feel the value is correct. He states the Mayor & Council have a fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers who have a financial interest to the Town. Mr. LaPorta has concerns about the project but would like to start with the fundamental question of how the value is determined.

Adina Enculescu, 1310 Central Avenue, spoke about the Hawk Light on Central Avenue in front of her house. Adina addressed the previous administration many times in opposition of putting the Hawk Light at its current location. Ms. Enculescu previously asked for the light to be moved to Clover Street as she feels it is unsafe and has continued to be unsafe many years later. Ms. Enculescu has observed many cars not obeying to the light and would like the Mayor & Council to revisit the conversation about the location and functionality of the Hawk Light.

Tim Eaton, 762 Knollwood Terrace, mentioned last Tuesday's Board of Education meeting, where he was disappointed by a comment made by a supporter of artificial turf concerning his neighborhood and the current Edison Field Plan. He said that the neighbors chose to live in the neighborhood near the school and therefore, should not challenge the Edison Field Plan. When Tim and his wife moved to Knollwood Terrace, the proximity to the Edison school and anticipated field activity was considered in the buying decision back in 1987. He mentioned what was not considered was the stadium with lights and artificial turf introduced in the Edison Field Plan, 34 years later in 2021. He believes that is why there are zoning laws protecting properties from having a change of this magnitude being made to a nearby school yard. Mr. Eaton feels the artificial turf supporter's disappointing and misinformed comments have no merit. He agrees

there is a need for increased field capacity in Westfield and the safest, healthiest, and least intrusive solution is to improve all the athletic fields with a professional field manager and with natural organic grass. He would like to see no tower lights and use a holistic approach for an equitable win-win for the students, athletes, band members, neighborhoods, and other stakeholders. He is concerned for the safety of the students and users of turf fields. For nearby neighborhoods, it's a definite loss with negative impacts on quality of life, health, safety, and home values. He asks the Council to vote no on the Edison Field Plan, as it currently stands. Mr. Eaton is concerned for the negative impacts for the surrounding neighborhoods and environmental factors. He states night games, noise, more traffic, and excessive street parking will ruin the neighborhoods and the quality of life. He suggests this is not acceptable in a residential neighborhood, especially when there is truly a win-win solution as mentioned above. He asks to give serious thought to this natural organic grass solution and strongly suggests that budget monies for natural organic grass fields be made available with goals of a green theme and extra field capacity across Westfield.

Michael Domogala, 961 Boulevard, made comments in reference to One Westfield Place. He visited the preview center and was met by enthusiastic representatives from HBC | Streetworks, saw the impressive full-scale model of the downtown that he implores everyone to visit. He wanted to understand what he is worth as a Westfield resident. He mentions the vastness of the project is a truly monumental undertaking and each resident should be prepared for the changes that will transform the town. He said to achieve the best approximation of what South Avenue will look like in the next few years he drove through Garwood and paid particular attention to the buildings along South and North Avenue. He noticed a canyon like feel at street level, a diminishing view of the natural tree line, heavy traffic flow, and new taller buildings. Mr. Domogala finds that South Avenue currently by the train station has a more relaxed flow feel with a more suburban look. He asked himself does he want a more congested traffic situation, higher scaled buildings, and what he and his neighbors deserve. He feels as a resident it is important to give his 1 in 33,000 opinions. He explained he moved from Hoboken to Westfield years ago due to every growing congestion, traffic, constant construction. He expresses that every single resident's voice should be heard on the size and scope of the project through a public referendum vote.

Greg Kasko, 434 Everson Place, wanted to reiterate his comments from last Council Meeting regarding a referendum for the One Westfield Place project. He previously explained a referendum cannot take place. Many people have been comparing the 2004 referendum relating to parking decks to this project, but Greg explained general obligation bonds were being floated for the 2004 parking deck project. He elaborated that the people of Westfield voted the project down because they did not want to be held responsible should the revenue sources that would fund the payment of those bonds fall short. Greg stated he too would not want to be responsible for paying those bonds as a taxpayer. He further stated in the case of the One Westfield Place project, redevelopment bonds are being sought which falls on the PILOT agreement and takes any obligation away from the taxpayer. The taxpayers would not have to foot the bill if any revenue sources fall short. He stated that anyone who is involved in real estate knows that an asphalt parking lot is the worst investment possible for a town, especially if it can be built on. He mentioned many people use the word over development but asked where these same people were when the Savannah, 333 Central, the apartments on Rahway and West Broad, the apartment building by the Pan AM cleaners, the apartments that replaced the Jolly Trolley. Greg stated those people were not coming to the microphone because he has been coming to meetings since 2010. Greg mentioned he has watched the Town from the 70's to present day and feels Westfield is falling behind other neighboring municipalities. He further stated the same people that complain about vacant stores downtown will come to the microphone and say we can't do this project, and he feels they cannot complain about those stores being vacant downtown because bringing foot traffic to downtown is exactly what will happen if apartments are built. Greg finished his comments by commending the current Town Council on their efforts to keeping the Town financially responsible compared to previous administrations. He urges taxpayers to pay attention to the numbers and the facts that are available on the Town's website rather than looking for facts on Facebook or Letters to the Editor.

Brian Crawford, 795 Knollwood Terrace, had the opportunity to visit the One Westfield Place Preview Center and had two follow up questions after his visit. He asked in the FAQs on the website the projected \$200 million that the Town would receive from the PILOT, what percentage of that is guaranteed to the Town. He also would like to know what 55+ means in the State of New Jersey. He would like to know if everyone in the residence needs to be 55+ or only one occupant and can children live in those homes if there are 55+ as the tenant. He feels it is an important nuance to understand if and how it will impact the school system. He continued his comments regarding the Edison School Field Project and stated every Westfield School has had green space for its children. The benefits to green space to children are undeniable and the evidence is overwhelming. He explained many neighbors have detailed this to the Mayor and Council over the last 16 months. Brian quoted UNICEF in how green space benefits physical and mental growth, and academic performance for children. He feels the Town Council has made a singular focus that would deprive Edison School children of the green space access they have enjoyed while the other children attending the other schools in Town will still have access to green space. He feels this is not fair to the school children of Edison. Brian voiced that students at Edison have a right to fair treatment and it is deplorable to deprive the children of the green space. Brian would like to see other ways to address field capacity issues including a Tamaques Park plan. He is asking the Council to explore other opportunities.

Amanda Como, 572 Highland Avenue, asked the Mayor if there is going to be a joint meeting with the Board of Education and the Town Council for a question and answer session on the Edison School Fields Project and if there is will it be public. Amanda stated if there will be a meeting that is not open to the public, she would like to understand the process. She also asked when the vote for the Edison School Field Project would take place.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Brindle closed this portion of the meeting.

Mayor Brindle first addressed comments that were made by Adina regarding the Hawk Light on Central Avenue. Mayor Brindle thanked her for her comments and observations about the Hawk Light. Mayor Brindle is also concerned about the safety issues Adina mentioned and would like to revisit the Hawk Light conversation in possibility there is a better solution. Mayor Brindle explained this has been mentioned to the Public Safety, Transportation, and Parking Committee and will be discussed at an upcoming meeting of the Committee.

Councilman Dardia stated this will be on the agenda for the Public Safety, Transportation, and Parking Committee meeting in December to discuss the functionality and location of the light. Mayor Brindle also mentioned Central Avenue is a County Road and Union County would also have to be involved in discussions.

Mayor Brindle addressed comments related to One Westfield Place starting with Mr. LaPorta. The Mayor feels he is conflating the revenue that would be coming from the PILOT agreement with the value of the land and explained \$200 million is not the value of the land and is the revenue that is expected to generate from the proceeds of the PILOT agreement itself. The value of the land is separate and encouraged Mr. LaPorta to visit the FAQs on the Town's website. Mayor Brindle reiterated that any land value would be required to be analyzed by an independent advisor. Mayor Brindle also stated there will be very detailed presentations on the PILOT process.

Mayor Brindle also addressed comments made by Michael Domogala. Mayor Brindle feels that Cranford is better comparison than Garwood. She noted that the One Westfield Place project is unique in that the setbacks that will be required for the buildings. One of the reasons why the name of the company Streetworks sets other companies apart is they look for the best street experience there is that is visually appealing. The Mayor thinks that is a very important distinction. She also commented on Michael's comments regarding a referendum which were addressed at last meeting and reiterated by Mr. Kasko. The Mayor stated the State law expressly prohibits referendums on redevelopment projects along with the Town Charter. Referendum by voters is not something that lawfully can be considered on the One Westfield Place project. The Mayor voiced there is not one municipality in the State that has done a

referendum on a redevelopment project. The 2004 referendum regarding a parking deck was a non-binding referendum in which the Town was seeking general obligation bonds and not redevelopment bonds. The Mayor expressed this is one of the many reasons the Town has been very open with information with the public over the last three years and will continue to do so. She appreciates everyone taking the time to visit the preview center and ask questions as this will be an on-going process for public input.

Mayor Brindle lastly addressed comments regarding the Edison School Field project and appreciates the comments made. Mayor Brindle stated the Town Council will not be meeting with the Board of Education as they are two separate entities.

Councilman LoGrippo asked the Mayor what public body will vote first on the fields.

Mayor Brindle explained it is her understanding the Town Council will take a vote to authorize a shared service agreement with the Board of Education and then the Board of Education will take a separate vote to do the same.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

On motion by Councilwoman Habgood, seconded by Councilwoman Mackey bills and claims were adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED that the bills and claims in the amount of \$614,833.73 per the list submitted to the members of this Council by the Chief Financial Officer, and approved for payment by the Town Administrator be, and the same are hereby, approved and that payroll warrants previously issued by the Chief Financial Officer be ratified.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance Policy Committee

The following resolutions, introduced by Councilwoman Habgood, seconded by, were unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 247

WHEREAS, Eliann Lipsky placed the required cash bond of \$1500.00 to cover the Road Opening Permit #21-208 for 928 Everts Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Lizet Zuniga is entitled to have this amount to be returned, and

WHEREAS the Town Engineer has inspected the roadway excavation and has found the excavation to have been properly repaired.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer be authorized to draw a warrant in the name of Lizet Zuniga for \$1,500.00 and forward to 928 Everts Avenue, Westfield, N.J., 07090.

Resolution No. 248

RESOLVED, that the Town Treasurer be authorized to refund the following fees to the following individual via credit card:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Attila Farkas	Overpayment	Pool Party/Guest Fees	\$70.00 Credit Card
Linsley McMurdo	Withdrew	Adult Pickleball/Session 2	\$75.00 Credit Card
Allan Tananbaum	Withdrew	Adult Pickleball/Session 2/Allan	\$75.00
Allan Tananbaum	Withdrew	Adult Pickleball/Session 2/Jennifer	\$75.00 Credit Card
Bonny Chohey	Withdrew	Chair Yoga/Session 2	\$15.00

			Credit Card
Donna Shabinaw	Withdrew	Adult Pickleball/Session 2	\$75.00 Credit Card
Pushpa Lalla	Withdrew	Mah Jong/Session 1	\$75.00 Credit Card
Kelly Marano	Withdrew	Adult Pickleball/Session 2	\$85.00 Credit Card

Resolution No. 249

RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be, and he hereby is authorized to draw warrants to the following persons, these amounts being overpaid for 2022:

Block/Lot/Qualifier Name	Property Address	Quarter/Year Amount
5201/49 SUN, Lisa	68 Tamaques Way	3 rd /2022 \$2,753.01

Resolution No. 250

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by the law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount;

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Westfield hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget year 2022 in the sum of \$2,715.10, which is now available from the Division of Criminal Justice Body Armor grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum be, and the same is hereby appropriated under the following caption:

General Appropriations	
Body Armor	\$2,715.10

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one copy of this resolution be forwarded electronically to the Division of Local Government Services by the Chief Financial Officer.

Resolution No. 251

WHEREAS, a need exists for technical upgrades to the Town Council Chambers and other meeting rooms within the Westfield Municipal Building, and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held October 13, 2020, the Town Council of the Town of Westfield authorized an award of contract to Fraytak Veisz Hopkins Duthie P.C. (FVHD), Architects and Planners, for various design and architectural services for the Town's AV Broadcast Video System in Town Council Chambers; and

WHEREAS, through the design and architectural services provided, FVHD recommended that the Town of Westfield authorize a contract to CDW Government, 75 Remittance Drive, Suite 1515, Chicago, IL 60675-1515 for the technical upgrades needed for Town Council Chambers, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 59-2022, a contract for these technical upgrades was awarded through a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement to CDW Government in the amount of \$36,631.68, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to further amend said contract to include additions to the lectern and network switches and a mounting field changes to the projector and TV screen.

WHEREAS, the Town Treasurer certified to the availability of adequate funds for payment of the above referenced alternate items, prepared in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30 1.10, which will be in the amount of \$22,907, under New Jersey State Approved Co-Op Contract No. ESCNJ 18/19-03, charged to Special Ordinance 2221, C-07-21-222-1F1, using Purchase Order No 21-03575, increasing the amended contract from \$210,209.45 to \$233,116.45.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Westfield be and hereby authorize an amendment to the contract awarded for services described above to CDW Government, 75 Remittance Drive, Suite 1515, Chicago, IL 60675-1515 for a fee not to exceed \$59,538.68, under New Jersey State Approved Co-Op Contract No. ESCNJ 18/19-03, an increase of \$22,907.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper Town Officials be, and they are hereby authorized to take whatever actions are appropriate in the execution and discharge of this Contract.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn, made by Councilman Katz and seconded by Councilwoman Root at 9:16 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Lawshe, RMC
Town Clerk