

**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 June 25, 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:** Gregg Ficarra, Nancy Drumm, Brian Small, Debbie Meehan, Virbhadra N. Patel, Howie Bauer, Lizbeth DeJesus, Cory Spillar

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kyle Anderson

**ALSO PRESENT:** John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk  
John Bennett, Business Administrator  
Marta Darden, Director of Planning and Development  
Dennis Henry, Director of Public Works  
Dennis Green, Health Director  
Michael Gelin, Municipal Engineer  
Vito Cimilluca, Recreation Director  
John Hagerty, Communications Director  
Casey Wagner, Assistant to the Business Administrator  
Brian Bontempo, Esq.

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

Council Meeting:

June 11, 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. A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF CYPRESS PARK IN, BY AND FOR THE RECREATION UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,800,000.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS. (19-71)**

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: In regards to that Bond Ordinance where is Cypress Park and exactly what is that facility going to be? Is that a recreational center?

Council President Spillar: Yes, that's the Cypress Rec Center that's located at West Avenue.

Tom Maras: It is?

Council President Spillar: That is what houses Our House, the training for young adults with mental disabilities, and the rec portion of it. The bond is for continuing on the rest of the project which will be all recreational including for disabled residents who are handicapped and that will continue from the building up and down and through around the property.

Tom Maras: If memory serves this is not the first time that we had a Bond Ordinance on that particular project. I think there was one back in 2016 or 2017 which was three point some odd million dollars.

Council President Spillar: I don't recall that bond; I don't recall that off the top of my head.

Tom Maras: Do we have a running total then for the bonding for what is being developed and the cost of the development?

Council President Spillar: Senator.

Senator Bennett: I'm not familiar with what had been done back in '16 or '17. I can tell you this ordinance that's in front of the Council tonight deals solely with the development of the recreational area. It's a level playing field which will allow our residents that are in wheelchairs to be able to participate in the sports and then the development goes all the way down to the end where there's an overpass and eventually will tie into the redevelopment of Bowtie on Park. This also has an accompanying State Grant of \$1.5 million that is tied into the development of this property. It will go from the building and then there is a greenhouse and then there is the level playing field and then there are more recreational facilities that go down all the way to the end of the lot.

Tom Maras: Please understand I'm not questioning the benefit to the community, to our seniors or to our handicapped it's just a matter of tracking the cost for the entire project. That's my question so thank you for your answer and I appreciate it. Again I commend the Council on moving forward on these types of items. They are both needed in the community, thank you.

Council President Spillar: Thank you.

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 OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE ADOPTING THE “DOWNTOWN WOODBRIDGE AREA 2 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12a-1 ET SEQ. (19-72)**

**C. ON ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE ADOPTING THE “85 NEW BRUNSWICK AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12a-1 ET SEQ. (19-73)**

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.

Tom Maras, Fords: I'm glad you put Ordinance B and C together because I would have asked about both of them anyway. The ordinance adopting the Downtown Woodbridge Area 2 Redevelopment Plan can you elaborate on that? What does that plan cover? Is it also going to include parking and if so parking where is it? Is it elevated parking from Amboy Avenue going down to North James? What specifically does it cover?

Council President Spillar: There is no elevated parking. Director Darden.

Director Darden: That is for the downtown area to which is classified by as across the street here from Town Hall.

Tom Maras: What’s going to go over there? What do you plan on putting in there?

Director Darden: We’re not going to put anything in there. What is going to be permitted is the same uses that are already permitted in the downtown with the addition of residential above.

Tom Maras: So there will be...okay, commercial on the lower floors and then apartments above that.

Director Darden: Yes.

Tom Maras: Thank you. Do we have any idea the number of apartments that are going to be allocated for that space?

Director Darden: We don’t have an allocation. Zoning doesn’t set the number it only sets the standards and mostly the permitted uses.

Tom Maras: Moving on to Ordinance C, 85 New Brunswick Avenue. Again what is planned on being developed over there and what needs to be redeveloped?

Council President Spillar: This is the proposed warehouse on New Brunswick Avenue.

Tom Maras: Where is that near? At the upper end near the Perth Amboy border or is it down further where the old Pathmark was?

Director Darden: It’s the upper and on the south side where the area is mostly industrial already.

Tom Maras: Thank you.

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.

**D. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” SECTION 7-33 “SPEED LIMITS” OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (19-74)**

**E. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” SECTION 7-38.2 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (19-75)**

**F. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” SECTION 7.38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (19-76)**

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.

**G. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XXI, HOTELS AND ROOMING HOUSES, OF THE WOODBRIDGE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES. (19-77)**

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.

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.

**H. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XXV, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, OF THE WOODBRIDGE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES. (19-78)**

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: Mr. Mitch, I just want to make one comment. I want to thank the mayor and the administration for listening to so many concerns. A lot of this came from the Avenel paving project. It happens all over but the water company and what utilities are and aren't allowed to repave after they do work. Well with this ordinance now anything greater than thirty feet they'll have to go curb to curb and you won't have the ridiculous looking brand new road and old road so thank you very much.

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

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.

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

**I. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" SECTION 7-38.1 TO DELETE HANDICAPPED PARKING ON HIGH STREET, NORTH, BEGINNING AT A POINT 265 FEET EAST OF LINDEN AVENUE TO A POINT 20**

**FEET EAST THEREOF.**

**J. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” SECTION 7-14.A TO DELETE PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS – MARCONI AVENUE WEST BETWEEN OAK TREE ROAD (CR 604) AND LAGUARDIA AVENUE.**

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, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

**The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent:**

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby grants permission to Alexis Lee to temporarily close Almon Avenue on July 13, 2019 (rain date July 14, 2019) from 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. for a block party; Amy Bradley to temporarily close Karkus Avenue, Dorothy Street and Kosene Street on July 4, 2019 for a block party and Sonia Lovett to temporarily close Hyde Avenue and Aberdeen Avenue on July 6, 2019 for a block party.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and approves the request of Sam Khan on behalf of Pakistan Day Parade NJ to host a Pakistan Independent Day Celebration & Cultural Event on Sunday, August 18, 2019 beginning at 1:00 P.M. and ending approximately 4:00 P.M.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and approves the request of St. James Catholic Church to hold their Street Fair on Main Street, Woodbridge on Saturday, September 21, 2019 (rain date September 28, 2019) from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the request of Cassie DiLauro to host an Oktoberfest Inflatables/Games Fundraiser at School #9 on Turner Street, Port Reading on October 5, 2019 (rain date October 19, 2019) from 1:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the request of the Avenel Fire Department to host their annual Fire Prevention Open House on Saturday, October 12, 2019 beginning at 9:30 A.M. and ending at 1:00 P.M.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the renewal for Club Licenses for the 2019-2020 license term.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the renewals for Plenary Retail Consumption licenses for the 2019-2020 license term.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the waiver requirements for the installation of sidewalks for Block: 448.18, Lot: 673.02 – 49 Hunt Street, Iselin.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to

issue refund checks for Overpaid Taxes.

- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a refund check for Overpaid Sewer User Fees.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue refund checks from the Developer’s Review Fund Account.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to release the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$58,739.55 from Bond No. 800005252 to 2Oaks, LLC.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to release the Performance Guarantee Paper Bond in the amount of \$32,859.90 from Bond No. CMS0323432 and return to Quick Chek Corporation.
- (14) **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.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the street opening moratorium on Hornsby Street and Hamilton Avenue in the Fords section of Woodbridge Township to Elizabethtown Gas so they can replace their existing facilities on Clum Avenue, Fairfield Avenue Hamilton Avenue, Hornsby Street, Hoy Avenue, Joyce Place, Livingston Avenue and Maxwell Avenue in Fords and expands the required maintenance period to include the remainder of the moratorium plus an additional one-year thereby ensuring that the Township’s recently paved streets remain in good condition.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby accepts a grant from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Public Entity Program through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority and the Department of Environmental Protection - \$74,059.00.
- (17) **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 Avenel section of Woodbridge Township is an Area In Need of Redevelopment (1289 Rahway Avenue).
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby designates certain properties in the Hopelawn section of the Township as an Area In Need of Redevelopment (Block 5.11, Lots 47 & 73).
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the request of the Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce to host their “Street Fair” on Saturday, May 16, 2020.
- (20) **PULLED**

- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Maser Consulting, P.A. for professional engineering services for the Guide Rail Design Services for New Dover Road in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with French & Parrello Associates for professional engineering services for Parking Lot Lighting for Hickory Senior Center, Fords in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00.
- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with French & Parrello Associates for professional engineering services for Earthwork Operations for Hickory Senior Center, Fords in an amount not to exceed \$3,700.00.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Excel Environmental Resources, Inc. for Remedial Action phase activities at the Department of Public Works Facility at 225 Smith Street for a cost not to exceed \$74,059.00.
- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Settlement Agreement with RIA Realty, LLC.
- (26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Township of Woodbridge to renew its membership in the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverages and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the Fund.
- (27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the Free Public Library of Woodbridge for accounting services be extended for an additional three (3) month period terminating September 20, 2019.
- (28) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of Change Order #2 on the contract with Printing Labs for the Woodbridge Community Center Sign increasing the final contract amount of \$339,392.43 by \$820.52 to a total of \$340,212.95.
- (29) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the transfer of the State Fiscal Year 2019 Budget appropriations.
- (30) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes establishing temporary appropriations 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget.
- (31) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes establishing temporary appropriations Debt Service for 2091/2020 Fiscal Year Budget.
- (32) **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 June 25, 2019 and the Supplemental Bill List dated June 7, 2019 through June 21, 2019.

- (33) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the renewal of the Club license for the Columbian Club of Port Reading for a one (1) year term.

Council Vice President DeJesus moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously except for Councilman Bauer abstaining from Resolution No. 15, Council President Spillar abstaining from Resolution No. 6 and Councilman Small abstaining on Resolution No. 33.

**PUBLIC MEETING:**

Council President Spillar: Before we move to the public portion of the meeting I'd like to call on Mr. Hagerty for our biweekly Mayor/Administration report on Council activities please.

Mr. Hagerty: Thank you Council President. Once again the administration is pleased to report on activities, events and programs that involve our hardworking Council over the past several weeks. As the mayor announced at the last meeting the highlight of the June 1<sup>st</sup> 350 Sesquicentennial Anniversary Celebration was the presentation of the Keys to the City by each Council member to longtime community residents that advocated and contributed to the success of our township. We would again like to acknowledge those residents, Jack McGreevey, Eric Legrand, Albert Jasani, Terry Sharkey, John Eberhardt, Ray Miller, Pat Trombetta, Frank St. Marie, Peter Barcellona, Phil Hall and Stu Brandow. Council President Cory Spillar opened the Mayor's Concert season last night with the introduction of the headline act, The Duprees. It was the largest crowd ever to attend a Monday night concert. The Council President, along with Councilman Brian Small, announced that construction will soon start on a new traffic signal and pedestrian crossing system at the intersection of Old Road and Port Reading Avenue at the entrance to the new Red Oaks Senior Resident Complex and the Sycamore Senior Center. This new traffic control system results from a Shared Agreement with the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Council Vice President Lizbeth DeJesus introduced the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fiera de Sevilla at Parker Press Park, the annual Taste of Spain Festival hosted by the Alborada Spanish Dance Theatre. Councilwoman DeJesus continues to advocate for the Woodbridge Public Library announcing that the Summer Reading Club is now underway. This year the topic is "A Universal Story" and has also confirmed that the Woodbridge Public Library will staff a Pop Up Library on Judy Drive on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Debbie Meehan coordinated another well attended fundraiser for Alice Kendrickson at the Colonia American Legion Post 248. Councilwoman Meehan also hosted her monthly Coffee with the Councilwoman at the Evergreen Senior Center and at St. John Vianney Church and delivered a commencement speech for the Class of 2019 at Colonia High School. Councilwoman Nancy Drumm, along with Councilwoman DeJesus, Councilwoman Meehan and Councilman Brian Small, working the grill, participated in the grand opening of PCB on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Drumm met with the new owners at the Jewelry Exchange and several other township businesses this week as part of her Constituents Relations Outreach to welcome new businesses to town. Councilwoman Drumm represented the administration and Council at the Installation Ceremony for Elroy Darden as the new incoming president to the Woodbridge Rotary Club. Councilman Kyle Anderson attended Scholarship Night at Woodbridge High School and participated in the presentations of scholarships to the graduating seniors and supported the presentation of Certificates of Achievement to members of the Woodbridge High School Winter Sports Athletic Teams. Councilman Anderson continues to update residents with

new job posts and recently added to the Township Employment Opportunity Center. Councilman Gregg Ficarra, along with the mayor and Councilman Howie Bauer, led the annual Walk the Middlesex County Greenway with the Mayor's Wellness Campaign and members of the Woodbridge Township Girl Scouts. Councilman Ficarra participated in the Summer Fitness Kickoff event for the Woodbridge Community Center and The Club and went on to present awards to the winners of the Smoothie Healthy Food Challenge. Councilman Ficarra represented the mayor and the Council at three separate Eagle Scout ceremonies this past weekend and along with Councilwoman Drumm attended the ARC Middlesex County "Summer Gala" in support of over four hundred county residents with disabilities. Councilman Brian Small continued efforts to coordinate fundraising events for 7 year old Ryan Terebetsky diagnosed with leukemia most recently at the Mayor's Fluke Tournament where the proceeds were donated to Ryan. Councilman Small arranged for Certificates of Achievement for the members of the Woodbridge High School Bowling Team, once again 2018/2019 NJSIAA Group Champions. Councilman Viru Patel attended the groundbreaking of the future Hickory Senior Center and provided lunch to the members of the Fords Women's Club who will be one of the groups using the new senior center. Councilman Patel continues to advocate for the Oak Tree Road and Iselin Business Community. Councilman Howie Bauer's Fords Fire Company responded to yet another fire on Crows Mill Road just yesterday and quickly doused the fire before any significant damage was threatened to life. Councilman Bauer supported the Mayor's Trophy Team Baseball Tournaments that were played during the past two weeks and continued to work with the Fords Business Community. Thank you Council President.

Council President Spillar: Thank you Mr. Hagerty for that excellent report. We will now move to the public portion of the meeting. Please approach the microphone if you would like and state the area of the township that you reside in and there is a five minute limit.

Roberta Vansco from Fords spoke about the gas company tearing up the street she lives on, Hamilton Avenue in Fords and other streets by her house, to put in gas lines and that her street and the streets around her house were just repaved last year. Roberta further spoke about being worried that all this kind of work would hurt the water lines and sewer lines. Roberta lastly spoke about the timeline on this happening and the township, the gas company and the water company should get together so the streets are not dug up so often. Roberta commented she spoke to Councilman Bauer, Michael Gelin and the Mayor in regards to this. Councilman Bauer suggested that they speak after the meeting since her time was up.

Tom Maras from Fords spoke on Roberta Vansco comments and how they were valid since that is happening all around the township. Next Mr. Maras spoke about the Curtains restaurant in Avenel and how he did an OPRA for questions on that facility like if they had a liquor license, their policies and expenses and rentals and they he found out the liquor license came from the State. Mr. Maras then questioned if a drone could start being used by the police department to fight crime in the township. Lastly Mr. Maras questioned if there was any damage to the Woodbridge Community Center from the brine that was in the snow that was hauled over there and melted. Council President Spillar replied that there was no damage done to the Woodbridge Community Center from the brine in the melting snow.

Lori and Rob Mazzarella from Woodbridge spoke about the Avenel Performing Arts Center and how they were very impressed with it and Curtains restaurant. Lastly Lori spoke also about the free concerts that the township provides and how they enjoy that.

**CORY SPILLAR/ 3<sup>RD</sup> 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: We've just been talking about it. We got a big week at the Avenel Performing Arts Center with a Big Gay Italian Wedding. It officially comes back for its concert series. It starts June 27<sup>th</sup> and continues on June 28<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup> with two shows on June 29<sup>th</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you go on June 27<sup>th</sup> you will see our very own Senator Bennett officiating the wedding. If you go on Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> you will see myself. On June 29<sup>th</sup> you will see Director Cimillua and closing out on July 3<sup>rd</sup> our very own Mayor McCormac. You can go to [www.avenelarts.com](http://www.avenelarts.com) for all the information and tickets.

3. Woodbridge River Watch/ Oros Nature Preserve  
HOLD

Council President Spillar: The River Watch in Oros Park had two youth groups come in during the month and did a tremendous job cleaning up the park. They then did some weeding, cleared some small trees on the Woodpecker Trail. Come visit the park located on Omar Avenue and see all the beautiful trails, wildlife trees and flowers. You can also go see the great pond that our residents have been using for kayaking.

Just a couple of dates, a couple of them are far away so you can have them in your calendar. Walks in the Woodbridge Wild at the Oros Wildlife Preserve on Omar Avenue, The Naturalist Walk, will be June 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. The Bat Walk will be July 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 P.M. and the Bird Walk will be July 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M. so go to our township website and check out all the great things we have going on over there.

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 property
- HOLD

Council President Spillar: Construction is coming along nicely at the new Dunkin Donuts and proposed retail located next to the Holiday Inn on Route 1. The construction cleans up a dilapidated motel and studio apartments that weren't a good neighbor and this will help relieving the blind intersection at Jansen and Tappen Street. This continued with the theme of our efforts and desires to constantly redevelop the Route 1 corridor.

- 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

Council President Spillar: As we discussed the Summer Concerts Series kicked off last night with The Duprees. It was a great show. I believe they said it was the largest crowd ever for a Monday so make sure you go to [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us) and see our flyer and all our great shows.

Just one announcement, construction is scheduled to begin tomorrow at Avenel Street and West Park Avenue. We are going to be installing a new traffic light there so that should take a little bit of time.

I hope everyone has a Happy and Safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Leave the fireworks to the professionals please.

**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: On July 8<sup>th</sup> begins the Junior Police Academy and I have to say that sixty kids have signed up for our Junior Police Academy. It's a great way for our children to work with our police department and learn what our police department does. They are also promoting bike safety by looking for children under the age of 17 riding bikes or scooters and wearing a helmet. They will receive a Safety Summons which is a ticket for a free ice cream at Colonia Dairy Maid so please encourage all the children in our township to wear a helmet every time they ride a bike or scooter.

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: The Barron Arts Center is hosting their Flea Market on July 13<sup>th</sup> at Parker Press here in Woodbridge from 8:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. rain or shine.

10. Free Public Libraries of Woodbridge  
HOLD

Council Vice President DeJesus: Our Free Public Library of Woodbridge is starting their summer program which is titled A Universe of Stories. They have reading lists and a list of their programs, games, prizes and celebrations that are planned if you visit any of their local branches or if you go to [www.woodbridgelibrary.org](http://www.woodbridgelibrary.org). It's a great way for children in our schools to complete their summer reading assignments.

11. Greenway Family Success Center  
HOLD
12. Veteran's Tax Deduction  
HOLD

13. Green Infrastructure  
HOLD
14. Girls' Sports  
HOLD
15. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavilion and Camp  
HOLD
16. Township's 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (1669-2019)  
HOLD

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

Councilwoman Meehan: I just wanted to welcome the two Boy Scouts that we had out in the audience. I know that Robert is here for his Citizenship Community Badge and I'm not sure...are you here for a badge also?

Boy Scout in Audience: Yes.

Councilwoman Meehan: Well welcome and we will be happy to talk to you after the meeting if you have any questions.

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

Councilwoman Meehan: The Colonia Family Day and Wiffle Ball Tournament is August 3<sup>rd</sup>. You have to register by July 27<sup>th</sup>, a week before. This year all proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the family of Elijah Pattino who is battling a very rare immune disorder so come out, play some wiffle ball, have a hamburger and support this family that lives here in Woodbridge Township. We register at 10:00 A.M. and the games start at 11:00 A.M. We play throughout the day and the cost is \$10.00 per person. We will have a DJ and some stuff for the kids so please come out and join us.

Also I just wanted to give a shout out to all of our Woodbridge Township seniors who graduated high school last week. It was a great ceremony and there's nothing better than watching those kids graduate and being able to shake their hand so I wish them all well, have a great future and a safe summer and Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Council Vice President DeJesus: One of the things that I mentioned to the Woodbridge High School graduates is they're not alone so all of the children that are going off to college should remember to call home if they need any kind of support. There is always a support system at home so they should be encouraged to always reach out so they don't have to do it alone. The first month is always the hardest.

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:**

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

Councilwoman Drumm: The annual Downtown Merchant Association Car Cruise will take place this Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. on downtown Main Street. Main Street will be closed during this event. Typically the Downtown Car Cruises are the third Wednesday of June, July and August. The rain date is always the following Wednesday so that is why it's going to be this Wednesday.

4. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District)  
HOLD

5. Chamber of Commerce  
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: The Bowl for Hunger is on July 18<sup>th</sup> at Majestic Lanes from 5:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., Assembly Speak Craig Coughlin's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Event. There will be two sessions, 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. They are going to be doing Cosmic Bowling. If you are interested or if you have questions you can call 732-925-8769 or email [bowlforhungerfundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:bowlforhungerfundraiser@gmail.com). Proceeds will benefit the MC Foods, the certified 19<sup>th</sup> District Food Banks. Participation in this event is \$25.00 per person. There is also sponsorship available. It's really a fun event, we go every year. It's sponsored by the Middlesex Water Company, the Chamber of Commerce and Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin.

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
12. Dog Park  
HOLD
13. Arts  
(A) Woodbridge Train Station Mural Project  
(B) Woodbridge Artisan Guild  
HOLD
14. PACE  
HOLD
15. Sustainable Jersey Solar Challenge  
HOLD
16. Woodbridge Elks Lodge 2116  
HOLD
17. Woodbridge Fire Department  
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: The Woodbridge Fire Department located on School Street is offering, for the second year, a Junior Fire Academy One Week Summer Camp on July 22<sup>nd</sup> through July 26<sup>th</sup> for students going to 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grades. You may call 732-602-6040 to register your child and to get more details.

I received a request from Firefighter Mastanduno to say thank you to our police and firemen for providing an escort for his father's recent funeral procession. On behalf of his family he appreciates the support given during a very difficult time.

18. Coast Guard  
HOLD
19. Sewaren Library Programs  
HOLD

**KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE (ABSENT):**

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
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 Woodbridge Community Center is in full summer mode. Their summer program is out in our building besides the camps, roller skating, ice skating and mini golf in the back at The Skyline Mini Golf batting cages. Besides the great activities there the view of the Manhattan Skyline in the evening is absolutely breathtaking. We have fitness classes and swim and skate lessons. There are all kinds of things going on in that building. The Highland Grove Pool & Spray Park, besides its camp, is a wonderful place to recreate outside. You can look it all up on njwcc.com or stop by for a tour.

The Senior Recreation we do have the New Jersey Senior Olympics coming up and that is September 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. If you are a resident of Woodbridge all residents will receiving a \$25.00 discount so that means you could participate in three sporting events that would normally cost you \$30.00 and if you are a Woodbridge resident it will only cost you \$5.00 so that's a big incentive. The kickoff for the New Jersey Senior Olympics is Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M. I know that Pat and Frank asked that all athletes who participated in the past show up and wear their shirts and medals.

2. Youth Month – April  
HOLD
3. Senior Citizen Month – May  
HOLD
4. Mentoring Program  
HOLD
5. Mayor's Fitness/Wellness Initiative  
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: The annual Bike Tour, and its twelve years now that we've run this bike tour, is always the last Sunday in September, this year it's September 29<sup>th</sup>, and what I am looking for is if there are any businesses in town that are interested in being a sponsor. The Boy Scouts of America are the benefactors of this and any sponsor money or portion of it will go through.

6. Fireworks (2019)  
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: The fireworks are scheduled for July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The park opens at 4:00 P.M. If it happens to rain we will move it to July 5<sup>th</sup>.

7. Heroes & Cool Kids/Strengthening Families  
HOLD
8. Pedestrian Safeway's/East Coast Greenway  
HOLD
9. Annual Pizza Run (2019)  
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: The Annual Pizza Run is July 10<sup>th</sup>. It starts down at Alvin P. Williams Park down at the waterfront and new this year, we started to transition last year, the awards presentation, all of the pizza and one free beer is going to be at Moby Dick's on Ferry Street. It's a nice active. Moby Dick's supports us and Wegman's is providing the pizza.

10. Jacob's Landing  
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: If you go down what used to be Bunns Lane and will soon be Veteran's Way the building is going tremendously. It's absolutely beautiful. The third phase of it the funding is in place so everything is going very well and people are excited about it.

Red Oak is coming up in Port Reading and the folks from Stern Towers will be transferring there. Just last night at the Housing Authority meeting we approved Woodbridge Movers to help the seniors move from one spot to the other. We're looking to take over in late August so that's extremely exciting.

A big thank you goes out to Donna Brightman at the Housing Authority and Bruce and the folks at Ingerman because it's a very delicate process of people that are living on Bunns Lane that temporarily moved and then they go into their new place and it's a real balancing act. It's a real joint effort between the Housing Authority, Donna as I said and the Ingerman Group and certainly the Township of Woodbridge doing a nice job on that.

11. The Club at Woodbridge Upgrades  
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: The Club at Woodbridge is in full summer fitness swing. Their second summer session starts August 5<sup>th</sup>. Members can begin to sign up on July 15<sup>th</sup> and non-members on July 22<sup>nd</sup> because it all inclusive. You can be a non-member and still participate but you just pay a little bit more. They are very active with racquetball there. There are training sessions in racquetball leading up to a nice league in the fall.

Then finally, it was mentioned, I had the pleasure to go to three Eagle Scouts, Daniel McNamara and Greg Burquest from Troop 44 and Dennis Abada from Troop 143. Congratulations to all those Scouts; it was my pleasure to be there.

**BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:**

1. Woodbridge News  
HOLD
2. Mayor’s Advisory Council on Education (Mac-E)  
HOLD
3. 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. Senior Transportation (Register @ 732-726-2394 for Client Transport ID#)  
HOLD
9. Level Playing Field @ Cypress Recreation Center/Our House  
HOLD
10. Port Reading Fire Department  
HOLD
11. Property Fraud ([www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov](http://www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov) search for “Property Alert” to Register)  
HOLD
12. Inspections at Hotels/Motels  
HOLD
13. National Public Lands Day  
HOLD
14. Marine Eight  
HOLD

Councilman Small: The Colonia Fire Department is now undertaking the mission of Water Search and Rescue in the Township of Woodbridge merit time areas. This was made possible by a donation of a 21 foot utility boat by Buckeye Pipeline and major support and upgrades and training from the Township of Woodbridge and the Port Reading Board of Fire Commissions. The boat is equip with various water and rescue equipment. The firefighters from Port Reading will be working in Zone Eight of the US Coast

Guard Sector New York Command. It will be part of a taskforce to provide water rescue services in that area. They have been assigned to an area by New York Sector Command on July 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Woodbridge Township fireworks. It's a great thing for the township to have a water rescue boat. We've had many incidents out there and we had to really on New York City or Perth Amboy so I just want to commend the fire commissioners in Port Reading, the Township of Woodbridge for all their support and all the career and volunteer firefighters who have put in a lot of time and dedication to get this off the ground.

**VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4<sup>TH</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN:**

Councilman Patel: My agenda is in order but I would just like to say thanks. Middlesex/Essex Turnpike in Iselin between Green Street and Merrill Park acts as a main access road to Merrill Park. A portion of that Middlesex/Essex Turnpike at the intersection of Green Street used to be only one lane wide and used to handle two-way traffic. It was really unsafe there so we requested our Engineering Department to look into it for it to be widened and they just initiated the project to widen Middlesex/Essex Turnpike right at the intersection with Green Street so it's going to be a two-lane wide road operating with two directional traffic. So if you are making a left or a right from Green Street onto Middlesex/Essex Turnpike going towards Merrill Park it's going to make it much safer. So I would like to thank the Division of Engineering for taking this project. Also I would like to request if you live around Nickie Court that is where the construction is going on.

Happy Independence Day.

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: Prior to the fireworks display at Alvin P. Williams Park on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 P.M. on the main stage we'll be honoring all volunteer first responders with forty plus years of service to our community. Please come out and support these dedicated men and women and thanks to all of those that volunteer in our community every day.

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
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:**

1. Liquor License Transfer(s)/Change of Corporate Structure:
  - A. 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.

- B. Change of Corporate Structure for BL Restaurant Operations, LLC t/a Bar Louie, 675 U.S. Hwy. 1 South, Iselin, New Jersey 08830.
- C. Change of Corporate Structure for Red Chutney, LLC t/a Talli Bar & Grill, 1538 Oak Tree Road, Iselin, New Jersey 08830.

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

Mr. Mitch: Item 2, tonight we were supposed to have a disciplinary hearing against the liquor license holder. That has been adjourned. I'll advise you when it's rescheduled.

3. Liquor License Renewals.

- A. 2019 Annual Retail Licensee Meeting.

4. Street Closings/Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals etc.).

5. Elections.

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

6. Best Practices.

7. Census 2020.

**MAYOR:**

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:**

Senator Bennett: On the meeting of July 9<sup>th</sup> we'll be presenting two SID budgets for resolutions. There are two additional items that were add-on. They will be Public Works is going to be looking towards disposing of two huge vehicles to go to Pittman Township, that will be on for the next meeting, and the Professional Services contracts for the next Fiscal Year 2020 will be in front of you as well. Also since Director Hubner I will go right on.

**POLICE:**

Senator Bennett: Director Hubner will present several traffic ordinances dealing mainly with handicapped areas to have new spots.

**HEALTH:**

Director Green: I don't have anything tonight, thank you Council President.

**RECREATION:**

Director Cimilluca: Nothing this evening, 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, I have one item. Professional services for FEMA Community Rating System Program.

**LEGAL:**

Mr. Bontempo: Nothing this evening.

On a motion made by Council Vice President DeJesus, seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously, Council President Spillar adjourned the meeting at 7:47 P.M.

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Cory S. Spillar  
Council President

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