

**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 March 3, 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 our troops serving 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, Nancy Drumm, Kyle Anderson, Howie Bauer, Brian Small, Lizbeth DeJesus

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Virbhadra N. Patel

**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  
Dennis Green, Health Director  
John Hagerty, Communications Director  
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator  
James P. Nolan, Esq., Law Director  
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq., Municipal Counsel (Arrived 7:07 P.M.)

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

Council Meeting:

February 18, 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 ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND EXTINGUISH THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF A PORTION OF A STREET KNOWN AS PORT READING AVENUE IN THE PORT READING SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE AND RELEASING AND EXTINGUISHING THE PUBLIC’S RIGHTS TO SAME. (20-16)**

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:**

- B. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT PORT READING AVENUE AND OLD ROAD, SEWAREN.**
- C. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” TO DELETE HANDICAPPED PARKING – RYAN STREET WEST, FORDS.**
- D. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” SECTION 7-38.5 TO ADD HANDICAPPED PARKING – BEVERLY HILL TERRACE, 1 SPACE.**

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, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 and directs the Mayor, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Purchaser to execute an agreement with Road Safety

Systems for Guide Rail Improvements – New Dover Road and Blair Road in the amount of \$185,307.00.

- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes that Resolution #49 adopted on January 1, 2020 authorizing Special Public Defenders for the Township be amended to add Eric Schwab, Esq. retroactive to January 1, 2020.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body authorizing the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act Solicitation for Grant Applications in the amount of \$2,353,737.50.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund check from the Current Account to Seniakevgh Family Prop.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund check from the Current Account to Vivint Solar, Inc.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to release the Sidewalk Permit Fee in the amount of \$50.00 from the Current Account #248001521 and return to Edgar Bansil.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to release the Sidewalk Permit Fee in the amount of \$50.00 from the Current Account #248001521 and return to Lochiatto Paving.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to release the Sidewalk Permit Fee in the amount of \$50.00 from the Current Account #248001521 and return to Lochiatto Paving.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Inspection Escrow, the cash, and the Paper Bond Performance Guarantee released to:  
Ross Street Plaza, LLC.
- (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.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes designating certain properties (Block: 540.07, Lot: 10) in the Woodbridge Proper section of the Township as an Area In Need of Redevelopment.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes designating certain properties (Block: 541, Lot: 9.01) in the Woodbridge Proper section of the Township as an Area In Need of Redevelopment.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Planning Board of the Township 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.

- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the Borough of Sayreville for Opioid Overdose Recovery Program Services for the period March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the Township of Edison for Opioid Overdose Recovery Program Services for the period March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the City of Perth Amboy for Opioid Overdose Recovery Program Services for the period March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the City of South Amboy for Opioid Overdose Recovery Program Services for the period March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the Township of Old Bridge for Opioid Overdose Recovery Program Services for the period March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Prevention Specialists Incorporated for Drug and Alcohol Testing in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Peak Environmental, LLC for professional environmental services for Phase 1, Port Reading Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00.
- (21) **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's Café Plumbing Replacement Specifications and Ongoing Flooring Support in an amount not to exceed \$24,500.00.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes execution of a contract modification on the contract with Maser Consulting for professional engineering services for the Traffic Signal Design Project increasing the contract amount of \$157,900.00 to a total of \$164,950.66.
- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes execution of Change Order #1 on contract with Rapid Pump & Meter Service for Homestead Avenue Pump Station Upgrades increasing the contract amount of \$248,677.00 to a total of \$274,767.00.

- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes Final Quantities Change Order on the Building Envelope Rehabilitation at The Club contract with VMG Group decreasing the adjusted contract price of \$640,314.40 by \$5,343.96 for a total adjusted contract price of \$634,970.44.
- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute a contract with White NJ Inc. for home improvement repairs at the home located on Block 780, Lot 1.02, Woodbridge.
- (26) **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 Retaining Wall at The Club in an amount not to exceed \$2,030.00.
- (27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with USA Architects for professional architectural services for Comprehensive Facilities Assessment of 95 Port Reading Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$15,800.00.
- (28) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Final Change Order on the Additions and Renovations at The Cypress Recreation Center Contract with M & M Construction Company, Inc. which decreases the contract price of \$2,779,273.00 by \$6,095.00 for a total adjusted contract price of \$2,773,178.00.
- (29) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution #7 adopted February 4, 2020 is hereby amended to the proper dollar amount (\$211,903.19) in all sections of the resolution for the Recycling Tonnage Grant.
- (30) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of A Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2020 Budget – Middlesex County Census 2020 Grant – \$30,000.00.
- (31) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of A Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2020 Budget – Sustainable Jersey Grant - \$1,672.50.
- (32) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of A Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2020 Budget – Fish and Wildlife Service Grant - \$10,794.00.
- (33) **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 March 3, 2020, the Supplemental Bill List dated February 14, 2020 through February 28, 2020 Bill List.

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

Councilwoman DeJesus: We will now move to the public portion of the meeting. Please approach the microphone if you like, state the area of the township that you live in and there is a one-time five minute period and I would like to ask everyone to please remember to be respectful. You have every right to say what you need to say but be respectful of one another and keep in mind that at times we have students, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, in our audience so we want you to keep that in mind when you

speak, thank you.

Tony Gallo from Port Reading spoke about the incident that he and Councilman Anderson had at a rally in October and thanked Councilman Anderson for a wonderful afternoon that he had with him at lunch.

Jimmy Debrowski from Woodbridge spoke about his friend Nadia Rakowski emailing the Council a week after the February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Council meeting that she witnessed a security officer making a joke to an attendee about why she and Jimmy were there alluding that “this was beyond ridiculous”. Jimmy further spoke that he assured that it was far from ridiculous. Jimmy lastly asked the Council to do the right thing and pass the Symbolic resolution.

Kason Little with Faith New Jersey from Elizabeth spoke about not being allowed to record the Council meeting from his seat and asked that the Council provide him that in writing. Kason lastly asked the Council to do the right thing and pass the Symbolic resolution.

Anjali from Woodbridge thanked the Woodbridge leadership for prioritizing the New Jersey working families with each school the township remodeled and asked the public to vote yes on the referendum at the Special Election on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Anjali lastly spoke about Councilman Anderson on how he and his wife were nice to her when she moved to Woodbridge Township as a single mother.

Susan Fair from Iselin spoke on how Councilman Anderson helped her when she moved to Woodbridge Township as a single mother of one and how Councilman Anderson is beneficial to the township.

Gina Stanley from Avenel spoke about how Councilman Anderson has helped her many times in the years she has lived in Woodbridge Township. Gina lastly commented on how everybody in this job does a wonderful job.

Gudha Shakur from Iselin conveyed his appreciation and grateful thanks to Councilman Anderson for supporting him in numerous ways.

John Vrtaric from Woodbridge spoke about if you have a problem with a Council person that you should talk to them in private before coming to a Council meeting and doing it in public. Next Mr. Vrtaric spoke that an immigrant is not a person who comes to the United States illegally like coming and saying her I am take care of me and that when you come to the United States and get a green card then you are an immigrant. Then Mr. Vrtaric spoke about the Special Election for the question for the school bond and that Mayor McCormac quoted that it would not make the property taxes go up yet every year our property taxes go up. Lastly Mr. Vrtaric spoke about how they are building a new School 4&5 near the prison where sex offenders are.

Tom Maras from Fords spoke about how the Council, Mayor and Administration are handling the Symbolic resolution. Next Mr. Maras spoke about how he is not in favor of the referendum question coming up at the Special Election on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Lastly Mr. Maras questioned on the township was handling the cleaning of The Club at Woodbridge, the Community Center, meeting places and Senior Citizen facilities in the township in view of the coronavirus pandemic.

Phil Hall from Colonia commented on the Council, Mayor and Administration on how they do the best for the township.

Reverend Donna Stewart from the Perth Amboy Branch of the NAACP spoke about how she was at the

last Council meeting two weeks ago and how being a woman of color she did not feel safe or protected when leaving because of all that went on at that meeting. Lastly Reverend Stewart spoke about how during the Pledge of Alliance Councilman Anderson and Kason Little did not stand and that there is no law that states on has to stand during the Pledge of Alliance and that we stand out of respect.

Mary a Reverend from a church in Tinton Falls spoke about how when she was a child she attended schools in Woodbridge and how those years where the most horrible years of her lives. Lastly Mary spoke about how she has seen no compassion at the meeting for any people of color.

**LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE (PRESIDENT):**

Council President DeJesus: I would like to just take a moment and acknowledge that March is Women's

History Month. We recognize and salute many women past and present on the contributions and sacrifices that were given on making sure that we as women have a voice, a vote and most importantly a seat at the table.

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: The week of March 3<sup>rd</sup> the Police Community Relations will be reading books to several schools on celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday week. They will also be at the elementary and middle schools for their biweekly mentoring groups. They will also be guest speakers at the College of St. Elizabeth to speak about how we engage our senior population. They will be at the high schools for their police interaction class and they will be participating in the St. Patrick's Day parade this Sunday. The following week they will continue with their mentoring groups and they will be talking 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade classes at one of the schools about cyber bullying. There has been a rise in our township with our residents being victims of scams. There are a couple of scams that our Police Department would like to make you aware of. They are also seeing a lot of victims in the Asian/Indian population. The fake accident is one of the scams. The con artist gets the victim to wire or send money on the pretense that the person's child or another relative is in the hospital or jail and needs the money for some type of assistance. The internet fraud – A pop-up browser window simulating virus scanning software will fool victims into either downloading a fake antivirus program at a substantial cost or an actual virus that will open up whatever information is in the user's computer to scammers. The grandparents scam – The scammers will place a call to an older person and when the victim picks up they will say something along the lines of hi grandma do you know who this is. When the unsuspected grandparent guesses the name of the grandchild the scammer most sounds like the scammer has established a fake identity

without having done a little background research. Once in the fake grandchild will usually ask for money to solve unexpected financial problems to be paid via Western Union or Money Gram which doesn't always require identification to collect. At the same time the scam artist will beg the grandparents please don't tell my parents they will kill me and the gift card scam. Just about every scam we are seeing the scammers are asking to be paid in gift cards. They ask the victim to purchase high dollar amounts of gift cards and gifting them with the numbers on the back. They can be any type of gift card such as Google Play Cards, Item Cards or both cards. We're currently working on signs for retail stores that sell gift cards and working on speaking to employees and management to possibly questioning people who are buying large sums of gift cards if they look like they should be the victim of a scam. So again it's the fake accident, the internet fraud, the grandparents scam and the gift card scam. Make everybody that you know aware and if you have been a victim contact our police department.

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

Council President DeJesus: The Suffragette State is a 2020 Performing and Visual Arts Series – Susan B. Anthony – Failure is Impossible will be on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. at the Barron Arts Center. Please call 732-634-0413 for reservations.

There will be a fundraiser on March 7<sup>th</sup>, the Woodbridge Psychic Fair, which will run from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Evergreen Senior Center and again contact the Barron Arts Center for any information at 732-634-0413.

10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge  
HOLD

Council President DeJesus: The Woodbridge Pubic Library was selected as a Girl with Google partner and we'll offer some special events to share accessible online business tools for everyone. A live stream event will be held at Noon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor at the Main Library on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. A light lunch will be served. Four programs will follow on Monday and Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, March 17<sup>th</sup>, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 24<sup>th</sup>, one in each branch. Visit [woodbridgelibrary.org](http://woodbridgelibrary.org) for more information or to register. The township libraries are also celebrating New Jersey Maker's Day all month in March. Special events for teens and adults will be held on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. and Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> for children and families. The library is also offering ESL classes for any adult who wants to improve their English language skills. Students will practice speaking, reading and writing in English. Classes will meet once per week for two hours in session. If you are interested in these classes please come back to register in person at any of our library locations. Fords Public Library will be hosting March 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. and March 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Please call 732-906-5456 for more information.

11. Veteran's Tax Deduction  
HOLD
12. Green Infrastructure  
HOLD
13. Girls' Sports  
HOLD
14. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavilion and Camp  
HOLD
15. Summer Fest 2020  
HOLD
16. Census 2020  
HOLD

Council President DeJesus: The Greenway Family Success Center will hold Census 2020 Fiesta – The Most Way to Complete Your Census Form. That will be held on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:00 P.M to 5:00 P.M. and again it will be at the Greenway Family Success Center. The address is 535 New Brunswick Avenue, Fords, New Jersey. You can call at 732-527-3400 to sign up.

**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

Council Vice President Small: The bicycle lanes are coming in 2020. Bicycle lanes are an important facet of mobility, economic development, public health and environmental sustainability. It can connect a blank travel, moves barriers and mobility and increases the safety and comfort of pedestrians and cyclists. It offers the travels options for non-drivers, reduces automobile traffic and increases recreation activity. Biking is an affordable way of incorporating physical activity into daily routines. It can help fight obesity, chronic illness and improve the community sense of well-being. Improving a connect ability of bicycling throughout the township will provide more direct convenient and safe travel routes.

6. Electric Vehicle Car Share/ Car Charging Stations

HOLD

7. School Projects  
HOLD
8. S.T.O.W. (Register @ 732-726-2394 for Client Transport ID#)  
HOLD
9. Level Playing Field @ Cypress Recreation Center/Our House  
HOLD
10. Property Fraud ([www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov](http://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: Again Mayor Mac Café is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Please go down, grab a nice meal and visit with the kids. It’s a nice time.

15. Jazz Festival  
HOLD
16. Concerts  
HOLD
17. Light Parade  
HOLD

**CORY SPILLAR/ 3<sup>RD</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN:**

1. Avenel’s Very Merry Holiday Lighting/Port Reading Day  
HOLD
2. Avenel Arts Village/Train Station/Eric LeGrand Believe Park  
HOLD

Councilman Spillar: There are a new set of shows that are booked for the spring and being announced at APAC. Visit [www.avenelarts.com](http://www.avenelarts.com) for all the information or you can visit the box office from Tuesday to Sunday between the hours of 12 Noon and 5:00 P.M. Just note that two of the three shows, When

Irish Eyes are Dying on March 12<sup>th</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup>, are sold out and the March 11<sup>th</sup> show only has three seats left. You can also have some refreshment and dinner at Curtains. You can go to [www.curtainsrestaurant.com](http://www.curtainsrestaurant.com) for all their information.

And the Coffee Bar is open and located at 190 Avenel Street. It's the last retail spot just before the new train station. They are open seven days a week from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. I wasn't the first one who tried it. I was the third customer on Saturday and had my large hot tea so they're doing very well so it's nice to see another business in the area.

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

Councilman Spillar: The annual Avenel Middle School Tricky Tray is upon us. Tickets are still available for Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. The location is at Avenel Middle School. Doors open at 6:00 P.M. and calling begins at 7:00 P.M. For any information you can contact the school. I mentioned last time this year's fundraiser is going out to the March of Dimes and Team LeGrand of the Christopher and Dana Reeves Foundation as well as AMS. Last year's Tricky Tray was the first one and the profited almost \$12,000.00.

6. Port Reading Knights/Senior Center  
HOLD
7. 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'd just like to thank the Mayor and Administration on having more and more residents from Red Oak as well as residents from Port Reading who are just completely grateful about the traffic light that was installed. It helps Sycamore, Red Oak and School 28 when getting out at 3:30 P.M. so thank you.

8. Avenel Fire Department  
HOLD
9. Shuttles – Warehouses/Train Station  
HOLD

10. Woodbridge Developmental Center property  
HOLD
11. The Greens at Avenel – Rahway Avenue  
HOLD
12. Cable Commission/Renewal  
HOLD
13. School 4 & 5  
HOLD

**DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5<sup>TH</sup> WARD COUNCILWOMAN:**

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: The Have a Heart Food Drive was completed last week and together the township raised \$38,738.00 and collected over 27,000 pounds of food. Thank you to all the businesses and the schools that participated. The schools alone donated \$10,000.00 so a shout out to our young kids. Even though we are done with the food drive right now we are always in need of food so please remember those that are hungry. Hunger has no season; we can always use food.

Save the Date for the Support the Troops Rally this year will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. and that will be held behind the Woodbridge Library. If anyone has anybody serving overseas please reach out to me so we can recognize them during this. You can reach out to me at 732-382-0273 and this way I

can include them in the program.

Before our meeting this evening we recognized volunteers from the Spaghetti Dinner that was held for the DeMichele family last month. Dan DeMichele, who is an employee of Woodbridge Township with two young children, over the summer was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer. So many people came out to support this event and help this family during such a difficult time so I just want to thank everybody that came out and supported this family. We were able to raise a lot of money for him and at least now he can fight his battle and have a little money in the bank to help him with some bills.

You know there has been so much going on in the past month and it makes me sad. To me it's amazing how we come together for great stuff. We sit here and we fight with each other over things. You know everybody has their opinions and we should all listen to each other but I take great offense, and I'm saying this with all due respect to you, there is nobody on this Council that is prejudice. Nobody looks at you because you're different. One of my best friends over there is Phil Hall. I never look at him as Afro American; I look at him as my friend and every single person on this Council feels the same way so for me that really offends me and I'm sure it offends my Council mates. So with all due respect you're incorrect about that statement you made.

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, 1<sup>ST</sup> WARD COUNCILWOMAN:**

Councilwoman Drumm: I know that Councilwoman Meehan mentioned the greatness that occurred prior to this meeting tonight and the proclamations and the great fundraiser. It was overwhelming and I just wanted to say thank you to Debbie who was a big part of that so thank you Councilwoman Meehan for all of your efforts and all of your help and thank you for all that you do.

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

Councilwoman Drumm: The Chamber of Commerce has many upcoming events. Check the website [www.woodbridgechamber.com](http://www.woodbridgechamber.com).

5. Buy Local Program  
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: I'm going to combine a few items tonight. They all speak to the same subject which is Woodbridge Redevelopment, it's an update on what's happening in downtown Woodbridge so it's the Downtown Merchant Association, the Main Street Special Improvement District, the Transit Village and Main Street and Route 9 which all ties into Item 5 which is the Buy Local Program. As everyone can see our Redevelopment of Woodbridge downtown has begun. Our downtown area has been struggling for years. This Redevelopment will focus on our train station which is an underutilized asset and will create a transit development. We are using the same model as other highly successful towns which include a mixed use, higher densities and walkability. This new development will bolster sales in our existing businesses as well as include new restaurants and shops and upgrades to parks. It will allow residents to walk to their destinations. Old buildings and various states of disrepair will be transformed into new modern structures that will not only create tightknit community neighborhoods but they will be environmentally friendly and sustainable. Our Main Street and Route 9 are also preparing

for a new development. The Jewelry Exchange is readying the opening of upscale retail stores and a newly renovated ground floor and luxury apartments above. These luxury apartments feature valuable amenities and are located steps from Woodbridge shopping and restaurants. The other project is taking place at the old Hess property and will be both residential and retail components. The most existing part of this project is the upgrades that are going to take place to the Route 9 entrance ramp. Improving the ramp will elevate congestion and improve traffic flow. We realize these projects are going to cause temporary inconveniences from time to time but the improvements will be permanent.

Council President, I listened to you intently about all of the services that are available to our residents from the library because that's on your agenda I didn't hear this so if you won't mind I just would like to say that the library, we've been working with the director and we've been collaborating with them, we do have an upcoming event on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. We are collaborating and hosting A Grow with Google seminar so we're hoping that we get people there. It's a free event and need to call the library to register at 732-634-4450.

6. Transit Village  
HOLD
7. Blue Acres/F.E.M.A.  
HOLD
8. Main Street and Route 9  
HOLD
9. Animal Shelter  
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: The Animal Shelter will be having a fundraiser on March 6<sup>th</sup>, this coming Friday, at 7:30 P.M. at the Avenel Performing Arts Center. It's called The Rock for Shelter Pets. All the proceeds will go to the Woodbridge Animal Shelter.

This coming Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. will be Brunch With Our Mayor at the Woodbridge Fire Department.

The recycling tip for tonight is do not throw your foam containers into recycling. If you have recycling questions please call them at 732-738-1311.

I also want to wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

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
17. Acacia Center  
HOLD

**KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:**

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

Councilman Anderson: I want to mention that last night at the Cypress Center we had over thirty-two coaches from the W.T.Y.R.C. come in and learn more about how to use the AED and also perform CPR. They all walked out of there with certifications so I'd like you to know that this was a great and well attended event. We've heard stories about young people unfortunately having cardiac events during sporting events. It's reassuring to know that our coaches were being trained properly and I want to commend the rec department for putting that together.

2. Job Bank  
HOLD
3. Mayor's Trophy  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: The girls and boys basketball please stay tuned for that. We merged that league between the Colonia and Woodbridge basketball leagues so we should be having our championship games. I believe tonight was the final regular season game. My boys were playing and I was getting updates on my phone so I think we did make the playoffs which is great.

4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: This is the time where you should be submitting your nominees. You can go through the township website or the recreation department to submit your nominees. The selection process will be throughout the summer but we do accept nominations all throughout the spring and early part of the summer.

5. Taste of Woodbridge  
HOLD

6. Charity Raffle  
HOLD
7. Drive-In Movies  
HOLD
8. N.A.A.C.P.  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: In our Perth Amboy Chapter, as our president Donna Stewart has mentioned, they will be holding their next meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at 1 Olive Street in Perth Amboy and it will be the Rays of Hope Woman's Panel that will be there so if you are interested in joining the N.A.A.C.P. or if you are interested in seeing what the Rays of Hope are about you can stop down to 1 Olive Street in Perth Amboy at 7:00 P.M. on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

9. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program  
HOLD
10. Independent Club of Colonia  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: The Independent Club of Colonia had their Black History Month event last week and it was a packed house over at the Evergreen Center. Mr. Phil Hall every year puts on a better event. We honored Eric LeGrand as Man of the Year. Unfortunately Eric had been dealing with pneumonia and was not able to attend so I had the pleasure of being able to deliver his award to him. This has a lot to do with what kind of town we live in. I spent about an hour in his bedroom talking with him and just talking about Eric and his life and growing up and I've never seen anybody who has been dealt such a crappy hand in life to keep and maintain a smile on his face and encourage my sons while they are in there. That's what living in a town like this should mean to everyone that we should be able to come together and we should be able to talk and we should be able to help each other like Councilwoman Meehan always does when it comes to someone who is in need. We're not perfect. Mr. Gallo called me out on a promise that I made and I made a promise here on the night that I was being attacked and I said a conversation can change the course of forever and he reached out to me and asked if I wanted to meet and I took him up on it. While we don't agree on our politics we at least know each other's story and that's when people begin to have a common respect for one another when you learn their story. Until you know someone's story don't come here and attack them. So I do appreciate that meeting and hopefully there will be more meetings, more meetings between all of us where we can talk and not attack. That weekend was followed up where I went to another wonderful event that was sponsored by JJ Bittings for a young man who is dealing with severe hydroencephalitis. He's non-verbal, wheelchair bound and his mother reached out to me over a year and a half ago for some assistance. Councilman Gregg Ficarra was the first one to step up and then we agreed that he would be the recipient of the Chili Cook Off Contest this past weekend. While he was the best person for this to receive that award, to receive the benefits and proceeds of that event and I commend JJ Bitting for that, what moved me more was the conversations I had that day and sometimes we need to sit down and have a beer together because I had a Woodbridge Police Officer that I sat with and he told me by the end of that conversation he said to me, I know you got my back and he said I got yours. That gave me hope because I walk around thinking that a lot of police officers don't like me because of what happened here as a result of me showing up at a rally that I ended up participating in a protest of. So I encourage you

all to continue those conversations to reach across that aisle and get to know one another. I think we can get more done rather than just shouting from a distance.

Also the Independent Club is having a Swinging Jazz with Danny Bacher and his All Star Band this weekend so I couldn't let it go without an invite. It's by the Independent Club of Colonia, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Avenel Performing Arts Center. Show begins at 7:00 P.M. and the tickets are \$30.00. You can go to the Independent Club of Colonia or you can go to the Avenel Performing Arts Center and get your tickets.

11. Tooling Around Program  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: Tooling Around the Town is a great program that Woodbridge Township offers and this is for our low income, our senior citizens and some of our residents that are having trouble with their home and they need some help so we take our projects. We are looking for people who are skilled and unskilled labor. You can contact 732-602-6015. We're accepting sponsorships and donations or you can go to [tooling@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:tooling@twp.woodbridge.nj.us).

12. Boy Scouts/Camping  
HOLD

13. League Consolidation  
HOLD

14. 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: Both the Woodbridge Community Center and The Club at Woodbridge I always like to promote healthy activities going on there. Coming up on April 26<sup>th</sup> is Once Upon a Time Breakfast Ball. It's in the roller skating rink that magically turns into like the Royal Palace. There is a fee for that; it is a minimal fee. There is breakfast included and picture taken with the princess. They children really enjoy that; it's a nice family time.

Also very unique, only because we have these types of facilities, is ongoing roller skating lessons and also ice skating lessons both at the Community Center. They are very interesting activities and another healthy way to stay in shape. You can go to our website at [njwcc.com](http://njwcc.com) and that will give you that information.

Our Club at Woodbridge the demonstration of the way they operate earlier today has their Spring Brochure out and it's way too much to be able to explain it but the family atmosphere there and the things that they do there are absolutely incredible and bring communities together.

2. Youth Month – April  
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: April is Youth Month and we are just fine tuning that calendar and it will be out publicly. There will be tons of activities for the youth in April and that is very important because of the spring break holiday and we do put out a calendar that is interactive so if hover over a particular date and you click on an event it will come up and give you explanations on it and that is soon to be announced.

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, 4<sup>TH</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN (ABSENT):**

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. 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Road Projects  
HOLD
6. Magnolia/Willow/Walnut Area Commuter Parking  
HOLD
7. Sign Ordinance  
HOLD
8. Cooper Field  
HOLD

**HOWIE BAUER, 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 TreatHOLD
7. Fords/Hopelawn/Keasbey Fire Companies  
HOLD

Councilman Bauer: Are you or someone you know looking to make a difference in our community then come out and join our local volunteer fire companies. There is no experience necessary. All the training will be provided free. Men or women 18 years old or older can apply. For more information reach out to your local fire company or you can reach out to me personally at 732-887-9796 and I will steer you the right way.

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
13. Greenway Family Success 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.
  - C. Person-to-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-36-106-008 from Pyramid Woodbridge Management, LLC to Highgate Hotels LP, t/a Delta Woodbridge, 515 Rt. 1 South, Iselin, New Jersey 08830.

Mr. Mitch: Item 1A, 1B and 1C I continue to work with the police department for these liquor license transfer and I'm also adding Letter D today which you will probably see that tomorrow in your mail.

2. Liquor License Incident(s)/Hearing(s).
3. Liquor License Renewals.
  - A. 2020 Annual Retail Licensee Meeting (Thursday, May 14, 2020).
4. Street Closings/Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals, etc.).
5. Elections.
  - A. Special School District Election: March 10, 2020 (2 P.M. – 8 P.M.).
  - B. 2020 Primary Election – June 2, 2020 (6 A.M. – 8 P.M.).
  - C. 2020 General Election – November 3, 2020 (6 A.M. – 8 P.M.).

Mr. Mitch: Just a reminder, Tuesday, March 10, 2020 is the Special School District Election for the bond referendum question. Polls are open 2 P.M. to 8 P.M. at your normal polling place. If you

received a Vote by Mail Ballot you have to return it. If not and you go to the polls you'll not be able to use the machine you will have to use a provisional ballot. Also the new machines are rolling out for this Tuesday as you have all seen. They are fairly user friendly but we also have that up on our website if you want to see how you work the machine before you go and cast your vote on Tuesday.

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, you indicated earlier the fiesta that is coming up on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 for Census Day. By the time we meet next every resident should have received their Census notification and I do encourage people to file their census this year online if they can. It's a first time opportunity and it will allow us real live time to monitor what parts of Woodbridge answered first and where we have to go hit neighborhoods hard after this.

Council President DeJesus: And again one of the things that we should mention it is completely safe to fill out the Census and your name and personal information goes in one data base and your answers go in another one so please we are trying to encourage all of our residents to fill out Census 2020.

### **MAYOR:**

Mayor McCormac: First item, because of his humility Councilman Brian Small did not mention that on Friday he coordinated a trip for twenty special needs adults between the ages of 18 and 21 from the RISE Program. They went up to the Prudential Center to see the Jurassic Park performance. It was coordinated through Investors Bank where Brian has a good contact with the representative there. It was a wonderful afternoon, twenty kids and about five adults, and they had a really good time. I want to thank Investors and I especially want to thank Councilman Small for putting that together. Second is, I guess you saved it for me because of my heritage and history with the American Irish Association but this Sunday is the annual Irish parade. The weather looks like it is going to be as good as it can be for March 8<sup>th</sup>. The ceremony in this room here kicks off at 9:00 A.M. where we recognize all the honorees and everybody comes out to support them and then we proceed to the Irish flag raising outside and then there is a breakfast provided by the association at JJ Bittings and then the parade kicks off at 1:30 P.M. sharp and that's going to be a long parade through Woodbridge coming right in front of Town Hall here and of course there are events at the VFW, the Legion, the Elks, the Firehouse, the Woodbridge Community Center, I'm probably skipping a few, but everybody gets into the festivities; we're looking forward to a terrific parade. I'd like to also put a plug in for the referendum on March 10<sup>th</sup>. A couple of people have mentioned it. The voting is from 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Wherever you normally vote you

vote. We are supporting that as an administration. We're working very closely with the school district as we always do. We have dedicated the proceeds of one project that is the million square foot warehouse in Avenel on the site of the former Woodbridge Developmental Center. We purchased that property from the state. We purchased a piece next door from Conrail; that is being sold to a redeveloper and the proceeds from the sale as well as the taxes are all being dedicated toward the principle and interest on the project. It's \$87 million and change minus about \$13 million from the state so we'll have to come up with \$74 million so as I said we're paying the whole thing from soup to nuts and frankly we're heading into a great environment to be borrowing because the rates are coming down and down and down. Everybody talks about property taxes. I would like to talk and continue to talk about property values. We've already seen improvements in downtown Woodbridge because of the Ross Street School and the Woodbridge Middle School. Cory can certainly speak to the fact that property values in Avenel because of the project there near the train station have really mattered to people's property values and this referendum covers something in every single school except Ross Street and Woodbridge Middle which basically are already brand new. Every other school is getting some attention. School 25 is getting a major addition, School 28 is getting an addition, School 22 and 24 have separate buildings; they're all being connected. It is not safe to have kids traveling between buildings during, it's also bad weather particularly that they have to travel in so that's all being covered. There is air conditioning and there are boilers but the most important thing even though it's not the biggest dollar item is school security. We put millions of dollars into that last time. I still say we have very safe schools, they can always be safer, so we're putting several million more so that each school sees security improvements from this referendum and again it's getting broad based support. We've been to all the PTOs, we've been to senior clubs, we've been to senior centers, we've been all over talking to people and we're looking for a very good result on March 10<sup>th</sup> so we're asking people to please support that. It is very, very good for Woodbridge Township and there will not be a tax increase because of it because at the same time the debt starts to come due from the borrowing it will be the same time that the warehouse kicks in so nobody will see a tax increase because of this so we really are very much behind it. And lastly on the coronavirus I'll leave the details to Director Green but we are preparing but not panicking. We have contact with the state entities, we have contact with county entities, we are aware of everything with the Center for Disease Control at the federal level that puts out. As Councilman Anderson has said Mr. Green has been to all the different meetings and is aware of everything. We're putting everything on our website. We're taking all the precautions especially with our schools. It's no secret we have not spent a lot of money on snow this year, we're very happy about that, so we are not going to be shy about spending money to make sure our schools are kept as clean as possible. If it cost a little bit of overtime, if some of the custodians have to stay late or come in early, it's not going to be a problem for us because that is our primary concern public safety. That just doesn't mean police, fire and first aid it also means health and Director Green has more details that I can't explain, he's the expert, and I can assure you we are taking every precaution when it comes to the coronavirus.

### **ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:**

Mayor McCormac: If I could under Director Cimilluca's agenda his mother-in-law has been sick in hospice at his home. He got a call a little bit after the meeting started at 7:00 P.M. that his mother-in-law passed so obviously he had to leave. I ask you to please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. He has a very limited agenda to refund for overpaid taxes and sewer user fees and then one contract medication to Waters McPherson and McNeill which is handling our litigation related to our sewer utility, that's going from \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00. And I do have to leave early because the Woodbridge Knights of Columbus is recognizing many of our citizens tonight. They have a Police Office of the Year, Fire and First Aid of the Year, Teachers of the Year and Support Person of the Year. They do a great job and they do it every year and we like to attend and honor the people that they are

honoring too so thank you very much.

**POLICE:**

**HEALTH:**

Director Green: As the Mayor mentioned we are doing a number of steps up with the Woodbridge Health Department to protect the employees and the community. We interface on a regular basis with the State Department of Health and that includes conference call, emails, updates, interim guides and all kinds of things; we get notifications from them on a regular basis. We also interface with Middlesex County Office of Public Health. We did have a meeting today at the county in the Freeholder's meeting room. It was actually a very good meeting. The meeting actually included all representatives and senior staff from all the local hospitals. The hospital was very explicit on all the things they're doing to protect the public's health in response to this COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak. It was a very good meeting and the county also elaborated on a lot of different things that they are doing in working with the community. We're also working with the CDC we're following all their guidance and also as the mayor mentioned that we met recently with our school administration so we're going to coordinate with them our response so we're going to make sure that this response is a very cohesive and very coordinated response. Just as an example of that I just received a notification recently on my phone just fifteen minutes ago that a person who was tested in this area tested negative for the virus and that's very good news but it just shows that this information is 24/7 so we are on top of it and we're going to try and stay on top of it. So as far as Woodbridge Township we're setting policies and guidelines for our employees and our staff and how we're sanitizing and maintaining our buildings. We're going to enhance that sanitizing and improve that on a regular basis in all our buildings and that includes the rec centers, all the facilities throughout the township. Our custodial staff and building maintenance people will be on top of that and we're working with that. We're also setting a new interim policy for our employees who may show symptoms for the virus. We're making sure that anybody who shows any symptoms is going to be addressed and make sure that no one gets exposed unnecessarily. Regarding the community we will be posting information online and making sure to reach out to the community about things that they can do to protect themselves. There are some things we can do and we'll talk about that in a second. We also are actively responding to all calls and people who call up the Health Department, they're calling the state, they're calling the Hotline but a lot of times they're calling us. Public Health and Health Providers are calling us. We're answering all those questions, we have been, and we will continue to do that and that's just something we do. We also have a nursing staff so a lot of things we do are seen and a lot of things aren't seen but we do have a nursing staff that actively investigate all types of communicable diseases every day three hundred and sixty-five days a year not just when the coronavirus is here but all the time so we are actively doing that. Whenever there is a suspected person out there we're responding to it or monitoring it so we are on top of that. It doesn't mean it's not going to happen but I can ensure when it does happen we will respond. We'll make sure we do the contact tracing if someone has been exposed. We'll meet with them and make sure that they don't expose someone else so we're on top of that so I just wanted to reinforce that. We are taking a lot of steps. Some things you're not going to see; some things you will see. But one thing we can do and everybody here in this room, everybody here online, and whatever you can see is that or know that there are basic precautions we all take. Basic hygiene precautions that protect us and prevent us from getting infected and what are those things. All those things your mother taught when you were little, right. Cover your cough, you know don't come in contact with sick people, wash your hands all the time, sanitize if you can, wash your hands often and sanitize touchable surfaces. Anything you touch whether it's a pen, a table, a door knob or whatever it is you should sanitize that on a regular basis because this virus can be transmitted not just through airborne droplets but from any type of droplets that land on what they call a

faux micro hard surface. So if you touch that surface that someone coughed on you can possibly get the virus. And it's not just the coronavirus it's the flu virus, it's the cold virus, its upper respiratory infections all those things we should be doing on a regular basis. We should be taking these standard precautions and making sure that we protect ourselves and our families.

**RECREATION:**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Director Darden: Just our standard biweekly refund, thank you.

**PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:**

Director Brew: On resolutions a proposal for engineering services Amboy Avenue Sanitary Sewer Main Extension. That's all I have on my agenda, thank you.

**LEGAL:**

Mr. Coughlin: 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 8:28 P.M.

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Lizbeth DeJesus  
Council President

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