

**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 24, 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 to remember 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  
(All members participated electronically except Lizbeth DeJesus due to the coronavirus pandemic)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Virbhadra N. Patel

**ALSO PRESENT:** John E. McCormac, Mayor  
John Mitch, Municipal Clerk  
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator  
John Hagerty, Communications Director  
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator  
Fred Rubenstein, Esq.

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

Council Meeting: March 3, 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 APPROVING THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT PORT READING AVENUE AND OLD ROAD, SEWAREN. (20-17)**

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.

**B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” TO DELETE HANDICAPPED PARKING – RYAN STREET WEST, FORDS. (20-18)**

**C. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” SECTION 7-38.5 TO ADD HANDICAPPED PARKING – BEVERLY HILL TERRACE, 1 SPACE. (20-19)**

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

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

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

unanimously.

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

- D. LEASE AGREEMENT – BERKELEY WOODBRIDGE REALTY, LLC FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 430 RAHWAY AVENUE, WOODBRIDGE.**
- E. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4-2 “PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, CANVASSERS AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS”, SUBSECTION 4-2.9, “LICENSE/APPLICATION FEE/EXEMPTIONS”.**
- F. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OR EMINENT DOMAIN OF REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 563.052, LOT 3 ALSO KNOWN AS 8 PORT READING AVENUE IN THE WOODBRIDGE PROPER SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE.**
- G. AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE AIR RIGHTS ABOVE A PORTION OF THE POILLON STREET RIGHT OF WAY.**

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 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, April 7<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 appointing Kevin Rossi to serve as a Class C member of the Woodbridge Township Historic Preservation Commission fulfilling an unexpired term commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2022.
- (2) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes appointing Martin Genser to serve as a 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate member of the Woodbridge Township Historic Preservation Commission fulfilling an unexpired term commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2020.
- (3) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes appointing John A. Lande to serve as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate member of the Woodbridge Township Historic Preservation Commissioner fulfilling an unexpired term commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2021.
- (4) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Woodbridge Downtown Merchants Association hosting their “Woodbridge Downtown Cruise” on Main Street on June 17, July 15 and August 19, 2020 (Rain date June 24, July 22 and August 26, 2020).
- (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 a refund check for Overpaid Sewer User Fees.

- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Tax Certificate erroneously issued on April 15, 2019 which needs to be cancelled.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2020 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge – NJDOT STEP Grant - \$82,500.00.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2020 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge – MCIA Recycling Grant - \$15,991.67.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2020 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge – 2020 History Grant - \$4,300.00.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2020 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge – Safety Incentive Award - \$12,500.00.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes that the Final Quantities Change Order on the Traffic Signal Installation at Lake & Lancaster Avenue with J.C. Contracting be approved decreasing the contract price of \$462,864.35 by \$8,559.99 for a total adjusted contract price of \$454,304.36.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of One (1) New 2020 Western Star 4700SB Front Axle Chassis with options for the Department of Public Works from Hudson County Motors, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$122,483.00.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of One (1) New 2020 Autocar ACX64 with Options for the Department of Public Works from Hudson County Motors, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$165,888.00.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of One (1) New LEACH Model 2R111 25 Cubic Yard Rearload Refuse Body for the Department of Public Works from Sanitation Equipment Corp. in an amount not to exceed \$94,910.00.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of One (1) New Wittke 40 Cubic Yard Super Duty Frontload Refuse Body with Options for the Department of Public Works from Sanitation Equipment Corp. in an amount not to exceed \$117,877.60.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee

and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of Two (2) New 2020 Autocar ACX64 with Options for the Department of Public Works from Hudson County Motors, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$330,862.00.

- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of Two (2) New Labrie Automizer 3 Cubic Yard Right Hand Sideload Refuse Bodies with Options for the Department of Public Works from Sanitation Equipment Corp. in an amount not to exceed \$295,808.00.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes execution of a contract modification on the contract with T & M Associates for professional engineering services for the Woodbridge Community Center Ice Rink Inspection increasing the adjusted contract amount of \$117,944.80 to a total of \$123,444.80.
- (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 T & M Associates for professional engineering services for the Retaining Wall Design for The Club in an amount not to exceed \$2,800.00.
- (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 Air Monitoring at The Club in an amount not to exceed \$9,500.00.
- (22) **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 CME Associates for professional engineering services for the Amboy Avenue Sanitary Sewer Main Extension in an amount not to exceed \$136,522.00.
- (23) **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 T & M Associates for professional engineering services for the Woodbridge Community Center Annual Landfill Compliance – 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$53,750.00.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes execution of a contract modification on the contract with Waters McPherson McNeill for professional legal services in connection with Wastewater Projects increasing the contract amount of \$40,000.00 to a total not to exceed \$90,000.00.
- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes that as a result of the emergency a contract is hereby awarded to Rapid Pump in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 for the purchase of a Variable Speed Drive Pump Controller for Pump #5 on an emergency basis.
- (26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund from the Developer's Review Fund Account.

- (27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes to accept and administer funds from a Subgrant Award of the Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Emergency Management Agency Assistance Program Funding and for the Township Chief Financial Officer to amend the Budget and certify the availability of funds.
- (28) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute an Amendment to the Right of Entry License Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and Duke Realty.
- (29) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves that the Township of Woodbridge donate personal property not needed for public use specifically one (1) Precor Precision Series PVS15-DT elliptical machine, one (1) Precor EFX 885 elliptical machine and one (1) Star Trac Spinner NXT bike to the Port Reading Firehouse.
- (30) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution designating certain properties in the Woodbridge section of the Township as a Condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment – 10 Main Street/325 Rahway Avenue.
- (31) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution designating certain properties in the Woodbridge section of the Township as a Condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment – 41 Main Street.
- (32) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution designating certain properties in the Woodbridge section of the Township and identified on the Tax Maps of the Township as Block 541, Lot 11 as a Condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment – Woodbridge Avenue.
- (33) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Woodbridge 10 Main Urban Renewal, LLC with regard to certain Township property.
- (34) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes amending the Sewer Collection Grace Period.
- (35) **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 24, 2020 and the Supplemental Bill List dated February 28, 2020 through March 20, 2020 Bill List.

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

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

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any comments from the public this evening? Hearing no comment from the public can I get a motion that the public portion of this meeting be closed?

Council Vice President Small made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

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

1. Housing Authority  
HOLD
2. Affordable Housing Corporation  
HOLD
3. Youth and Government Day (5/19/20)  
HOLD
4. History Museum  
HOLD
5. Police Community Relations  
HOLD
6. Youth Employment/Job Fair (4/3/20)  
HOLD
7. Township Parks and Playgrounds  
HOLD
8. Hispanic Heritage Month  
HOLD
9. Barron Arts Center  
HOLD
10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge  
HOLD

Council President DeJesus: If anybody has to do any business with our public libraries you can do everything online. Just go to the township website and you can click on to the Woodbridge Public Library.

11. Veteran's Tax Deduction  
HOLD
12. Green Infrastructure  
HOLD
13. Girls' Sports

HOLD

14. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavilion and Camp (9/18/20 – 9/20/20)

HOLD

15. Summer Fest 2020 (6/6/20)

HOLD

16. Census 2020

HOLD

Council President DeJesus: Remember that it is Census time. Our Census is underway. Be counted in “The Best Town Around”. The Awareness Month is now, March 15<sup>th</sup> it starts, March 12<sup>th</sup> through March 20<sup>th</sup> and an invitation to respond begins. I received mine today so I know that we are getting them in our mail. March 16<sup>th</sup> to March 24<sup>th</sup> we will get reminder letters. April 1<sup>st</sup> is National Census Day. April 8<sup>th</sup> through April 16<sup>th</sup> you will get a reminder questionnaire and April 20<sup>th</sup> through April 27<sup>th</sup> will be the final postcard reminder and in mid-May people will start knocking on doors to make sure that those that haven’t filled out their census do so. So again be counted in the “Best Town Around”.

A special shout out to Woodbridge High School who had over two hundred students and I’m sure that around town and at home and on the websites you have seen the big W which represents Woodbridge and 2020, all those students that compromise that 2020. Again thank you to Woodbridge High School and the faculty, staff and their students.

I’m going to be doing the Mayor’s announcement today in Spanish so I ask you to bear with me. I also ask that we keep all of our police officers, our firemen, our First Responders, our First Aid Squads and all of our health care workers in our prayers and especially everyone that cannot stay home make sure that we say a prayer for them because we should be grateful for those of us that are able to do our work from home that we don’t have to walk in fear. So just remember when you are saying your prayers at night say a prayer for them.

Council President DeJesus made an announcement in Spanish on all the updates in the township.

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

Council Vice President Small: My agenda is in order. I just have a few things, Mr. Mitch I think we should prepare an ordinance for an earlier start time for meetings just in case of emergencies like this being that there are curfews imposed, just a thought.

To Mayor McCormac thank you for keeping us up to par with everything that is going on with the press releases every day. It’s important for our residents ahead to know what is going on and letting them know what’s going on in town.

To all of our Administrators and Department Heads thank you; we have a big town to run. And a special thanks to Director Green from the Health Department who is just overwhelmed with stuff they need to do. Just to piggyback on President DeJesus with our First Responders we are so lucky to have the police department, the fire department and EMTs that we do in Woodbridge, they are second to none,

and we got to prayer for their health and well-being. We're going to get through this. We live in the greatest country of the world and God Bless America. That's all I have, thank you.

1. Woodbridge News  
HOLD
2. Mayor's Advisory Council on Education (Mac-E)  
HOLD
3. Port Reading Fire and Township First Aid Squads  
HOLD
4. Website E-Government  
HOLD
5. Bicycle Lanes/ Bicycle Share/ Bicycle Paths  
HOLD
6. Electric Vehicle Car Share/ Car Charging Stations  
HOLD
7. School Projects  
HOLD
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 (9/26/20)  
HOLD
13. Marine Eight  
HOLD
14. Mayor Mac Café  
HOLD
15. Jazz Festival (9/12/20)  
HOLD

16. Concerts  
HOLD

17. Light Parade  
HOLD

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

Councilman Spillar: I'd just like to piggyback on Council Vice President Small's comment on the start time. I am in agreement with that and hopefully we can move forward with that.

My agenda is in order but I would just want to thank the Mayor, the Administration, all the directors, Mr. Mitch and his office, my fellow Council and the entire Township for the job that's been going on. We are in unchartered territories and we are in such a good spot, if you could be in a good spot, in notifying our residents and the Mayor providing the Code Red every single day. It's amazing the amount of information you can share on social media. I'm glad we are going to keep doing that. Long and short just keep our chins up, we'll get through it. We've gotten through a lot of other things and yes be safe and God bless.

1. Avenel's Very Merry Holiday Lighting/Port Reading Day  
HOLD
2. Avenel Arts Village/Train Station/Eric LeGrand Believe Park  
HOLD
3. Woodbridge River Watch/ Oros Nature Preserve  
HOLD
4. Port Reading Saints/ Saints Complex Improvements  
HOLD
5. Avenel Middle School Community Service Club and School Improvements  
HOLD
6. Port Reading Knights/Senior Center  
HOLD
7. 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

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:**

Councilwoman Meehan: I know the mayor is going to talk this evening but my agenda is in order. There's just one thing I want to remind everybody. You know we all know we need to stay home but today again I went by a park and there were a lot of children out there and I know we all want to be in the park on a nice day like today especially since the weather has been so horrible and everybody is upset and sad you know but we must take this seriously and we must listen and stay home and we will get through this together by staying apart and just like my other Council mates said thank you to our First Responders, thank you to our Mayor and our Administrators and Directors who have been working so hard on all of this and keeping us all up-to-date and our nurses and doctors and pharmacy and our grocery workers and everybody that is on the front line in this war. This community truly thanks you and truly appreciates what you are all doing. So please stay safe and I am just wishing everybody good health.

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

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

1. Events: Relay for Life  
Fishing Derby (10/3/20)  
Parker Press Concerts  
Woodbridge Wednesdays and Local Band Thursdays  
St. James Street Fair

HOLD

2. (DMA) Downtown Merchant Association

HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: To our Downtown Merchant Association and Buy Local to all of our essential businesses and food establishments who have had their doors open for the community during this pandemic I thank you very much. There are so many businesses like every one of my Council mates had mentioned that are supporting our community we applaud you and we thank you. And the Chamber of Commerce is closed per the Governor's directive however Karen and I will be working remotely. You can check our website for information. All the calls that are coming through to the Chamber will be answered and addressed and if you need any help you can email us at [nancy@woodbridgechamber.com](mailto:nancy@woodbridgechamber.com) and/or [karen@woodbridgechamber.com](mailto:karen@woodbridgechamber.com). All of our March and April events are obviously being cancelled and we also just cancelled our Annual Street Fair that was planned for May. And lastly my prayers for continued leadership to our Mayor who has been amazing updating our community, our township administration and staff and of course all of our emergency service workers and essential workers and our community at large, I know we're all having our personal struggles, and for the community at large I wish everyone safety and good health.

3. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District)

HOLD

4. Chamber of Commerce

HOLD

5. Buy Local Program

HOLD

6. Transit Village

HOLD

7. Blue Acres/F.E.M.A.

HOLD

8. Main Street and Route 9

HOLD

9. Animal Shelter

HOLD

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

**KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:**

Councilman Anderson: I want to echo those sentiments and thanking our First Responders, all of the police and the fire, our healthcare workers and I'd also like to especially thank the Mayor and our Administration for keeping things going downtown and keeping our resident informed. You know this is unchartered territories and we don't know where this is going to take us but we know that we have leadership and I totally appreciate the leadership that we have in this towns. I do have a few things to mention. Obviously all recreation activities have been put on hold until further notice.

1. W.T.Y.R.C.  
HOLD
2. Job Bank  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: Regarding jobs, the governor announced that there are 8,000 jobs available due to the COVID-19 outbreak. If one wants to go and look on the website it is [jobs.covid19.nj.gov](https://jobs.covid19.nj.gov). There are many great positions that are out there. It's not that you want to capitalize during a time like this but when tragedy happens it does sometimes create an opportunity because there is a need there. So please go on there is you're out of work maybe if you were laid off and you need something to keep your house

afloat. We know that it's really hard for a lot of our hourly employees that were not considered essential so I want you to go onto that website and if you don't find anything on there you can go on our township website and look for some companies that are still hiring during this time.

3. Mayor's Trophy  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: For the basketball right now that's obviously been put on hold.

4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame  
HOLD
5. Taste of Woodbridge  
HOLD
6. Charity Raffle  
HOLD
7. Drive-In Movies  
HOLD
8. N.A.A.C.P.  
HOLD
9. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program  
HOLD
10. Independent Club of Colonia  
HOLD
11. Tooling Around Program  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: There was a letter sent on March 16<sup>th</sup> from Casey Wagner informing all applicants that the home inspections as a part of the selection process has been postponed. As of March 16<sup>th</sup> the event is still scheduled to take place on April 25<sup>th</sup>. If the event is rescheduled you will receive a notice and also important to remember that because you received that letter it does not mean that your home was selected it just means that we know that we have received your home as a possible home to receive the Tooling Around the Township volunteers.

12. Boy Scouts/Camping (Camporee 9/18/20 – 9/20/20)  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: I want to remind you that Camporee is from September 18<sup>th</sup> to September 20<sup>th</sup>.

13. League Consolidation  
HOLD

14. Middlesex County College  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: Middlesex County College is closed but classes are online.

I want to reach out to all those parents that are at home trying to help their kids fulfill their studies. For any of the younger kids that are out there and the parents are looking to keep them busy for a little while after their homework has been done they can Google Cape May virtual zoo. Every day they have some of their employees from that zoo are taking a different animal and different species of animals and they take the kids through a tutorial just like they would on a normal tour or of a class trip at the zoo.

On behalf of the county's school districts I just want to say as County Superintendent that our schools have done a great job and our superintendents have done a fantastic job of getting the meals to the kids that are free and reduced lunch students. There were some hiccups in the beginning but as we're going longer into this shelter-in-place the lines are getting longer and we just ask that people remain patient but please show up to the location where your food is being dropped at.

Comcast, I know this is on Councilman Spillar's agenda but I do want to say that they've made a commitment to the low income families that may be experiencing financial difficulty to help them get and stay connected during this pandemic crisis. So, if you know, you're struggling to keep your kids connected you can contact Comcast and they can work out a plan for you so that you can make sure that you have remote access for your children so that they can continue learning.

Finally regarding mental health this is a very tough time for a lot of us and there's a lot of anxiety out there and I just want you to know that you can call 877-294-4357 24 hours a day and there will be somebody there, a counselor online, that can help you through any type of anxiety or any type of mental health emergencies you may be experiencing.

**GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:**

Councilman Ficarra: I'd like to join my Council mates in thanking Mayor Mac and the Administration for daily updates in phone calls not only for myself but I hear a lot of folks calling and really saying that it's very comforting to know that the mayor is out there and passing those good words around. Of course I tell all my neighbors that I taught the mayor everything that he knows.

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

Councilman Ficarra: From the Community Center there are some online activities going on. Just because we're sheltering in place we have our backyards; there is an opportunity for physical fitness. The staff and the management and the instructors at The Club have a number of workouts on Facebook that you can check out. Also our Highland Grove preschool and kid's sports have some online educational activities that can keep the children busy and I know that's true with our public schools throughout s if you have access to a computer there are ways to stay engaged. Also from the Community

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Center no member at either of our facilities, The Club at Woodbridge or the Community Center, will be charged during the period of time that the operations are shut down. You can go to njwcc.com and check that out for yourself but please rest assure. Also Mayor Mac said that at the end of all of his announcements every day, his updates, check on your neighbors and check on your senior citizens. That is something that we truly need to do.

Thank you to everyone, our police and our first aid responders. God bless America; we'll get through this.

2. Youth Month – April  
HOLD
3. Senior Citizen Month – May  
HOLD
4. Mentoring Program  
HOLD
5. Mayor's Fitness/Wellness Initiative  
HOLD
6. Fireworks (July 2, 2020 – Rain Date: July 3, 2020)  
HOLD
7. Heroes & Cool Kids/Strengthening Families  
HOLD
8. Pedestrian Safeway's/East Coast Greenway  
HOLD
9. Annual Pizza Run (7/8/20)  
HOLD
10. Jacob's Landing  
HOLD
11. The Club at Woodbridge Upgrades  
HOLD
12. Crossroad's Race (9/6/20)

**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:**

Councilman Bauer: I just want to piggyback off my fellow Council mates and thank the Mayor, Administration, our First Responders and all our essential employees during this crisis. Just as a general rule please use common sense, stay safe and have faith and we will get through this.

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

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.
  - D. Person-to-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-066-008 from Food for Thought Restaurant Group, LLC (sited license) to Baldwal's Enterprises, II, LLC (pocket license).

Mr. Mitch: On Item 1A, 1B, 1C and 1D you'll see some new activity with the police department and some liquor license transfers. Otherwise everything else is in order.

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. 2020 Primary Election – June 2, 2020 (6 A.M. – 8 P.M.).
  - B. 2020 General Election – November 3, 2020 (6 A.M. – 8 P.M.).
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.

**MAYOR:**

Mayor John E. McCormac: On behalf of the Administration I want to thank the Council for their kind words but really it's the town employees that deserve the credit. We have an amazing police department, an amazing Public Works department and an amazing health department and those are the three departments out on the front lines every day and doing just an amazing job. Our leadership, Pat Kenny in Emergency Management and Dennis Green in the Health Department are literally in the front lines and making all kinds of decisions on an hourly basis that really impact the lives of the people in Woodbridge Township and that whole entire group plus the fire and First Aid people who don't work for us but they're on our team and this is a team and everybody is just doing an amazing job. We're sitting back fielding compliments and phone calls and emails and texts from people that say thank you. Today I had somebody congratulate and thank our Animal Control Division for something they did with them to help them with one of their pets when they were unavailable. It is just so rewarding, as a leader of a town, to sit back and hear all the compliments. So I just want to say this is, you know, the beginning stages of what could be a long process but so far the employees of our township have really gone above and beyond and in some cases they are down some people. None of them are working with full staffs so everybody has to give a little extra and it's just been amazing. Our businesses from the very first week have been terrific. We have people who have access to supplies, masks and sanitizers and suits and things like that that are volunteering to donate them to us; they're delivering them to us. Our restaurants are bringing hot foods to the food pantries. They're making deliveries, they're volunteering anything. The ones that are closing have donated the food they had. The ones that are staying open are going out of their way to cook food; it's just been amazing. And finally our residents, and we put a post on Facebook about Meals on Wheels, they have ninety drivers. A lot of them her elderly, a lot of their

families don't want them out driving and putting themselves at risk we can totally understand that. Within an hour of that post hitting Facebook the people at Meal on Wheels had enough volunteers to replace everybody who no longer could drive. Today we put a phone number up for the Evergreen Senior Center because some seniors need prescriptions picked up and food picked up and the message hadn't played to everybody in town before they started getting phone calls over there for people willing to help; it has just been amazing. Woodbridge you know when we say we are the Best Town Around we're proving it these last ten or fourteen days or whatever it is and we're going to prove it for the next couple of weeks. So I just want to say as the mayor thank you to everybody who is doing something for someone else. We're going to keep track, which I told everybody write down who is doing things, and we'll probably have a couple of hours of Proclamations someday and hopefully in the not too distant future to thank everybody. But I just want to say it's really appreciated. You see what Woodbridge is made of when you see our employees, you see our businesses and you see our everyday citizens going above and beyond for everybody else so just thank you to everybody. It's a pleasure to work with this town and see what everybody has been doing so thank you all very much.

### **ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:**

Business Administrator Cimilluca: I'd just like to take a few minutes. I'm going to cover all of the directors agendas for this evening but as a new Business Administrator I've been extremely overwhelmed by the dedication and support that I've received from my directors. They've stepped up while they're working with a depleted staff that we've sent home and they've taken up a lot of those task themselves so I'd just like to say my appreciation to them and to the work that they've done during this time. With that if you just indulge me for a minute on my agenda I have a Recreational 2020 Grant, a No Bid Resolution – Ride Share, a bid for three (3) marked patrol Ford Escapes, a bid for parking lot improvements, refund of tax overpayment, refund of sewer overpayment and refund of parking permit.

### **POLICE:**

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Under Director Hubner's agenda I have traffic ordinance amendments.

### **HEALTH:**

### **RECREATION:**

### **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Under Director Darden's agenda I have a refund from the Current Account and an ordinance amending Chapter 18 – Property Maintenance.

### **PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:**

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Under Director Brew's agenda I have a Release of maintenance bond – Contract #2032C, Sewaren Marina sited design, Phase 4; Release of maintenance bond – Contract #0956, Pin Oak Nature Center improvements; Release of maintenance bond – Contract #2017-030, Cypress Recreation Center parking lot improvements and a Resolution authorizing Final Change Order 2019-015, 2019 Sanitary Sewer Root Control Retreatment.

**LEGAL:**

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

On a motion made by Council Vice President Small, seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously, Council President DeJesus adjourned the meeting at 7:29 P.M.

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Lizbeth DeJesus  
Council President

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