## **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

# **SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING**

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This statement is in regards to this meeting. Why is the council doing a zoom meeting? Tonight, what's the reason? There is no state of emergency in New Jersey. The last time I was at the council meeting the chambers chairs were six feet apart and the council members were wearing face masks and behind protection of glass shield. There are some residents that might want to attend in person so I'm asking the council what's the reason? So one member of the public comes to the meeting and complains about the room was not COVID protected and how many residents can attend. He doesn't speak for 30,000 residents. What happens to people who don't have a computer? Will this meeting tonight be seen on YouTube? One person should not have spoken for the residents of the town.

#### **Jeffrey Feld**

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# Post Mortem After-the-Face Nonpartisan Investigation

In light of the August 20, 2021 Mayor Override Special Meeting SNAFU, Orange's late filed August 27, 2021 Remanded FELD X Response, the two intra-branches of government litigation retention of separate counsel resolutions 397- & 398-2021, the proposed amending special meeting Ordinance 45-2021 and the Hurricane Ida related flooding:

- 1. Who monitors the quality of professional legal work product and advice provided the City of Orange Township and funded by taxpayers' trust fund monies, including insurance policies?
- 2. What is the status of August 20, 2021 cannabis special meeting veto override?
- 3. Why is the municipal executive branch suing the local legislative branch? Res. 397-2012 (ESX-L-3047-21): Res. 398-2021 (ESX-L-5312-21)
- 4. Does a legislative veto override constitute a public health, safety and welfare emergency sufficient to warrant shortened and limited prior public notice? Ord. 45-2021
- 5. What is Orange's emergency management chain of command?
- 6. How many basement apartment units, if any, are located in Orange?
- 7. Will Orange reexamine its pre-storm preparation and notice system?
- 8. When will Orange post its CY 2021 original and amended User Friendly Budgets and CY 2021 unaudited financial statement on a public website?

#### \$6,970,325.01 Bill List Res. 396-2021

- 9. Are prior requisitions and purchase orders included and repeated on the September 7, 2021 Bill List?
- 10. Why is Orange paying a US Treasury judgment?
- 11. What does this judgment relate to? PO 21-01031
- 12. How much has Orange paid Dieter Lerch's firm in CY 2019, CY 2020 and CY 2021? PO 21-0031, 21-00534
- 13. How much related to special outside budget consultant work?

- 14. How much related to other management advisory services?
- 15. In what pending case is Judith S. Feld still a named plaintiff? PO 20-00896; 21-0538; 21-0776?
- 16. How much has paid Wilentz for stagnated redevelopment projects? PO 21-0569, 21-0733?

# July 2021 and August 2021 OPRA Reports

- 17. Of the 9 open and pending July 2021 OPRA requests, who are the requestors?
- 18. Of the 24 open and pending August 2021 OPRA Requests, who are the requestors?
- 19. Of the open and pending 33 July and August 2021 OPRA Requests, what departments and boards have delayed production?
- 20. Have these departments and boards delayed production of government records pursuant to OPRA?
- 21. How many CY 2019, CY 2020 and CY 2021 OPRA Requests still remain open and pending?
- 22. Why the delay in producing the Bank of America acquisition affidavit of tile and closing statement?
- 23. Why the delay in producing the notorious walk-on \$350,000 Contract Approval Res. 237-2015 adopted Sept. 18, 2015, the supporting availability of funds certification, the three payment requisitions and the three issued payment checks pursuant to OPRA?

# **Repetitive Issues of Public Importance**

- 24. When will the CY 2021 Introduced and Amended User Friendly Budgets and CY 2020 Financial Statement be posted on the CC's public website?
- 25. When will the local governing body resume posting monthly revenue and operating reports on its public website?
- 26. Will the City of Orange Township conduct a post July 1, 2012 city employee nepotism audit?
- 27. How much does the City of Orange Township owe the County in long term tax exemption revenues?
- 28. How much does the local housing authority owe the City of Orange Township in unpaid "in lieu of taxes" cooperation payments?
- 29. Does the City of Orange Township have any "colorable" claims and causes of actions against any developers, professionals and current and former city employees, such as Willis Edwards III and McManimon Scotland & Baumann LLC?
- 30. Who was the municipal attorney and outside counsel who approved the waiver of all City of Orange Township Willis Edwards III related claims and causes of actions against Mayor Warren?
- 31. What is the status of the amending zoning ordinance discussed and proposed by the Zoning Board Chair?
- 32. When will Attorney Feld and others be provided equal access to the municipality's public access cable channel so that they can provide their counter "factual" narrative to the community?
- 33. Does State law permit an in-house municipal attorney and former partner of the mayor to serve as the municipal planning board attorney in the contested Orange Commons redevelopment plan with condemnation powers prerogative writ action?