

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey held on January 21, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

Members of the Council and all those present gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President DeJesus: Please remain standing for a moment of silence for remembering our troops overseas.

Notice Requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been satisfied concerning this meeting. The Home News Tribune and The Star Ledger published the Annual Notice Schedule on December 20, 2019. A copy of the Schedule was posted on the Municipal bulletin board. It should be so noted in the minutes of this meeting.

The Municipal Clerk took the Municipal Council attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cory Spillar, Gregg Ficarra, Debbie Meehan, Virbhadra N. Patel, Kyle Anderson, Howie Bauer, Brian Small, Lizbeth DeJesus

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Drumm

ALSO PRESENT: John E. McCormac, Mayor
John Mitch, Municipal Clerk
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator
Marta Darden, Director of Planning and Development
Robert Hubner, Director of Police
George Brew, Public Works Director
Phil Bujawski, Senior Health Inspector
John Hagerty, Communications Director
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator
James P. Nolan, Esq., Law Director
Craig Coughlin, Esq, Municipal Counsel

Council Vice President Small moved the adoption of the following minutes seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

Reorganization, Council Meeting
and Board of Health Meeting:

January 1, 2020

Council President DeJesus asked if there were any comments from the Council.

The Municipal Clerk read the following Ordinances by title on Second Reading as Consent stating that copies of these Ordinances were posted on the bulletin board.

The Municipal Clerk called for a First Reading of the following Ordinances as Consent:

- A. AN BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$11,655,000.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS. (20-01)**

- B. A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE SEWER UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,600,000.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS. (20-02)**

- C. A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE RECREATION UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,925,000.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS. (20-03)**

- D. A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR REDEVELOPMENT PURPOSES IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$775,000.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT,**

TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS. (20-04)

Council Vice President Small made a motion that these Ordinances be taken up on Second and Third Readings and for the public hearing to be opened which was seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

Council President DeJesus moved the public hearing to be held on these Ordinances and carried unanimously.

Council Vice President Small moved the public hearing closed and these Ordinances be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval, which was seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

- E. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.2 HANDICAPPED PARKING – TO DELETE WILLIAM STREET, EAST (P1653611). (20-05)**
- F. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.5 HANDICAPPED PARKING – TO ADD 14 WISTERIA DRIVE, THE CROSSINGS AT ONE (1) SPACE. (20-06)**
- G. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.1 HANDICAPPED PARKING TO ADD/DELETE VARIOUS PARKING SPACES IN THE TOWNSHIP. (20-07)**
- H. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-35 “BUS STOPS” TO ADD INMAN AVENUE (CR #602) EASTBOUND ON THE SOUTHERLY SIDE THEREOF AT: HARRISON AVENUE – NEAR SIDE. (20-08)**

Council Vice President Small made a motion that these Ordinances be taken up on Second and Third Readings and for the public hearing to be opened which was seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

Council President DeJesus moved the public hearing to be held on these Ordinances and carried unanimously.

Council Vice President Small moved the public hearing closed and these Ordinances be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval, which was seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

- I. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT TITLE AND POSSESSION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS BLOCK 544, LOT 89 COMMONLY KNOWN AS 106 MAIN STREET, WOODBRIDGE PROPER BE ACQUIRED BY WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP. (20-09)**

Council Vice President Small made a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third

Readings and for the public hearing to be opened which was seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

Council President DeJesus moved the public hearing to be held on this Ordinance and carried unanimously.

Council Vice President Small moved the public hearing closed and this Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval, which was seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

J. AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND EXTINGUISH THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF A STREET KNOWN AS CRESSKILL AVENUE IN THE AVENEL SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE AND RELEASING AND EXTINGUISHING THE PUBLIC RIGHTS TO SAME. (20-10)

Council Vice President Small made a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Readings and for the public hearing to be opened which was seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

Council President DeJesus moved the public hearing to be held on this Ordinance and carried unanimously.

Council Vice President Small moved the public hearing closed and this Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval, which was seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

The Municipal Clerk called for a First Reading of the following Ordinances as Consent:

K. A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE PHASE ONE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ICE RINK AT THE CLUB AT WOODBRIDGE IN, BY AND FOR THE RECREATION UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$3,500,000.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BOND TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

L. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH 112 NEW BRUNSWICK PROPERTIES URBAN RENEWAL, LLC.

M. AMENDING SECTION 7-39 CONTROL FOR THE MOVEMENT AND THE PARKING OF TRAFFIC ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY AND BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPERTY – TO ADD 150 AVENEL STREET/AVENEL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (APAC) 105 AVENEL STREET, MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT AND 181 AVENEL STREET, MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT.

N. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARY RANGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE.

Council Vice President Small made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading to be published in The Home News Tribune on Friday, January 24th, 2020 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, February 4th, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent:

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the 1947 Production & Entertainment, Inc. to host their (5-day) annual Ganesh Festival from Saturday, August 22nd to Wednesday, August 26th, 2020 in the parking lot at Woodbridge Center Mall, Woodbridge.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Avenel Fire Department to hold their annual Fire Prevention Open House on Saturday, October 10th, 2020 beginning at 9:30 A.M. and ending at 1:00 P.M.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and grants an Amusement Games License to Dave & Buster's to operate at its location at 274 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizing refund checks to various Christmas Tree vendors in the Township.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refund checks for Overpaid Taxes.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby confirms the hiring of Ronald J. Stark as an Electrical Inspector for the Department of Planning & Development and waives the Township's residency Ordinance.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby accepts and adopts the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund's 2020 Safety Incentive Program.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Planning Board of the Township of Woodbridge to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine if certain real property in the Iselin section of Woodbridge Township as an Area in Need of Redevelopment: Block 356, Lot 1.011, 120 Wood Avenue, South, Iselin.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Planning Board of the Township of Woodbridge to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine if certain real property in the Woodbridge Proper section of Woodbridge Township as an Area in Need of Redevelopment: Block 545, Lot 40.02, 400 Amboy Avenue; Block 545, Lot 46.02, 107 Ross Street; Block 545, Lot 54, 114 N. James Street, Woodbridge.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Planning Board of the Township of Woodbridge to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine if certain real property in the Woodbridge Proper section of Woodbridge Township is an Area in Need of Redevelopment: Block 531.02, Lot 100, Berry Street; Block 540.07, Lot 10, Berry Street; Block 541, Lot 9.01, Berry Street; Block 541, Lot 11, Woodbridge Avenue.

- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Planning Board of the Township of Woodbridge to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine if certain real property in the Woodbridge Proper section of Woodbridge Township is an Area in Need of Redevelopment: Block 538, Lot 1.01, 41 Main Street, Woodbridge.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Alaimo Engineering for professional engineering services for Segment One Port Reading Interceptor in an amount not to exceed \$220,011.00.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Alaimo Engineering for professional engineering services for Segment One Port Reading Interceptor in an amount not to exceed \$960,500.00.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with French & Parrello Associates for professional engineering services for Geotechnical Engineering Assessment Sewaren Pole Barn Building in an amount not to exceed \$6,200.00.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP for professional accounting services for general Accounting/Audit for the Township in an amount not to exceed \$114,000.00 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP for professional accounting services for calculation of required employee health contributions in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the period January 1, 2020 through December, 2020.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP for professional accounting services for sewer cost allocation between the Borough of Carteret and the Township of Woodbridge in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
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- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Millennium Strategies, LLC for professional services regarding State Library Grants for the Township's Library System.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Naik Consulting Group, P.C. for the Preliminary Drainage Investigation Phase Report in an amount not to exceed \$191,706.00.
- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with New Jersey Realty Advisory Group, LLC for professional engineering for NJDEP Stream Cleaning Permit Application Submission for Pumpkin Patch Brook in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Peak Environmental, LLC for professional environmental services for 106 Main Street, Woodbridge in an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00.
- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Remington & Vernick Engineers for professional engineering for NJDEP Stream Cleaning Permit Application Submission for Pumpkin Patch Brook in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with T & M Associates for professional engineering services for the Woodbridge Community Center Emergency Generators in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.
- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with T & M Associates for professional engineering services for Construction Document Preparation and Bidding Services for the Repair of the Municipal Complex Parking Garage in an amount not to exceed \$38,100.00.
- (26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute a First Modification to the Lease Agreement between Licinio and Onelia Neves.
- (27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution #15 adopted September 17, 2019 authorizing the Township of Woodbridge to enter into recreational, social and cultural service agreements with various groups and organizations is hereby amended to include the “Independent Club of Colonia”.
- (28) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves all claims and bills presented to it by the Chief Financial Officer of the Current Bill List dated January 21, 2020 and the Supplemental Bill List dated December 27, 2019 through January 17, 2020.
- (29) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the transfer of \$500,000.00 from the SFY 2019 Budget Reserve Appropriations to the Storm Recovery Trust Fund.

Council Vice President Small moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

Council President DeJesus: We will now move to the public portion of the meeting. Please approach the microphone if you would like and state the area of the township you live in and your name. There is a one-time five minute time period.

Jimmy Dabrowski, Woodbridge: My name is Jimmy Dabrowski and I’m a lifelong resident of Woodbridge Township. I grew up right there down Rahway Avenue on Burnet Street in Avenel where my parents still live now. I wish that Skate Park they’re redoing by my old house was there when I was a kid because I would have had a blast; now I’d probably just have another herniated disc in my lower back so I’ll just watch if my now 7 year old soon ever becomes interested in getting a little more brave with his bike and scooter. I’m here tonight because last month I read an NJ.com article entitled: Diverse

Town is the First to Oppose the Detention of Immigrants – More to Follow. After reading the inspiring article I immediately reached out to the mayor of that caring town of Montgomery Township, Sadaf Jaffer, who quickly put me in contact with the amazing woman who started this powerful initiative, Afsheen Shamsi, who among many other roles serves on the Board of the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey. I obtained a copy of the compassionate resolution passed by Montgomery Township calling on our elected officials at all levels to reunify migrant families, who have been horrifically separated due to our current administration's evil and unforgivable "zero tolerance" policy, to release them from detention and to afford them due process in immigration proceedings. I shared it with a few immigrants' rights advocates and they told me such a symbolic resolution is really the bare minimum we can do and that passing it should be a "no-brainer". I excitedly emailed the resolution along with a letter in support of it from the ACLU to our Council members and Mayor here in Woodbridge Township on December 17th proudly presenting them with this great opportunity for our diverse, inclusive and caring community to get on board but surprisingly never received a reply. I reached out again on January 3rd with good news that Bound Brook had also just passed the resolution and they did so without the support of their Republican mayor, who callously refused to even sign it, their two Republican members of the Council, who coldly voted against it, and even one Democrat Council member who cowardly "abstained" from voting. I want to give a quick public shout out to Bound Brook Council President Abel Gomez for daring to lead and having the courage and conviction to get his town on the right side of history despite such heartless opposition. Abel also happens to be a Perth Amboy native and I soon learned we have a few mutual friends as I've been a health and physical education teacher at E.J. Patten Elementary School in Perth Amboy for about 15 years now. Shout out to my amazing students and colleagues if you're watching this later on. I've been nervous about this evening all day to be honest and actually confided in one of my 4th graders this morning about why and they told me that they were very proud of me for being an up-stander and not a bystander. That meant the world to me and reminded me that it's okay to be afraid but it's not okay to look the other way because we're afraid; from the mouth of babes. On January 9th I finally received a reply from Mayor McCormac himself, "Please let me know when you have time for a call to discuss your recent email, thanks" was all it said. I picked up the phone and called right away and the mayor's assistant transferred the call to him. The mayor told me that while he agreed with the resolution Woodbridge Township would not be passing it. He said that it's not a local issue, that Woodbridge has never passed a resolution like this before, and if we were to start now he'd be pressured to take a stand on all kinds of other issues and finally that he was worried about how some members of the community would respond if we were to pass it. I explained to him that this is indeed a local issue as Woodbridge has many undocumented community members who do not feel seen, safe or supported at all right now. The mayor even shared with me that his grandfather from Ireland was here without papers so that makes me hopeful that he might change his mind and find some more empathy. I also explained to him that not taking a stand simply because we've never done it before is poor and cowardly leadership to be honest as the job of leaders should move us forward not take us backward or keep us stuck in the stagnant waters of the status quo. We were all at the very moving Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ceremony last night at the Woodbridge Community Center and the main message we all took away from that evening is that his fight is far from over and we must continue his courageous work of standing up against injustice and effectuating real change. I also explained to the mayor that if we let those who want to keep things the way they've always been by stopping us from doing what is right and just then the fight to do better has been lost. Change can be uncomfortable. Real change usually is at first but we must never put our comfort ahead of our fellow human beings' lives. And to those who hear this message tonight and will disappointingly choose what Dr. King called in his famous letter from Birmingham Jail which I quote almost verbatim "A negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace, which is the presence of justice who say I agree with you in the goal you seek but I cannot agree with your methods of direct action, who paternalistically believe they can set the timetable for another human's freedom,

who live by a mythical concept of time and who constantly advise marginalized and oppressed people to wait for a more convenient season. Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will. Lukewarm acceptance is much more bewildering than outright rejection”. So in the spirit of Dr. King, which I hope is still strongly present in our hearts from last night” let us choose justice over the “order” of antiquated traditions and move forward from being bystanders to becoming up-standers, thank you.

A woman from Woodbridge Township commented on supporting the resolution that Jimmy Debrowski spoke of in regards to helping release migrant families and free them from detention. Lastly she further read a statement from Heather Ciociola who is a co-hero of the New Jersey Jewish Coalition for Refugees.

Keesha Debrowski from Woodbridge commented on being an undocumented immigrant when she came to this country when she was 8 years old and how she has succeeded in being the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Diversity Communications Strategy and Engagement at Rutgers and a Communications Expert in coding and decoding of messages.

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE (PRESIDENT):

1. Housing Authority
HOLD
2. Affordable Housing Corporation
HOLD
3. Youth and Government Day (5/19/20)
HOLD
4. History Museum
HOLD
5. Police Community Relations
HOLD

Council President DeJesus: This week’s students from one of our high schools will get a tour of the police department. The college entrance for the police department will be taken a tour of the County Medical Examiner’s Office. Detectives will be meeting the local hotel and motel owners to discuss fire prevention through environmental design and the biweekly classes with the high schools will continue. The detectives will also be attending an addiction training seminar.

6. Youth Employment/Job Fair
HOLD
7. Township Parks and Playgrounds
HOLD
8. Hispanic Heritage Month
HOLD

9. Barron Arts Center
HOLD
10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge
HOLD
11. Greenway Family Success Center
HOLD
12. Veteran’s Tax Deduction
HOLD
13. Green Infrastructure
HOLD
14. Girls’ Sports
HOLD
15. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavilion and Camp
HOLD
16. Summer Fest 2020
HOLD
17. Census 2020
HOLD

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE (VICE-PRESIDENT):

1. Woodbridge News
HOLD
2. Mayor’s Advisory Council on Education (Mac-E)
HOLD
3. Port Reading Fire and Township First Aid Squads
HOLD
4. Website E-Government
HOLD
5. Bicycle Lanes/ Bicycle Share/ Bicycle Paths
HOLD
6. Electric Vehicle Car Share/ Car Charging Stations
HOLD
7. School Projects
HOLD

Council Vice President Small: I'm glad to see that Woodbridge Middle School opened two weeks ago. I thank the parents, staff and students for being patient. Unfortunately there are some delays in projects and this was one of them but the school is absolutely beautiful and the wait was worth it believe me so I'm happy to say that Woodbridge Middle School is open.

8. S.T.O.W. (Register @ 732-726-2394 for Client Transport ID#)
HOLD
9. Level Playing Field @ Cypress Recreation Center/Our House
HOLD

Council Vice President Small: Our level playing field over at the Cypress Recreation Center is coming along. I pass there every day coming to and from work. It's going to be a beautiful facility and I think this summer we will be seeing kids playing on it.

10. Property Fraud (www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov search for "Property Alert" to Register)
HOLD
11. Inspections at Hotels/Motels
HOLD
12. National Public Lands Day
HOLD
13. Marine Eight
HOLD
14. Mayor Mac Café
HOLD

Council Vice President Small: I would urge the public to go over to Mayor Mac's Café. It's open from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. It's located in our Cypress Center. It's just an incredible place and it makes these kids feel fantastic and you get a nice lunch too.

15. Jazz Festival
HOLD

CORY SPILLAR/ 3RD WARD COUNCILMAN:

Councilman Spillar: My agenda is in order but I just want to offer congratulations to Council Vice President Small and his daughter Amanda who recently received nationwide recognition from the Nationwide Federation of State High School Associations for her bowling capabilities and girl's bowling coach. She was nominated by the State's Bowling Coaches Affiliation of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Affiliation so that is outstanding.

1. Avenel's Very Merry Holiday Lighting/Port Reading Day
HOLD

2. Avenel Arts Village/Train Station/Eric LeGrand Believe Park
HOLD
3. Woodbridge River Watch/ Oros Nature Preserve
HOLD
4. Port Reading Saints/ Saints Complex Improvements
HOLD
5. Avenel Middle School Community Service Club and School Improvements
HOLD
6. Port Reading Knights/Senior Center
HOLD
7. Sycamore Senior Center/Red Oak
HOLD
8. Route 1 Redevelopment
 - (A) Star/City Motels
 - (B) Americana/Avenel Motels
 - (C) Quick Chek
 - (D) Bud's Hut
 - (E) Big Top property
 - (F) Holiday Inn Express expansion
 - (G) Pier I Imports propertyHOLD

Councilman Spillar: I'm happy to announce the grand opening of Dunkin Donuts on 898 Route 1 North. People wonder why I get so happy over Dunkin Donuts well it really transformed that entire property. If you think about it Dunkin Donuts is there now and the Holiday Inn is there now. Before the Holiday Inn it was just a decrypted Rick Brothers Propane Distribution center that caught fire in 1992 and where Dunkin Donuts is was Woody's Service Department which housed not a very good element, it had a contract with the state. It was beat down and it continues. The Council, the Mayor, the Administration and the Redevelopment ideas and promise to continue to redeveloping the Route 1 corridor was good.

9. Avenel Fire Department
HOLD

Councilman Spillar: On Sunday, January 19th the Avenel Fire Department responded to a structure fire in Avenel. Upon arrival heavy smoke and fire were showing in the rear of the structure. Except for a burn on the extremity of one of the children there were no other injuries reported. As quite remarkable the fire was discovered by 6 year old Madelyn. Madelyn woke up coughing, her eyes burning and heard the smoke detector. She ran downstairs and saw what she called orange fire in the kitchen and went to wake up mommy but she could not, mommy was not waking up. With the fire advancing out of the kitchen towards her Maddie ran upstairs and woke up daddy who couldn't find Maddie in the smoke. The dad then carried Maddie and 2 year old Hunter out of the house and ran back in and carried their mother out to safety. If not for the quick lifesaving actions by a 6 year old this fire could have had a much more tragic outcome. Thankfully everyone was safe thanks to a 6 year old remembering what she

learned during Fire Prevention Week and the knowledge about smoke detectors. Unfortunately the house is deemed inhabitable. James, the father, is also an Ex-Chief and current member, fellow brother of mine, at the Avenel Fire Department and Maddie attends School 23 in Avenel. The Avenel Fire Department is seeking for assistance. If you'd like to drop off clothes or toys you can do so at the Avenel Fire Department, 346 Avenel Street, Avenel between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Gift cards are more than welcome and monetary donations can be made out to the Avenel Fire Company Community Fund and you can put that to my attention, Cory Spillar – Fire Official, or Frank Strain – President. On behalf of the Avenel Fire Department I would like to thank everyone that has helped out already during this difficult time. God Bless the family and God Bless the Avenel Fire Department on an incredible job and awesome job Maddie.

10. Shuttles – Warehouses/Train Station
HOLD
11. Woodbridge Developmental Center property
HOLD
12. The Greens at Avenel – Rahway Avenue
HOLD
13. Cable Commission/Renewal
HOLD
14. School 4 & 5
HOLD
15. Concerts
HOLD

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN:

Councilwoman Meehan: As we were talking about Brian Small and his family I just want to give a shout out to his daughter, Brielle, who is substituting in School 20 a couple of weeks ago and she noticed that there was a little girl, 5 years old, choking and she gave her emergency help and she dislodged what she was choking on and ultimately saved her life.

1. Inman Avenue Business Improvements
HOLD
2. CBC – Colonia Business Community
HOLD
3. Green Houses – Colonia Middle and Colonia High Schools
HOLD
4. Evergreen Senior/Youth Center
HOLD
5. Events: Taste of Colonia

Have a Heart Food Drive
Colonia Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt
Colonia 5K/Chris Jantas Run
Colonia Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament
Support the Troops Rally
Colonia Pride Day Parade
Colonia Clean Up
Colonia Christmas Tree Lighting
Cookies and Can for the Troops and Food Bank
Toys for Tots Run
Breast Cancer Walk

HOLD

Councilwoman Meehan: We kicked off our Have a Heart Food Drive on January 1st. It will continue until February 14th. What we are doing is we are asking businesses and schools and organizations to take the 214 Challenge which means you can either donate \$214.00 to the food pantry or donate 214 pounds of food. You know during the holidays everybody thinks about people that are hungry but it's a continued problem yearlong and we try to do these things in Woodbridge Township so we can help people that are less fortunate and that are hungry.

Also we will be hosting the Taste of Colonia and that's on February 6th. It's at the Colonia Country Club. We made it a Thursday this year. It is from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. It's \$30.00 if you purchase the ticket before or \$35.00 at the door. This is also coordinated with the Have a Heart Food Drive. We ask that you bring some food. Last year we were able to donate I think over \$11,000.00 to the food bank and a lot of food so as I said it is a continued problem. If you want tickets you can reach out to me. My number is 732-382-0273.

6. Food Pantry
HOLD
7. Reinhard Manor
HOLD
8. Colonia Fire Department/First Aid Squad
HOLD
9. Colonia American Legion/V.F.W./Elks
HOLD
10. Veteran's Issues
HOLD
11. Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority
HOLD
12. Cpl. Kevin Reinhard Marine Corps League
HOLD
13. Municipal Alliance + Addiction Task Force

HOLD

14. Volunteer Directory
HOLD
15. Domestic Violence Response Team
HOLD
16. AED Program
HOLD
17. Engineering Exploring Project
HOLD
18. Lake & Lancaster/Inman & Delaware Traffic Signals
HOLD

NANCY DRUMM, 1ST WARD COUNCILWOMAN(ABSENT):

1. Events: Relay for Life
Fishing Derby
Parker Press Concerts
Woodbridge Wednesdays and Local Band Thursdays
St. James Street Fair
HOLD
2. (DMA) Downtown Merchant Association
HOLD
3. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District)
HOLD
4. Chamber of Commerce
HOLD
5. Buy Local Program
HOLD
6. Transit Village
HOLD
7. Blue Acres/F.E.M.A.
HOLD
8. Main Street and Route 9
HOLD
9. Animal Shelter
HOLD

10. Dog Park
HOLD
11. Arts
(A) Woodbridge Train Station Mural Project
(B) Woodbridge Artisan Guild
HOLD
12. PACE
HOLD
13. Woodbridge Elks Lodge 2116
HOLD
14. Woodbridge Fire Department
HOLD
15. Coast Guard
HOLD
16. Sewaren Library Programs
HOLD

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:

1. W.T.Y.R.C.
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: The Woodbridge Little League will be having their monthly meeting tomorrow at 8:00 P.M. at their complex on Van Buren Street.

2. Job Bank
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: An education Job Fair will be held at the Evergreen Center on Thursday, January 23rd from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. and this is for the Metuchen YMCA. They are in desperate need for some employees. The positions that they have that are available are Welcome Center staff, early education lead teachers, early education assistant teachers, before and after school counsellors and CDL bus drivers. If you would like some more information online you can go to www.ymcaofmewsa.org.

3. Real Estate Database
HOLD
4. Mayor's Trophy
HOLD
5. Woodbridge Hall of Fame

HOLD

6. Taste of Woodbridge
HOLD
7. Charity Raffle
HOLD
8. Drive-In Movies
HOLD
9. N.A.A.C.P.
HOLD
10. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: The Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Event was very successful yesterday. Reverend Larson from the First Baptist Church in Sewaren gave a resounding speech last night and the one thing that I would like to see more of...I only saw three kids under the age of like 14 and we could use more children at these events. I think kids need to come out to this. We made it a little bit earlier so it was at 6:00 P.M. so it's a great opportunity next year. We have to come up with some ideas to get more kids there. There were only three boys there so we'll come up with some ideas. It was a nice idea presented last night and I'll leave that up to our Board of Education, Mr. Harris, to look into that.

11. Independent Club of Colonia
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: I see Mr. Hall here from the Independent Club of Colonia. They will be holding their annual Black History Month event and that is on February 23rd at 3:00 P.M. and that is also at the Evergreen Center at 400 Inman Avenue. Come and hear a spoken word, songs, plays, a lot of great talent and some local history as well. Then afterwards you can get fed soul food style at no cost to you. The organization does accept donations but if you don't have anything come and get a warm meal that night.

12. Tooling Around Program
HOLD
13. Boy Scouts/Camping
HOLD
14. League Consolidation
HOLD
15. Middlesex County College
HOLD

GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:

1. Woodbridge Community Center
(A) Senior Recreation and Programming
(B) Youth Recreation and Programming
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: Over at the Community Center on Saturday, February 8th they are having a Heartthrob Workout. There are different types of workouts; body flow, body pump and body contact starting at 9:00 A.M. The admission is to bring a non-perishable item to get in there so you can try out the program and help the Have a Heart Food Drive Program.

During this month the Community Center also there are special membership offers to waive the Joiner's Fee. Also to remind you that if you have young folks the Community Center is a great place for birthdays between the roller rink and the ice skating rink. You can check us out at njwcc.com.

As a recycling tip, those plastic bags that you sometimes get at ShopRite don't put them in the recycling bin. Also the Styrofoam containers that we sometimes get with takeout food in don't put them in recycling, they go in the regular garbage.

2. Youth Month – April
HOLD
3. Senior Citizen Month – May
HOLD
4. Mentoring Program
HOLD
5. Mayor's Fitness/Wellness Initiative
HOLD
6. Fireworks (July 2, 2020 – Rain Date: July 3, 2020)
HOLD
7. Heroes & Cool Kids/Strengthening Families
HOLD
8. Pedestrian Safeway's/East Coast Greenway
HOLD
9. Annual Pizza Run (2020)
HOLD
10. Jacob's Landing
HOLD
11. The Club at Woodbridge Upgrades
HOLD

VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4TH WARD COUNCILMAN:

Councilman Patel: My agenda is in order but I have an announcement. The India 71st Republic Day celebration will be on Sunday, January 26th from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at Royal Albert's Palace in Fords. This event is open to the public and it is free. The program will include breakfast, the parade and US and Indian Flag hosting with lunch to follow.

1. American Legion (T. Nulty Post)
HOLD
2. Oak Tree Road Special Improvement District (SID)
HOLD
3. JFK High School Field And Building Improvements
HOLD
4. Sucker's Brook Bank Stabilization
HOLD
5. 4th Ward Road Projects
HOLD
6. Magnolia/Willow/Walnut Area Commuter Parking
HOLD
7. Sign Ordinance
HOLD
8. Cooper Field
HOLD

HOWIE BAUER, 2ND WARD COUNCILMAN:

1. Second Ward Road Projects
HOLD
2. County Greenway
HOLD
3. Downtown Parking on New Brunswick Avenue
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Waterfront Park/Keasbey
HOLD
5. Hometown Hero Banners
HOLD
6. Fords Business Community
A. Cruise Night

B. Trunk or Treat
HOLD

Councilman Bauer: The Fords Business Community is holding their first public meeting of the year on Wednesday, January 29th at 6:00 P.M. at the Liberty Tavern. If any businesses in the Fords area are interested in joining the Fords Business Community please stop by. The Fords Business Community considers their duty to help all their businesses to succeed and flourish and also giving back to the residents of Fords throughout the year. For more information you can contact our president, Anna Lords at 732-742-0621.

7. Fords/Hopelawn/Keasbey Fire Companies
HOLD

Councilman Bauer: I'd like to congratulate all the fire officers and business officers from Fords/Keasbey/Hopelawn Fire Companies that were sworn in on January 1st. I'd like to also thank all our First Responders for all they do for our community every day and wish everyone a Safe and Happy New Year.

8. Fords V.F.W.
HOLD

9. Troop 53 Boy Scouts of America
HOLD

10. Pathmark Property
HOLD

11. Brownfields
HOLD

12. Hickory Senior Center
HOLD

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK:

1. Liquor License Transfer(s)/Change of Corporate Structure:
 - A. Change of Corporate Structure for Red Chutney, LLC t/a Talli Bar & Grill, 1538 Oak Tree Road, Iselin, New Jersey 08830.
 - B. Person-to-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-021-007 from Kona Macadamia, Inc., Debtor in Possession to TOG Kona Macadamia, LLC, t/a Kona Grill, 511 U.S. Highway 1, Iselin, New Jersey 08830.

Mr. Mitch: Item 1A and 1B I continue to work with the police department on these transfers.

2. Liquor License Incident(s)/Hearing(s).
3. Liquor License Renewals.

- A. 2020 Annual Retail Licensee Meeting.
- 4. Street Closings/Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals, etc.).
- 5. Elections.
 - A. Special School District Election: March 10, 2020
 - 1. New machine demonstration – February 25, 2020 (5 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.)
 - B. 2020 Primary Election – June 2, 2020.
 - C. 2020 General Election – November 3, 2020.

Mr. Mitch: Item 5A, 5B and 5C just to make a comment preparing for a Special School District Referendum on March 10th of this year. The voting hours will be between 2:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. at your normal polling locations. Ballots will be coming out in the mail. For those results that are signed up for mail-in ballots they'll automatically go to you unless you opted out of the automatic program. They'll also be doing a demonstration of the new voting machines here in Woodbridge. I've opened it up to elected officials here in Woodbridge and both political parties for their leaderships to come in and try them on February 25th.

- 6. Best Practices.
- 7. Census 2020. (April 1, 2020 is Census Day)
 - 3/12/20 – 3/20/20 Receive invitation to respond online to 2020 Census. Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.
 - 3/16/20 – 3/24/20 A reminder letter will be sent if you haven't responded yet.
 - 3/26/20 – 4/3/20 A reminder postcard will be sent if you haven't responded yet.
 - 4/8/20 – 4/16/20 A reminder letter and paper questionnaire will be sent if you haven't responded yet.
 - 4/20/20 – 4/27/20 A final reminder postcard will be sent if you haven't responded yet before an in-person follow up is done during mid to late May.

Mr. Mitch: Item 7 again I mentioned last time Mr. Hagerty and I are both co-chairing the efforts for the complete count for this year's census which is April 1st, 2020 in less than two months from now. Every resident should start getting notification in the mail about registering for the census. This is the first time it is being done electronically; you'll be able to do it through the internet which is pretty advanced and pretty good compared to the past censuses I have been involved in so again we're working with the mayor's appointed, with you consent, a variety of people to go out in the community to represent the Latino, the Hispanic and the Indian neighborhoods. The school district is key, I know I mentioned that before, with over 13,000 students in the district to get the message home. And one of the ideas that Mr. Hagerty had, I got to give him credit for this, he had asked for and we received today the sample questionnaires in both of the languages and we're going to attempt to get them to go home to every student prior to April 1st so they are well aware of the questions that are on the census. That is where we

lacked the last time and hopefully won't be this year so that's all I have on the census.

MAYOR:

Mayor John E. McCormac: I want to introduce Business Administrator Cimilluca. This is his first meeting as the administrator so I want to congratulate Vito who has a thirty-seven year career working for the township and I'm looking forward to working with him in the next several years in Woodbridge Township. If I could also...today was the State of the Township Address. I appreciate everybody who came out for it. We laid out several minutes of what has been going on in Woodbridge for the past year and most of it toward what is happening in the future. If I could just have a quick commercial for the March 10th referendum; we'll be talking a lot about that in the next seven weeks. It will be a vote that Tuesday from 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. where you normally vote. It will be on an \$87 million referendum that will include among other things brand new Avenel School 4 & 5 on Rahway Avenue in Avenel on the site of the Premier Dye Cast plant. It will include a major expansion of Lafayette Estate School 25, eleven new classrooms and a gym. A major expansion of School 28 in Sewaren; I think eight classrooms and a gym. There are two schools that have separate pods, 22, and Lynn Crest School in Colonia and 24 Kennedy Park in Iselin. They will all be connected. Every middle school will get a stem lab except for Woodbridge Middle who already has it. Every middle school will get wired for air conditioning except Woodbridge Middle School which obviously has it. A lot of other work like boilers and tiles and things like that in all the schools and most importantly there's a significant commitment to school security. I think the number is just short of \$200,000.00 in each of the schools that will be committed for school security. The best news is just like the field projects from 2013 to 2017 which were paid for by warehouse projects and the power plant that was built and just like the 2017 referendum which was paid for by the downtown development projects neither one of them were paid for by taxpayers. This also will not be paid for by taxpayers. There is one million square foot warehouse on the site of the Woodbridge Developmental Center which closed back in 2014. We purchased that from the state and closed this past June for \$5 million. We also purchased a piece of property from Conrail for \$2 million. We are now selling those to the Morris Companies which is a company we chose after sixteen companies competed for the right to purchase that property to construct the warehouse so they will give us a sizable amount of money for those parcels and then the taxes we will collect at a start at \$2 million when they open and increase every year until it gets to the thirtieth year when it will be \$4 million so it's a total of about \$90 million that will come in in taxes. That one project will pay the entire referendum so there will be no property tax increase to the residents of Woodbridge Township because of this work. Nobody can say my taxes went up because of this work because as the money comes in from the project the debt service on the referendum will come in and it will be covered so it's a great thing for Woodbridge Township. We've already been to four schools. I think there is a meeting tonight at one of the schools and the Board members and Council members and Dr. Zega and myself are hitting every school. We're hitting all the senior clubs, the senior centers and any place else we can. Any business group; you name it we'll go out and talk about it and let people know why they should support this. Three years ago the referendum passed 4.5 to 1; it was about 3,600 to about 800. I expect this one should be as popular. There is really not much reason for people to be against the \$87 million worth of projects essentially for free but I appreciate your support. That is the big effort of the next seven weeks and then after that of course we'll get into the engineering and architecting and then start the construction. But it's terrific for the township, it's terrific for our students and teachers, it's terrific for our property taxpayers and it's terrific for the property values of those taxpayers because when you live near a school that is improved and enhanced and brand new or has a new addition or new everything it just makes that house that you own more valuable because people want to live in those houses. We're seeing the impact now all over town on real estate values so we have seven weeks to make sure we get this passed. I thank you all for your support and now we'll turn it

over for the first time in public Business Administrator Vito Cimilluca.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: I want to thank the mayor for his confidence along with the Council and their confidence in me. I promise to work hard in my new duties and look forward to working with you all. I would like to congratulate the president and vice president in their new roles and I look forward to an exciting year this year. So with that on to business we have an award of a bid for Mulch & Topsoil. We have a Change Order for an Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper. We have a Change Order for two (2) F-350 pickup truck chassis. We have a resolution executing the HDSRF grant application and we have a revised MOU with the New Jersey DEP for the Blue Acres Acquisitions, thank you Council President.

POLICE:

Director of Police Hubner: Thank you Council President nothing tonight.

HEALTH:

Senior Health Inspector Bujalski: Nothing this evening, thank you.

RECREATION:

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Director Darden: Thank you Council President, nothing this evening.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

Director Brew: Thank you Council President, I have a few items for resolution tonight. The first one is an agreement with the County for Pedestrian Flashing Beacon at the Port Reading Avenue and Daniel Street Intersection. The second one we have is the 2019 Recycling Tonnage Grant. The third one is a renewal of a Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Sayreville for Public Works Services. That is all on my agenda, thank you Council President.

LEGAL:

Mr. Nolan: Nothing this evening, thank you Council President.

On a motion made by Council Vice President Small, seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously, Council President DeJesus adjourned the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

Lizbeth DeJesus
Council President

John M. Mitch, RMC, CMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

