

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 19, 2019 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 Spillar: Please remain standing for a moment of silence for all our military personnel 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 21, 2018. 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: Kyle Anderson, Gregg Ficarra, Nancy Drumm, Brian Small, Debbie Meehan, Howie Bauer, Lizbeth DeJesus, Cory Spillar

MEMBERS ABSENT: Virbhadra N. Patel

ALSO PRESENT: John Mitch, Municipal Clerk
John Bennett, Business Administrator
Marta Darden, Director of Planning and Development
Robert Hubner, Director of Police
Dennis Henry, Public Works Director
Dennis Green, Health Director
Vito Cimilluca, Recreation Director
John Hagerty, Communications Director
Casey Wagner, Assistant to the Business Administrator
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq., Municipal Counsel (7:07 P.M.)
Brian Bentempo, Esq.

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

Council Meeting:

March 5, 2019

Council President Spillar 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:

- A. AN BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW AMBULANCE FOR THE USE OF THE AVENEL-COLONIA FIRST AID SQUAD IN BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$240,000.00 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. (19-34)**

Council Vice President DeJesus 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 Small and carried unanimously.

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

Tom Maras, Fords: I know we touched on it lightly when it was the First Reading of Ordinance A and now it is the Second one but just affirmation if I'm reading this correctly what we're doing is we, I should say the Woodbridge Township taxpayers, are buying this and we're going to own the title to it or are we going to transfer the title to the Avenel/Colonia First Aid Squad?

Council President Spillar: The township is going to own the ambulance.

Tom Maras: Will we also cover the insurance on it?

Council President Spillar: Yes.

Tom Maras: Is that covered by a bond as well or is that separate? How do we refer to it?

Council President Spillar: Senator.

Senator John Bennett: All the insurance is paid through the JIF Insurance Fund so it's just an add-on; it's not paid out of this bond.

Tom Maras: As far as the bond cost what is the anticipated payback from that; over what period of time, ten years?

Senator John Bennett: Maximum.

Tom Maras: Maximum.

Senator John Bennett: It will be maximum ten years. It probably won't be that long.

Tom Maras: Will there be any contributions coming back from Avenel/Colonia since they are a not for profit organization? Will they be paying anything back to the taxpayers for the use of that equipment?

Council President Spillar: They're selling one, if not, two vehicles so they're not giving contribution unknown at this time; it depends on what the sale of the vehicles are.

Tom Maras: Thank you.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Just to follow up on the same question what's the life expectancy for the ambulance? I understand it will last for ten years.

Council President Spillar: Every single vehicle is different but I'm going to say anywhere between fifteen and twenty years; ten or fifteen years.

Senator John Bennett: I can look it up for you as to what the...by law it has to be at least five years in order to qualify; that's what it needs to qualify for the bond.

John Vrtaric: Okay.

Senator John Bennett: It's for a five year expectancy and over \$5,000.00. So it's at least the five years but in reality most of the fire apparatus and first aid apparatus in this township last pretty long. In fact I think there may be as many as three vehicles that are going to be disposed of by the First Aid of which the proceeds will go towards the older vehicles. So this is only the second vehicle in the township that is going to have 4 Wheel Drive and it also has the electric lift on it so that will help in transporting patients.

John Vrtaric: Well I think it's a great idea. The only thing my concern is if it's something that's not going to last ten years and we're going to be paying for it for a ten year bond then we're paying for something that doesn't exist anymore. So look into it and make sure it last ten years on a ten year bond. If it last five years pay the bond in five years because you will pay for something that's not there anymore. But I think it's a great idea for something like that.

Senator John Bennett: I can answer you how quickly they will get paid once we know the first aid people get for the sale of their vehicles which is all going to be going towards the cost of this vehicle.

John Vrtaric: Good because I don't think we should be paying for something that is not there anymore.

Councilman Small: Council President, I can speak on behalf of Port Reading First Aid being a member for thirty years. Our minimum age for our ambulance was minimally about ten years out of them at a minimum; normally fifteen.

Council President Spillar: Thank you Councilman Small.

Council Vice President DeJesus moved the public hearing closed and this Ordinance be adopted and

submitted to the Mayor for approval, which was seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

- B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-38.2 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – HANDICAPPED PARKING ON VARIOUS STREETS FOR USE BY PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN ISSUED SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS OR PLATES OR PLACARDS BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION OR A TEMPORARY PLACARD ISSUED BY THE POLICE DIRECTOR. (19-35)**

- C. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-38.1 TO ADD HANDICAPPED PARKING ON VARIOUS STREETS FOR PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN ISSUED SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS OR PLATES OR PLACARDS BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION OR TEMPORARY PLACARDS ISSUED BY THE POLICE DIRECTOR. (19-36)**

Council Vice President DeJesus 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 Small and carried unanimously.

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

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

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

- D. A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE REFURBISHMENT OF A LADDER FIRE TRUCK FOR THE USE OF ISELIN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 9 IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$450,000.00 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 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

- E. AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND EXTINGUISH THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF A PORTION OF A STREET KNOWN AS EAST SIDE LANE IN THE AVENEL SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE AND RELEASING AND EXTINGUISHING THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF SAME.**

- F. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-35 “BUS STOPS” – TO ADD NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN AN OMNIBUS PICKING UP AND DISCHARGING PASSENGERS SHALL BE PERMITTED TO OCCUPY SAID LOCATION AT ANY TIME – KING GEORGES POST ROAD, HOY AVENUE AND IZOLA AVENUE.**

- G. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-26 “TURN PROHIBITIONS” – TO ADD**

NO

PERSON SHALL MAKE A TURN AT ANY LOCATION LISTED AND ONLY IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED: INTERSECTION, AVENEL STREET; AT MINNA AVENUE, TURN PROHIBITION, U-TURN, MOVEMENT PROHIBITED AT INTERSECTION.

- H. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-38.2 HANDICAPPED PARKING STREETS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENCES TO DELETE – ON-STREET PARKING LOCATIONS DESIGNATED AS HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES IN FRONT OF PRIVATE RESIDENCES OCCUPIED BY HANDICAPPED PERSONS WHO WERE ISSUED IDENTIFICATION CARDS OR PLATES OR PLACARDS ISSUED BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION OR THE POLICE DIRECTOR.**
- I. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-38.1 HANDICAPPED PARKING ON STREETS TO ADD – THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS ARE DESIGNATED AS HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES, SUCH SPACES ARE FOR USE BY PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN ISSUED SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS OR PLATES OR PLACARDS BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION OR THE POLICE DIRECTOR**
- J. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-23 “ONE-WAY STREETS” TO ADD THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED STREETS OR PARTS OF STREETS ARE HEREBY DESIGNATED AS ONE-WAY STREETS IN THE DIRECTION INDICATED. PARKING ON THESE STREETS WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE SIDES INDICATED – EASTSIDE LANE, EASTBOUND, FROM END OF DRIVEWAY TO E. PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NO PARKING PERMITTED.**
- K. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-26 “TURN PROHIBITIONS” TO ADD NO PERSON SHALL MAKE A TURN AT ANY LOCATION LISTED AND ONLY IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED. EASTSIDE LANE, RIGHT TURN, EASTBOUND FROM THE EXIT DRIVEWAY TO E. PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.**
- L. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ADOPTING THE “ESSEX AVENUE EAST REDEVELOPMENT PLAN”, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW N.J.S.A. 40a:12a-1 ET SEQ.**
- M. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ADOPTING THE “PQ CORPORATION (PADDOCK STREET WEST) REDEVELOPMENT PLAN”, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW N.J.S.A. 40:12a-1 ET SEQ.**

Council Vice President DeJesus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading to be published in The Home News Tribune on Friday, March 22nd, 2019 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019 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 Pabco Industries for

Recyclable Leaf Bags at \$.435 per bag.

- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Purchaser to execute an agreement with AR James Media for Land Lease for Bus Shelters at \$100.00 per bus shelter + 11% of Net Revenue from Ads.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes urging the United States Postmaster General to adjust the zip code boundary for the Town of Hopelawn (part of Woodbridge Township) and either include it with neighboring Fords (part of Woodbridge Township) or Keasbey (part of Woodbridge Township) or assign a new zip code to Hopelawn.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of the Mayor’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports and the Woodbridge Township Recreation Department to sponsor its annual “Pizza/4 Mile Run Race” on Wednesday, July 10, 2019.
- (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 authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refund checks for Cancelled Parking Permits.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue refund checks from the Developer’s Review Fund Account.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request from Middlesex Water Company to waive the seven-year road opening moratorium on Hillside Avenue in the Woodbridge Proper Section of the Township to allow Middlesex Water Company to replace a hydrant at 175 Hillside Avenue.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request from Middlesex Water Company to waive the seven-year road opening moratorium on Kosene Street in the Woodbridge Proper Section of the Township to allow Middlesex Water Company to replace a hydrant on 6 Kosene Street.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request from Middlesex Water Company to waive the seven-year road opening moratorium on Mutton Hollow Road in the Woodbridge Proper Section of the Township to allow Middlesex Water Company to replace a hydrant at Mutton Hollow Road.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request from Middlesex Water Company to waive the seven-year road opening moratorium on St. Joseph Terrace in the Woodbridge Proper Section of the Township to allow Middlesex Water Company to replace a hydrant at 107 St. Joseph Terrace.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request from Middlesex Water Company to waive the seven-year road opening moratorium on Marconi Avenue in the Iselin Section of the Township to allow Middlesex Water Company to replace a service line and install a meter pit at 12 Marconi Avenue.

- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request from Middlesex Water Company to waive the seven-year road opening moratorium on Tappen Street in the Avenel Section of the Township to allow Middlesex Water Company to install domestic and irrigation service lines for 874 US #1.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of KNOCK ON WOOD, LLC for waiver of requirements for the installation of sidewalks for Block: 437.01, Lot: 28, 19 Bird Avenue, Iselin.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of waive of application and escrow fees for the New Jersey Institute for Disabilities.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby, as a result of the emergency, a contract is hereby awarded to P & A Construction in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for the emergency repairs to the sanitary sewer on Edgerton Boulevard on an emergency basis.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Prevention Specialists Incorporated for Drug and Alcohol Testing for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 commencing January 1, 2019 and terminating December 31, 2019.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute an agreement with homeowners for home improvement repairs under the Woodbridge Home Improvement Program.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute an Agreement with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a Commodity Resale Agreement between the Township and the Housing Authority for a period of two (2) years retroactive to January 1, 2019 and terminating December 31, 2020.
- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to sign deed restrictions submitted to the Township pursuant to a Court Ordered Settlement Agreement in the declaratory judgment action, in the matter of the application of the Township, Docket No.: MID-L-03862-15.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Township of Woodbridge and the County of Middlesex in connection with the Woodbridge Firearms Training Center (Pistol Range).
- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes execution of Change Order #1 on the contract with Winner Ford for the purchase of three (3) Ford Explorers for Police Extra-Duty increasing the contract amount of \$143,646.00 to a total of \$156,749.40.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes execution of Change Order

#8 on the contract with Belmont Construction for Elevator/Additions at the Oak Tree Road School increasing the contract amount of \$7,846,406.78 to a total of \$7,874,540.00.

- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes, as a result of the emergency, a contract be awarded to Two Brothers Contracting, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for the emergency demolition of 181 Avenel Street in the Avenel section of the Township on an emergency basis and Environmental Connection, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 for the emergency remediation management of 181 Avenel Street in the Avenel section of the Township on an emergency basis.
- (26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Purchaser to execute an agreement with VMG Group for Building Envelope Rehabilitation at The Club in the amount of \$546,000.00.
- (27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the resolution referring the “PQ Corporation (Paddock Street West) Redevelopment Plan” to the Township Planning Board for its review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law.
- (28) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the resolution referring the “Essex Avenue East Redevelopment Plan” to the Township Planning Board for its review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law.
- (29) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes designating certain properties in the Avenel section of the Township and identified on the Tax Maps of the Township as Block 869, Lot 1.01 as an Area in Need of Redevelopment, Non-Condemnation (Paddock Street).
- (30) **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 19, 2019 and the Supplemental Bill List dated March 1, 2019 through March 15, 2019.

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

PUBLIC MEETING:

Council President Spillar: We’ll now move to the public portion of the meeting. Please approach the microphone if you would like and state the area of the township which you reside in and there is a five minute time limit.

Tom Maras from Fords commented on the article that was in the Sunday, March 17th edition of The Home News Tribune in regards to the township’s PILOT programs. Mr. Maras further commented that the new ratings just came out with the schools in the state and in Woodbridge Township we only had two schools that performed in the top three hundred. Council President Spillar replied that he also thought that was part of the reason why the state is looking into standardized testing. Next Mr. Maras spoke about the Recreation Fund that covers the Woodbridge Community Center and The Club of Woodbridge and that the fund was passed by ordinance back in 2002 or 2004 and questioned if it was owned by the taxpayers of Woodbridge Township. Senator Bennett explained that what has to happen in the Utility Fund is the Utility can’t spend more than what it brings in so the Utility has to always be balanced. Senator Bennett further replied that it is owned by the taxpayers and it’s the user’s fee which

is the moneys that go in from all the different components of recreation and that it is not the taxpayers per say money going in at all but is the user fees that are paying for the operation of the utility. Lastly Mr. Maras questioned that if the recreations were making money and if the township is making a profit why are we bonding into more debt for that utility. Mr. Cimilluca replied that the reason we are bonding is to build out the utility more to provide more services to the township.

John Vrtaric from Woodbridge questioned how much more recreation are we going to put into the Woodbridge Community Center knowing the township is not making a profit. Mr. Cimilluca replied that the Recreation Utility has to be self-liquidating at the end of the year so the margin of profits has to be over what is brought in so depending on what that is that is self-liquidating. Mr. Vrtaric then questioned how much money the township spent on the repairs on the Community Center and Mr. Cimilluca replied that was operating expenses. Senator Bennett further replied that the air conditioning system for the Community Center was a lot of money up front but it has to be paid as we go with the utilities money that come in so it may be stretched out over a longer period of time. Lastly Mr. Vrtaric questioned about the methane gas and Senator Bennett replied that was paid on a continuing maintenance basis annually. Mr. Cimilluca further replied that there was a system in place for the methane gas that operates every day so that means it is monitored every day. Senator Bennett further replied it was in the operating budget.

Paul Lund from Hopelawn questioned if Woodbridge Township was still unanimously dismissing the idea or opposing the idea of getting into the business of marijuana. Council President Spillar replied that nothing has changed. Mr. Lund then questioned if there was any scenario where the state can impose or make it difficult for a municipality to uphold their resolution to say no to drugs. Senator Bennett replied that it was his understanding that the proposed legislation will not mandate it to be in municipalities that opt out but have to wait until that legislation is finalized so we can follow the guidelines to make sure we do it correctly. Next Mr. Lund next spoke about the Redevelopment in Hopelawn near New Brunswick Avenue and expressed his concerns of getting on to the main roads. Lastly Mr. Lund questioned if it could be revisited in regards to putting a traffic light in that area. Councilman Bauer replied that there was a property purchased on Pennsylvania Avenue to have an access road to alleviate the traffic on the two side streets.

CORY SPILLAR/ 3RD WARD COUNCILMAN/PRESIDENT:

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

Council President Spillar: The Avenel Performing Arts Center and attached restaurant Curtains is scheduled to open on April 10th. Tickets for all shows are on sale now. Our first show, Dixie's Tupperware Party, has twelve shows between April 10th and April 20th. Visit www.avenelarts.com for tickets. It's a very exciting time for not only Avenel but the township.

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. Cypress Recreation Center/Facility
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

Council President Spillar: I am pleased to announce there are a Dunkin Donuts and another retail use in construction at the intersection of Route 1 North and Tappen Street. Along with new jobs the project will bring new landscaping and lighting and will address an intersection concern at Jansen and Tappen. Just to refresh, this property housed a decrepit motel for years so this continues our Redevelopment plans for the Route 1 corridor.

I have just two announcements. The Avenel residents who had their new water meters installed last year the contractors from Middlesex Water Company plan, towards the end of March beginning of April depending on when the asphalt companies open up, to start paving the roads that they opened up so you should be seeing that soon. It should be done by Memorial Day depending upon weather conditions.

Congratulations to Hank and Avenel Pharmacy located at 994 Rahway Avenue. Hank was awarded the 2019 Community Involvement Award. This was awarded to the local pharmacy on behalf of the Garden State Pharmacy Owners. Hank has been a long-time supporter of our schools, township and recreational programs so that is very well deserved.

9. Avenel Fire Department
HOLD
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

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE/VICE PRESIDENT:

1. Housing Authority
HOLD
2. Affordable Housing Corporation
HOLD
3. Youth and Government Day (5/21/19)
HOLD
4. History Museum
HOLD
5. Police Community Relations
HOLD

Council Vice President DeJesus: Our Community Policing events for the next two weeks are they will continue to visit our high schools for their biweekly police interaction class as well as the Middle School and Elementary Schools for their biweekly At Risk Youth Mentoring Program. They will be giving a presentation at one of their senior buildings on scams and they will be at various elementary schools throughout the district reading to different grade levels. Remember that the Junior Police Academy applications will be sent out on April 1st through the Board of Education to all 5th, 6th and 7th Graders so parents please be on the lookout for that. You can also find it online at the township website.

Also the 2019 Police Academy will be online this week and will be available at all of our senior buildings. The Senior Police Academy will be on Wednesdays in May this year so please spread the word if anybody is interested in seeing how our police department works. Those are two great programs to get involved in.

I want to congratulate all of our First Responders, our Police Officers and EMTs that received proclamations this week. I think that they are just a testament to the great men and women that serve as great First Responders here in Woodbridge Township.

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

HOLD

9. Barron Arts Center
HOLD

Council Vice President DeJesus: Vendor registration is now open for the 2019 Barron Arts Center annual Outdoor Flea Market which will take place July 13th, 2019 from 8:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. at Parker Press. Please call for vendor information to 732-634-0413.

Also The Barron Arts Center will host an exhibition of student arts entitled “Student Works – Art Celebrates 350 Years of Woodbridge Township” on view April 4th thru April 16th with the reception being April 16th from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the Barron Arts Center.

There will also be a concert by The Florian Schantz Jazz Combo on May 17th, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. For reservations for this concert please call 732-634-0413.

10. Free Public Libraries of Woodbridge
HOLD

Council Vice President DeJesus: The Woodbridge Public Library will be offering computer classes for all levels of learners beginning with basic skills. Please visit the library website at woodbridgelibrary.org for more information or call 732-634-4450.

The Woodbridge Main Library will be doing a program for Youth Month, Meet the Wolves of Howling Woods, on April 6th from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Save the Date.

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

Council Vice President DeJesus: I have some information, an overview of scouting, in relation to the Ernest Oros Preserve. In recent years scouting has served as a cornerstone for cleanliness, enrichment and value of pureness at the Oros Preserve along Omar Avenue in Avenel. Scouting troops have helped contribute to nearly ten Eagle Scout projects at the preserve and in the process have aided in the facilitation of equalogical investment continued on the ground support and the exciting picture of scouting within the township. For example habitat lookouts, bat houses, outdoor educational programs, birdhouses, benches, stroll markers and signs, and wood duck boxes complete a range of set projects and activities flat and carried out by the scout troops. The Preserve has become a home away from home for

scouts and functions as a means for scouts to pursue opportunities of advancement towards merit badges and improvement. These unique undertakings only present themselves when outdoor trips are planned and executed and as such the geographical proximity of the Preserve in relation of scouting troops within the township works well for ensuring events are carried out. There are no other municipal or county facilities within the township comparable to the Ernest Oros Wildlife Preserve which grants access to activities like hiking, birding, kayaking and the wonders of outdoor learning. The township is seeking a resourceful measure to help expand the nature set scouting opportunities to including camping and improve the ability for scouts to better succeed within the boundaries of their hometown. Directly across the road, opposite side of Omar Avenue from the Preserve, sits a beautiful forest owned by the township. This site has been chosen by the township to help scouts find a campsite to call home within their own municipal boundaries. The facilitation of such a campsite dramatically expands upon the manner by which scouts will be able to utilize the Preserve and helping hands to the surrounding natural areas. The next step is apparently the township is working to ensure all applicable NJDEP permits are completed and the project is compliant with regard to regulated areas of the Department of Environment Protection. The township hopes for the campsite to be potentially created and utilized this upcoming season.

16. Township's 350th Anniversary (1669-2019)
HOLD

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN:

Councilwoman Meehan: I'm very pleased to report that the township's longstanding effort to address pedestrian safety in traffic control issues at the intersection of Lake Avenue and Lancaster in Colonia will now happen. The Woodbridge Township Engineering Division will oversee the installation of a new state-of-the-art traffic control and pedestrian safety system at this very busy intersection. Construction for the traffic control project is set to get underway this spring, weather permitting. We do not anticipate any major disruptions in the flow of traffic through this intersection during reconstruction. We anticipate that the Lake Avenue and Lancaster traffic control improvement project will ultimately reduce traffic congestion and excessive speed will have a positive impact on pedestrian safety improving the quality of life for the entire neighborhood. I would just like to thank the administration for all their hard work. We took a long time but it's there and our residents are very happy so thank you for that.

On April 5th I will be doing a spaghetti dinner. Most of you have heard about the young boy from Colonia High School that was hit by a car. He is doing better and has been moved to rehab but his road is very long and his family is going to need some help. So we are going to do a spaghetti dinner for him on April 5th. It will be from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Tickets are \$10.00 and we hope you all come out to support them. It's at the Colonia Firehouse. If anybody would like to buy tickets or donate a basket you can reach out to me at 732-382-0273.

Just a shout out to Colonia High School Basketball Team, the Boys Basketball Team won the Group Three Section Championship.

1. Inman Avenue Business District 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
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

NANCY DRUMM, 1ST WARD COUNCILWOMAN:

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

Councilwoman Drumm: In the spirit for Youth Month in April the Animal Shelter will be providing some volunteer opportunities for ages 12 through 16. There are going to be eight students per session. I believe there are four sessions. Parents must accompany their child as well. To reserve a spot you can

call 732-855-0600 Ext. 2034.

12. Dog Park
HOLD
13. Arts
(A) Woodbridge Train Station Mural Project
(B) Woodbridge Artisan Guild
HOLD
14. PACE
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: Every year PACE, which is an organization for Parents of Autistic Child, has a fundraiser at Matthew Jago School. This year it's going to be on Sunday, May 5th from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Matthew Jago School in Sewaren. They are always looking for opportunities to fundraise. They do a lot and are a 501C3 Non-Profit Organization. They provide hundreds of events for the autistic community including training for parents and educators, recreational and support services to children with autism spectrum disorder and their families and training for police officers and emergency personnel first responders. The number of autism is growing and it is at its highest rate of 1 out of every 34 children born today so they appreciate you making the effort.

I also want to say publicly that Police Officer Manzini responded to a boy with autism in our town who called our town after his teddy bear had gone missing. I wanted to thank him for what he accomplished and how he proudly represented our police force. He was on News12 and on a lot of social media. It was a great story and the boy realized it wasn't an emergency after educating him or his dad. Hats off to Officer Manzini and we appreciate all his work.

15. Sustainable Jersey Solar Challenge
HOLD
16. Woodbridge Elks Lodge 2116
HOLD
17. Woodbridge Fire Department
HOLD
18. Coast Guard
HOLD
19. Sewaren Library Programs
HOLD

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:

Councilman Anderson: I'd just like to add to Councilwoman Drumm's point about Officer Manzini. He is specifically trained to handle autistic children and I think that that was fantastic to know that we have those trained officers out there to deal with those kinds of situations so kudos to our police director and assistant director and the police especially Officer Manzini.

1. W.T.Y.R.C.
HOLD
2. Job Bank
HOLD
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
11. Independent Club of Colonia
HOLD
12. Tooling Around Program
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: We are still in need of skilled volunteers for the Tooling Around Program. This is a program that organizes teams of local community volunteers to make repairs to the homes of senior citizens, disabled and low income residents unable to do so themselves or residents presently facing financial hardship. This year Tooling Around the Town will be on April 27th and if you have a home that is in need of repair please call 732-602-6015. You can also go to www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us or by emailing tooling@tsp.woodbridge.nj.us. We're putting a lot of groups out there at different homes and assigning them to great experience. If you have a free Saturday or if you don't please try and do you best to get there to help out the residents. They truly do appreciate it.

I do want to just offer some assistance to Councilwoman DeJesus as she had a number of things to mention around Girl Scouts which were deserving of her time. The Barron Arts Center will be having exhibit dates on April 4th through April 16th for student works. The Art Works celebrates the 350 years

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of Woodbridge Township and these are Woodbridge High School students work. Please come and check that out. You can join us for the Artist's Reception on Tuesday, April 16th from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the Arts Center and the gallery hours at the Arts Center is Monday through Friday from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and Saturday and Sunday from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Staying on that note for the Barron Arts Center the Old Neighborhood – Down Memory Lane in Colonia will be Sunday, May 19th at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Avenue so you'll have a great tribute to Colonia and talking about all of the history of Colonia itself. It was Hottonville at one time and I think they changed it because the train conductor didn't like making that announcement. Also The Florian Schantz Jazz Combo will be at the Barron Arts Center on May 17th at 7:30 P.M. It's a fantastic show. Long before jazz was cool it was hot and The Florian Schantz Jazz Combo balances live music and educational content showcasing techniques and musicians of early jazz. The upbeat program focuses on ragtime and Dixieland ballets and blues. Free admission, limited seating and reservations are essential so please call 732-634-0413.

Finally I would just like to add that Middlesex County will be presenting The State of the County on April 11th from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at Middlesex County College – Parkview Room – West Hall, 2600 Woodbridge Avenue, Edison, New Jersey. Please come out and connect with the business leaders and elected officials. Hear how the partnerships impact the county. As you know right now the unemployment rate in Middlesex County is 2.7%.

13. Boy Scouts/Camping
HOLD

14. League Consolidation
HOLD

GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:

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

Councilman Ficarra: The Highland Grove Camp and the Community Center's Camp will have an open house on Thursday, March 21st from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Community Center and you can get brochures at the counter at the Community Center. Also the Highland Grove pool is accepting registration now for its Pre-School 3 and 4 year olds for 2019/2020. You can stop by the Highland Grove School to pick that up. All of this information I say this week is on njwcc.com. There are some great activities going on in the recreation department.

2. Youth Month – April
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: The official calendar for Youth Month will be coming out Monday or Tuesday I believe. A couple of sneak previews, besides what is going on at our Animal Shelter, is the Once Upon a Time Princess Ball is at the Royal gymnasium at the Woodbridge Community Center on Sunday, April 7th from 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. You can come dressed as princesses and there will be a healthy and hearty breakfast. Tickets are \$18.00 per person.

Then a real sneak pick is our Big Wheels Day. It is during our public school spring break on Wednesday, April 24th at the Woodbridge Community from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. I know we always have a lot of surprises show up but the kids actually get to safely get on the equipment and really have some fun for things that they look forward to.

Also looking ahead the Summer Fitness Kickoff, it's a combination of showcasing the Community Center and also The Club at Woodbridge, is on June 8th from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. and it's an early morning workout. There is childcare available so if the parents want to bring their children they can. Les Miles Combat, Body Pump and Body Flow are all activities that are going on at our recreation facilities on both sides of the street and that you have an opportunity to come out and sample.

Coming up on Friday, April 12th at The Club at Woodbridge is the Mayor Mac's Smoothie Challenge where Mayor McCormac will challenge teams from the three high schools in creating a healthy smoothie. It's just a fun competition. It will be televised. What a Smoothie on Main Street is sponsoring this activity and as always we try to sponsor our local businesses especially in this case where What a Smoothie is stepping up and really running the show.

3. Senior Citizen Month – May
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: Councilwoman Drumm mentioned that April is Youth Month and May is Senior Month. Looking ahead to May the Mayor's Senior Summit and Active Older Adults Day is May 22nd from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. The mayor will be addressing the seniors at 11:00 A.M. at the Community Center.

4. Mentoring Program
HOLD
5. Mayor's Fitness/Wellness Initiative
HOLD
6. Fireworks (2019)
HOLD
7. Heroes & Cool Kids/Strengthening Families
HOLD
8. Pedestrian Safeway's/East Coast Greenway
HOLD
9. Annual Pizza Run (2019)
HOLD
10. Jacob's Landing
HOLD
11. The Club at Woodbridge Upgrades
HOLD

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:

Councilman Small: My agenda is in order this evening.

1. Woodbridge News
HOLD
2. Mayor’s Advisory Council on Education (Mac-E)
HOLD
3. Prologis Wetlands
HOLD
4. First Aid Squads
HOLD
5. Website E-Government
HOLD
6. Bicycle Lanes/ Bicycle Share/ Bicycle Paths
HOLD
7. Electric Vehicle Car Share/ Car Charging Stations
HOLD
8. School Projects
HOLD
9. Senior Transportation (Register @ 732-726-2394 for Client Transport ID#)
HOLD
10. Level Playing Field @ Cypress Recreation Center/Our House
HOLD
11. Port Reading Fire Department
HOLD
12. Property Fraud (www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov search for “Property Alert” to Register)
HOLD
13. Inspections at Hotels/Motels
HOLD
14. National Public Lands Day
HOLD

VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4TH 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. 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. Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
 - B. Summer Jigsaw Street FairHOLD
7. Fords/Hopelawn/Keasbey Fire Companies
HOLD

Councilman Bauer: Fords Fire Company's annual Pork Roast Dinner/Fundraiser will be Saturday, April

13th at 7:00 P.M. Tickets are \$25.00. For more information or tickets you can contact 732-738-1103.

The Greenway Family Success Center located on New Brunswick Avenue in Fords has recently been under construction. I'd like to thank the Fords Fire Company and the township during their remodeling. Just a reminder, the Family Success Center is a community gathering place where families find fun, information and support. Stop by the Family Success Center for a cup of coffee or tea. You'll meet their family staff, learn more about their free educational workshops, family activities and ways you can use your town to strengthen our community.

8. Fords V.F.W.
HOLD
9. Troop 53 Boy Scouts of America
HOLD
10. Pathmark Property
HOLD
11. Brownfields
HOLD

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK:

Mr. Mitch: My agenda is in order.

1. Liquor License Transfer(s)/Change of Corporate Structure:
 - A. Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-040-011 from Bertucci's Restaurant Corp. to Bertucci's Restaurants, LLC (Pocket License).
 - B. Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-028-005 from GC Friday's NJ-PA, LLC to TGI Friday's Inc., t/a TGI Friday's, 401 Gill Lane, Iselin, NJ 08830.
 - C. Place-to-Place Transfer (Expansion of Premises) of Liquor License #1225-33-101-007 Bahama Breeze Holdings, LLC t/a Bahama Breeze, 520 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095.
 - D. Change of Corporate Structure for BL Restaurant Operations, LLC t/a Bar Louie, 675 U.S. Hwy. 1 South, Iselin, New Jersey 08830.
2. Liquor License Incident(s)/Hearing(s).
3. Liquor License Renewals.
 - A. 2019 Annual Retail Licensee Meeting date: (May 15, 2019).
4. Street Closings/Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals etc.).
5. Elections.

- A. 2019 Primary Election – June 4, 2019.
- B. 2019 General Election – November 5, 2019.

6. Best Practices.

7. Census 2020.

MAYOR:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Senator Bennett: Thank you Council President. We will be having a bid for the Refurbishing of the Tennis and Basketball Courts. Sewer and Tax Court Judgments will both be housekeeping in nature and the Amendment to the Fire Zone Ordinance will be presented for First Reading. Tonight we are asking for a rejection of the bids on the Hickory Center and authorizing to go out for rebidding.

POLICE:

Director of Police Hubner: Thank you Council President. I have a proposal to add Traffic Regulations to a portion of East Pennsylvania Avenue in Avenel, a proposal to allow for residents to obtain residential parking permits at a portion of Avenel Street, we're amending a number of reserved handicapped parking spaces and making them general handicapped spaces and we're removing a number of handicapped spaces that are no longer in use.

HEALTH:

Director Green: I have several Shared Service Agreements for renewal with South Amboy, Old Bridge, Sayreville and Edison for our Opioid Overdose Recovery Program. We also have a new one and that's an Agreement with the County for Operation Helping Hand also for the Opioid Overdose Recovery Program. I also have one add-on which is the Local Health Report for 2018. I'm providing each Council member with a copy of that report. Basically the report details all the activities of the Health Department as we strive to meet the public's health needs of the community for the 2018 Calendar Year. It includes data on inspections, audits, clinics, screenings, health education programs, senior and youth programs, senior transportation, animal control and much more. As you will see we have a very active department that continues to grow and improve every year. I want to thank the Council and the administration for all their continued support throughout the year and request that the Council approve this report, thank you.

RECREATION:

Director Cimilluca: I have one item tonight and that is the expenses for the annual Pizza Run Race, thank you Council President.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

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

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

Director Henry: Thank you Council President. We have a resolution releasing the Surety Bond for 157 East Green Street, Colonia and a second resolution releasing the Sidewalk Permit for 131 South Fulton Street.

LEGAL:

Mr. Coughlin: Nothing this evening Council President.

Mr. Mitch: I just spoke to the Senator. He indicated a resolution didn't make it down to my office but with that said so there is no delay on the project, I would recommend that we approve a resolution, No. 31, for this evening to reject the bids on the Hickory Center and reauthorize the municipality to go out to bid and then we can have the Law Department memorialize that tomorrow. With that said, unless there is an opposition, I ask that somebody move that as a motion.

(31) BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes rejecting the Hickory Center bids and allowing the Township to go back out to bid.

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

On a motion made by Council Vice President DeJesus, seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously, Council President Spillar adjourned the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

Cory S. Spillar
Council President

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