

**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 September 22, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.**

Members of the Council and those willingly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President DeJesus: Please remain standing for a moment of silence to remember our troops serving our Country overseas and for all those lost to Covid-19 and their families. Let's also remember Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg not only was the second female justice but also a strong voice in gender equality and the rights of work.

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, Amended Annual Notice Schedule was published in The Home News Tribune and The Star Ledger on June 5, 2020. 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, Debbie Meehan, Nancy Drumm, Virbhadra N. Patel, Kyle Anderson, Howie Bauer, Brian Small, Lizbeth DeJesus

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cory Spillar.

**ALSO PRESENT:** John Mitch, Municipal Clerk  
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator  
John Hagerty,  
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator  
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq. (Arrived at 6:07 P.M.)  
Fred Rubenstein, Esq.

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

Council Meeting:

September 1, 2020

**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 Second Reading of the following Ordinances as Consent:**

**A. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 24 ENTITLED “FIRE PREVENTION” OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (20-65)**

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. ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE “PENNAL AND CUTTERS DOCK ROADS REDEVELOPMENT PLAN” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (20-66)**

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.

**C. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS TAX BLOCK 445.02, LOT 28, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 29 MARCONI AVENUE, ISELIN FROM AQIB VIRANI IN LIEU OF PILOP PAYMENT AND AUTHORIZING A USE AND OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF**

**WOODBIDGE AND AQIB VIRANI. (20-67)**

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

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

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

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

**D. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-29 “MID-BLOCK CROSSWALKS” OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE.**

**E. ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE AMENDED “SILVER OAKS REDEVELOPMENT PLAN” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-A et seq.**

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, September 25, 2020 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on October 6, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

Council Vice President Small and Councilman Spillar abstained on letter A.

**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 any and all documents necessary for the bid of Maplecrest Ford, Inc., 2021 Lease of Police Vehicles - \$ 337,601.89 per year for Three (3) years.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refund checks for Overpaid Taxes.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to issue refunds – Tax Court Judgements – credits against 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. Taxes for 2020.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refund checks for cancelled Parking Permits.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue refund checks from the Current Account on Planning and Development.

- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue refund checks from Developer’s Review Fund Account on Planning and Development
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refund checks for tickets purchased for senior events that have been cancelled due to Covid-19.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution referring the amended “Silver Oaks Redevelopment Plan” to the Planning Board of the Township of Woodbridge to review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution adopting the Woodbridge Blue Acres Floodplain Restoration Project.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution combining several authorizations of Bonds into a single issue and prescribing the details and Bond Form thereof for \$13,089,000 General Improvement Bonds dated October 15, 2020.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution combining several authorizations of Bonds into a single issue and prescribing the details and Bond Form thereof for \$10,990,000 Sewer Utility Bonds dated October 15, 2020.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution combining several authorizations of Bonds into a single issue and prescribing the details and Bond Form thereof for \$5,556,000 Recreation Utility Bonds dated October 15, 2020.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing the publication, printing, and distribution of a Notice of Sale and prescribing the forms thereof for \$13,089,000 General Improvement Bonds, \$10,990,000 Sewer Utility Bonds and \$5,556,000 Recreation Utility Bonds, approving the preparation, distribution and execution of a preliminary and a final official statement for such bonds, undertaking to provide continuing disclosure of financial information, covenanting to comply with the internal revenue code of 1986, as amended, and authorizing various matters in connection with electronic bidding for the bonds.
- (14) **Pulled**
- (15) **Pulled**
- (16) **Pulled**
- (17) **Pulled**
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing the Mayor or Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary to purchase one (1) new Toro Groundmaster 7210 Model 30695 tier four final and 72” Super Flow side discharge mower deck in an amount not to exceed \$28,381.60.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement – Right of Entry License Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge, Woodbridge Police Pistol Club

and Praxair, Inc. through their agent, Aptim environmental & Infrastructure, LLC to access the pistol range property to perform environmental remediation in the form substantially similar to the License Agreement on file.

- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing the Township of Woodbridge to enter into a contract with LiveBarn, Inc. the form of which is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.
- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement – RSC Architects for professional architectural services for the Woodbridge Pole Barn, in an amount not to exceed \$30,345.00.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement – Waters McPherson McNeill for legal services for the Township as Wastewater Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the period July 1,, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement – T & M Associates serviced for Land Survey and Engineering Plan, Pirates Cove Marina Property in an amount not to exceed \$44,500.00.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement – Remington & Vernick Engineers for professional engineering services for NJDEP Stream Cleaning Permit Application – Heards Brook – Upstream of Mobile Avenue to Pearl Street in an amount not to exceed \$98,000.00.
- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution of the Township of Woodbridge authorizing execution of a Reimbursement Agreement with the County of Middlesex in regard to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act.
- (26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement – CME Associates for professional engineering services for Topographic Survey, Block 590, Lot 35, Woodbridge, in an amount not to exceed \$4,985.00.00.
- (27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement – Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP for Professional accounting services for the Issuance of Bonds and Notes and Sale of Bonds and Notes, in an amount not to exceed \$38,000.00.
- (28) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Agreement – Bayshore Single Stream Solutions, LLC to accept the Townships single stream recycled materials in the form substantially similar to that on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.
- (29) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing execution of Change Order #1 on the contract with AMCO Enterprises increasing the contract amount of \$542,000.00 by \$15,311.00 to a contract total of \$557,311.00.
- (30) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution directing the Chief Financial Officer and Purchasing Agent mark their records accordingly to memorialize the Notice of Assignment from Fleetwood Finance Leasing to KS State Bank for lease to purchase contract adopted on August 4, 2020 – Resolution #18 of fifty (50) in car cameras and related

equipment for police cars.

- (31) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes Bids – J & C Technologies, ice resurfacing machine - \$166,535.00.
- (32) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution rescinding renewal of liquor license #1225-33-061-009 (Cerami Enterprises. Inc.) adopted on June 11, 2019 on Resolution #7.
- (33) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution approving the renewal of Plenary Retail Licenses for the 2020 – 2021 license terms.
- (34) **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 September 22, 2020 and the Supplemental Bill List dated August 28, 2020 through September 18, 2020 and the Addendum to the September 22, 2020 Bill List.

Mr. John Mitch: Can I get a motion to approve the Resolutions listed by consent?

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

Councilwoman Meehan: Abstains.

Mr. John Mitch: Any questions or comments?

Council president DeJesus: We will now move to the public portion of the meeting, please approach the microphone in the back. If you would like, state the area of the township you live in and your name, there is a one time, five-minute time period.

**Public Meeting:**

Kason Little, Elizabeth: Spoke about the three main problems in the city: racism, police brutality and discrimination against black and brown people and said: “Do better, be better, live better, stop being reactive, be proactive and put the people first, our needs, our wants, our wishes, our safety. That is how you ultimately move forward”.

Rev, Clyde, Elizabeth: Spoke about the arguments of Black Lives Matter, the God-given rights, liberties and freedoms of individuals, the divisions among the people in the United States, how love is the common ground, how their positions are to serve the constituents, and how America's divine test is to see if we can love those that are different.

Jimmy Dabrowski, Woodbridge: Spoke about an act of anti-black racism, how Christo Makropoulos displayed an anti-black white supremacist Confederate flag while continuing speaking, about the Back the Blue counter protest in Edison on July 25th and how Councilman Ficarra condemned this revolting act of racial terror. Demanded Woodbridge to be on the right side of history, stand up for human rights and against racism.

Jennifer Dragos, Woodbridge: Spoke about black people getting tickets, how there is only one black person on the panel, how the administrators are white, how the judge is white, and how the lack of diversity in the Municipal building is a huge problem. Explained about a police incident on September 2nd and how she saw aggression from the police officers. Mentioned on Black Lives Matter, how black people pay taxes, but there is not enough black people participating in the room.

Councilman Anderson: Council President, I just want to say that I happen to be African-American. I am going to stay here right now because I am the first elected official of color in this town and I have endured racism. I am father of three black sons and two black daughters. Please, don't question my blackness. I am not going to say that people haven't looked at me differently, okay. But now you know.

Salaam Ismial, Elizabeth: Director of National United Youth Council Incorporated Spoke about police misconduct, racism, students, the New Jersey Force report and the abuse on African-Americans. Talked about the policing problems in the Woodbridge Township and asked Councilman Anderson to join his organization calling for the State Attorney General to give a full overview of the police policies and practice of the Township of Woodbridge.

Councilman Anderson: I am involved in a few other programs that work with the police department and I don't know much about your organization, so for me to just say on the record right here, without knowing anything about it. I am willing to meet with anyone and that includes you as well, sir.

Adeel Ahmed, Port Reading: Spoke about Black and Hispanic children, lack of transparency within the City, racism within the police or within the school, frustrations on people of color. Asked about the initiatives taken by the City Council regarding potential police reform, monitoring that people's civil rights are not abused, that there is fair treatment by the police and safety in the Woodbridge Township especially for the people of color and also mentioned about the upcoming budget meeting. Inquired on how the leadership looked like for that Commission if they had people of color and if they were considering reforming the police in any capacity order to make sure there is a safer community for all people especially for people of color.

President Council DeJesus: One of the initiatives that we have taken, has been from the Human Rights Commission were they have like the Council meeting, an open discussion with any resident that can come and voice their issues, their problems and then they hear you guys and they meet and they come to us. We have two African-Americans, we have a Latina, we have two Caucasian women, I believe another woman is a Muslim and there is another gentleman Caucasian. We support our Police Department; we have heard everything that everyone had said. We have met with our Director of Police, our Deputy Director and we are quite confident in our Police Department.

Councilman Ficarra: There is a Local group of activist pro (inaudible) to further relation on equity. One of the things that they brought out was the feeling of situations with mental health or psychiatric and there is a great discussion with our Police Department, with our Substance Abuse Discovery Program because there is a lot of crossover that I've learned with mental health whether is Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse and Mental Health by itself. There is a very good dialogue I don't want to speak for

the administration but I know there is some investigation going on. It seems where the lack is right now, it is not with the police and their response. But once the issue is concerned and calmed down, the police have done their job. They are not experts in helping people that are either not taking their medications properly. There is not really any follow-up as it stands now. That is one of the things that I voted, the town is seriously looking at, and investing dollars in that, and a few of us have followed up on it and I, as recently as today, have gotten an update of some work with Rutgers University Behavioral Health Center. So I am confident that there are some big steps in that area because that was a very big focus of our local youth groups. So that is a small update and that the Domestic Violence Response Team that we have in Woodbridge works with police, but they are totally volunteer. They refer to themselves as advocates and they receive forty (40) hours of training. Some of us met with them and they are upgrading their standards operating policies and procedures. So those are just two small things. There are others that are directly related to the demands that are expressed by our Local (inaudible)

Councilman Anderson: A few months ago I created an organization with the help of 20 maybe 25 Woodbridge residents of all different backgrounds, and it is called the Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change and we meet weekly, we discuss in specific some of the areas that you are speaking up. But we also talk about Community events. We talk about education. We have sub-committees that have formed but in one area we do talk about law enforcement. Not just law enforcement as far as oversight but also law enforcement as how can we get young African-Americans and other minorities interested in becoming police officers, interested in becoming law enforcement and learning about the whole process because the testing process sometimes can be tricky for a person who is trying to do it all by himself without any information. I have been outspoken and I've written letters that I do feel that we need more African-American Police Officers on the Police Department, here in Woodbridge. It is nothing against the Police Officers that are in there. They have the job that they wanted, they got the job. So what I would like to see is our Police Department making efforts to recruit and create awareness and identify students when they are in High School and so forth. I put my boys in the Junior Police Academy and I have encouraged other parents to do the same thing. Especially parents of color because I feel that that also helps build the relationship between the law enforcement and young children in our area at a very young age and that is important. I also feel that we need to do more community policing and that is an area that we have been talking about in my organization. It is about how can we create more community policing and that is something as far as just shifting funds. It is not necessarily defunding but it is refunding and moving money over to where we are policing our communities a little differently. So I just wanted to share that.

Mia Banks, Avenel: Member of the WYLE told the Council how policing is a single highest expenditure in our budget, and if in the investigation they find out that mental health resources do need more funding, it makes the most sense for her to take money away from policing, which has excess spending and it's also an institution that disproportionately harms minority communities. Spoke on behalf of WYLE, the Confederate Flag, Councilman Anderson, race, Documentary 13<sup>th</sup>, Systemic Racism. Asked: What research have you guys done to adequately addressed systemic racism and it's in particular, have you watch the Documentary 13<sup>th</sup>?, Mentioned about Nancy Drumm, a mural about Nations great flags, the legacy of late justice Ginsburg and the no response to help minority communities in this town.

Councilwoman Nancy Drumm: I really don't recall doing that.

Dwight Glenn, Woodbridge: Spoke in favor of police officers wearing body cams and how the body cams can exonerate them, cut down on complaints and provide a safety net for civilians.

Gloria Lande, Woodbridge: Asked if education and history were important. Spoke about the Confederate flag and the importance of not taking away history: "It was a division of the north and the south, and the north won the war". Concerned about the construction in our community, the amount of low income units, the traffic plan projection, the voting process, the civil rights, and the racism. Thanked Councilman Anderson for his new group.

Council President DeJesus: We have eleven (11) polling places in Woodbridge Township where you can vote in person. We will be sending out information; we have eleven polling places as of now.

Christo Makropoulos, Edison: Inquired about an existing resolution for recording to ask Councilman Anderson to stop recording. Mentioned about the Hispanic community of and the Lincoln Annex School in New Brunswick, the Supreme Court law during public comments, and how he can speak whatever he wants. Spoke about disabled military veterans, domestic terrorists, being not in favor of racism and the promotion of killing cops requested an apology from Councilman Anderson for him and for this community.

Councilman Ficarra: Council President, that is another threat again.

Victoria Birch, Colonia: Reiterated about her request that these meetings be held virtually and that the Mayor need to be present during Council meetings. Spoke about the importance in open dialogues about racism, the black community, those advocating for change, fairness, equity, symbolic changes and the absolute acceptance that Black Lives Matter. Asked: "over the course of the four or so months that we have been coming here, how was your approach to your job on Council been affected?" Agreed with Council President De Jesus and thanked her for her response.

Council President De Jesus: We have all taken everything that has been said seriously and I think I said it one time before. We might not give you the exact answer that you are looking for but that doesn't mean that we are not working behind the scenes. We might not have answers right at the second, it does not mean that we are not working, that we are not listening, that we are not trying to do our best to meet halfway and to bring about the change that is needed. Again, it might not be what you would expect. It might not be answered the way that you wanted to be answered, but that doesn't mean that we are sitting here, that we are not listening, we are not hearing and that we are not working. Everything has to be addressed through the Council person, you can ask anybody to ask the question if they want to volunteer, they can, but they don't have to.

Councilman Ficarra: (inaudible)

Megan Brown, Colonia: Spoke in favor of virtual Council meetings and about the flags on the Woodbridge overpass the Turnpike and the American Flag. Identified herself as one of the persons who

initiated the removal of the Blue Lives Matter flag and clarified that they never had a problem with the American flag.

Hannah Beal, East Brunswick: Spoke about existing racism in this town, the police force operation, the overfunded Police Department and how the reallocation of funds will improve the lives of our community members. Mentioned about the petition she sent to the Mayor and which was signed by nearly 1500 people about the blue lines on Main Street.

Veronica Albarella, Woodbridge: Reiterated support for the Woodbridge Youth Group which have worked to raise these issues and of the policy changes which proposed the allocation of police funds to other areas in need. Asked for the Mayor to show at the meetings and spoke in favor of virtual meetings.

Stanley Reevey, Fords: President for Fords Bearcats which is now W. E. JR. Knights. Spoke about the safety issues on the Fords Park which requires a lot of attention so the Youth Football teams can continue with their practice - the lights need to be fixed and there are trees that need to come down. Games will begin within two weeks - October 3rd or 4th is the first game and a pep rally on September 26 between 3 P.M. and 6 P.M. Spoke with Brian Molnar about the trees and they came out and cut the fallen trees but there are still some trees that need to be taken down. Also mentioned issues with the score board.

Councilman Bauer: I received an email from Martinez Luis(sp). I forwarded your request today to the administration and I am waiting on your request. You did not say anything about the other issue; you just told me about the lighting problem at this time. I will give you my card.

Council President DeJesus: Mr. Cimilluca, our Business Administrator, is also going also to address your concern.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: As per Councilman Bauer, we received the email today and it was assigned to the DPW crew, Director George Brew is looking into it. I think he was there today and he will be back tomorrow to see what is needed.

Councilman Anderson: I am the liaison between the Youth Leagues and the administration. I know that you have your Ward Councilman and I know that Councilman Bauer is very responsive to that, but in the event, in years past, I know one time with the score board I was able to help you. One suggestion, what we did in my organization, we went to the Kennedy High School Baseball Field and we practice under the lights there. Sometime that is an option. If I know that you have lights and you want to keep everything there at your facility, but I will be more than happy to talk to you about things that work for my program. You know that we shut down operations for this year, but I will be more than happy to talk to you. I think we have exchanged information before, but I would be more than happy to do it again.

Keith Pierce, : Former President of Edison Wolf Pack and now the Co-President with Mr. Reevey of the Woodbridge - Edison Junior Knights is looking forward to build strong relationship with the two communities.

Frank Trombatore, Woodbridge: A Vietnam Veteran, the son of a World War II Veteran Spoke to Mr. Coughlin on how the New Jersey Legislature took our right to a free and anonymous election, the freedom of religion and the right to worship. Mentioned about the State government racism against Italians but also apologized for bringing these issues to the Council. Talked about the 10,000 ballots that were found in the Post Office five weeks after the election was over and about a third voting option which is to bring the votes directly to the Board of Elections.

Council President DeJesus: We have eleven (11) polling places in Woodbridge Township that will be open and you can vote in person. I dropped my mailing ballot there and I got a receipt at the house that I voted on the primary.

Mr. Mitch: As Council President said, you will be allowed to vote in person by paper ballot unless you attest to the fact that you have a disability that prevents you from completing a paper ballot. When you get your mail in ballot at home, here is what I suggest if you don't want to use the Postal Service, you have two (2) great options. One is that you can bring it right here at Town Hall; we have a drop box right out front, that is secured and under surveillance through the Police Department that will be opened this Thursday until 8:00 o'clock election night. The box will be emptied every day, be delivered to the Board of Elections and yes you are correct there are Democratic employees that are going to open the ballots. There is an equal amount of Republican employees as well; that is the way they are structured. The ballots will start being counted ten (10) days before the election. The second option though, if you want to go to the polls bring your mail in ballot with you completed; you can drop it there in the drop box there as well, but you can only do yours there. Here you can bring yours and you can bring your wife's; that is an option. You can keep it out of the Post Office; you can bring it right here. For the July's election, Frank, more than 900 people came and dropped their ballots off here.

Mr. John Mitch: 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):**

Council President DeJesus: We are now going to be moving to our agenda portion of the meeting. Just for everyone to know today is National Voter Registration Day so you still have time to register and encourage anyone who is not registered to register so they can vote in the November Election.

1. Housing Authority  
HOLD
2. Affordable Housing Corporation  
HOLD
3. Youth and Government Day  
HOLD

4. History Museum  
HOLD
5. Police Community Relations  
HOLD
6. Youth Employment/Job Fair  
HOLD
7. Township Parks and Playgrounds  
HOLD
8. Hispanic Heritage Month  
HOLD

Council President DeJesus: Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15th through October 15th. So you still have time to celebrate the wonderful Hispanic Heritage. We had a successful Hispanic Heritage Festival this past Saturday and I would like to thank all that stopped by and enjoyed the music and special thanks to all the vendors. The Department of Recreation under Director Molnar, Eileen Caggiano for helping to put the event together, our Woodbridge Public Library, Director Eppinger for having a table there and giving information on how they are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month at the Library, and there are a lot of activities you can go on the Library's website and see any anything and everything that they are doing to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Evergreen Youth Center, Shirley Genty and her staff D'aisha Smith and Page Lee for being there, the Woodbridge Police Department, Director Hubner and Detective Zeno for also having a table and handing out information. The Health Department Director Green, the staff from Senior Transportation Ms. Neroda, the staff from Multi Service Agencies, Evergreen Senior Center Rosemary Mende. The Department of Public Works Director Brew and his staff for making sure that the park was ready for putting up all the beautiful flags and for setting up all the tables and chairs. And special thanks to Dr. Dalcon and his staff because every year they say we are here and for the generous donation. The Swing Combo Band were a great band and the music was beautiful. I think Councilman Ficarra can attest, Councilman Anderson, Councilman Small, Councilman Spillar went. Thank you guys for all of your support and specially the DJ, my husband Angel DeJesus, for every year saying present and having my back.

9. Barron Arts Center  
HOLD

Council President DeJesus: The Arts Exhibit Pets Project running through October 3rd, there is still time to catch the exhibit featuring "Pet Projects: Dogs, Cats & Everything in Between". The exhibit is also available on the Township website. The Barron Arts Center celebrates Hispanic Heritage with a Virtual Lecture Iconic Mexican Artist Frida Kahlo. This Lecture will be lived on October 7th on the Township Website, on YouTube and under Facebook Page.

Barron Fest - Woodbridge 13th Arts and Crafts Festival will be on October 10th, from 12 Noon to 4:30 P.M. at Alvin P. Williams Park in Sewaren. Please contact the Barron Arts Center at 732-634-0413 for more information. And I encourage anyone who knows any artist, who create any forms of fine arts or crafts to contact the Barron Arts Center and if you have not gone, I will highly encourage for you guys to visit it. It is a wonderful event where a lot of our local artists part taken.

10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge  
HOLD

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Council President DeJesus: The library invites to register for all online programs at the library. Upcoming programs include the 350 plus years Evolution of Salsa with Jose Obando on October 1st and October 8<sup>th</sup>; meet the artist Franc Palaia who created the etchings for the Woodbridge Train Station. Visit the library on line calendar for the home page Woodbridgelibrary.org or to register and receive instructions on how to participate by phone, mobile devise or computer. The Library ESL and Literacy partner, literacy New Jersey is sponsoring on line classes for beginning, intermediate and advanced learners. Again, I encourage everyone to approach anyone that you know that would love to learn English or speak it better, learn the grammar and all of it to call 732-906-5456 or the library at 732-634-4450 ext. 5 for more information, and that is open to all adults. The Library is hosting a Virtual Program – BYOB! Bring your own Book or Movie. Monthly Book Club on line. They will meet the last Monday of the month starting Monday September 29th. Visit the Library website to register.

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

Council President DeJesus: You have until September 30th. Your response is completely confidential. Remember your response means more money for schools, more jobs in our communities, and more funding for emergencies. That is all that I have. Thank you

16. Human Rights Commission  
HOLD
17. Youth Leadership Council  
HOLD

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

1. Woodbridge News  
HOLD
2. Mayor's Advisory Council on Education (Mac-E)  
HOLD
3. Port Reading Fire and Township First Aid Squads  
HOLD

4. Website E-Government  
HOLD
5. Bicycle Lanes/ Bicycle Share/ Bicycle Paths  
HOLD
6. Electric Vehicle Car Share/ Car Charging Stations  
HOLD
7. School Projects  
HOLD
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

Councilman Vice-President Small: The Township of Woodbridge will be holding our National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 26th 2020 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. followed by an annual party at the Ernie Oros Wildlife Preserve from 11:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. If you would like to volunteer, you can contact our Recreation Department Eileen Caggiano 732-596-4047 or you can email [Eileen.Caggiano@twp.Woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:Eileen.Caggiano@twp.Woodbridge.nj.us).

13. Marine Eight  
HOLD.
14. Mayor Mac Café  
HOLD
15. Jazz Festival (10/10/20)  
HOLD

Councilman Vice-President Small: The Jazz fest will be held October 10th from 3-7 P.M. outside the Avenel Performing Arts Center on Avenel Street, Renee Fox will be out at 3 P.M. Danny Bacher and his All-Star Band at 3:30 P.M., Michael Preston @5 P.M. Curtis Lundy and Umoja Band will be playing@5:30 P.M.

16. Concerts

HOLD

Councilman Vice-President Small: Although they are coming to an end right now. I just want to commend everybody involved, our Recreation Director Brian Molnar, to the parks workers, volunteers, sponsors. It's a very successful year again. I just want to commend everybody involved with that.

17. Light Parade  
HOLD

Councilman Vice-President Small: Our Light Parade featuring our Fire, Police, EMS, OEM and C.E.R.T. will be on November 28<sup>th</sup> following small business Saturday, the Light Parade will start and I will get into more details next meeting. But just mark on the calendar please. A couple of announcements, Council President DeJesus I want to commend you on a very successful day on Saturday. I am glad to see the flags flying again. I am glad the NJ Turnpike and Governor Murphy stepped up. On Sunday, we had a Memorial Service and a Heroes' Service absolutely incredible. There was a lot of closure for families who lost a loved one during the last 4 or 5 months. I want to comment Mr. Hagerty, Megan Kushpa, Briana Ludlow, Gerry Mazurek the Recreation Department, Parks Department for an incredible day. You all need to be commended. It was one of the nicest things I never seen in this town and I am here my whole life. Two other things - for the woman that described the motor vehicle stopped earlier, I am not 100% sure of what happened because I was not there, but it sounded to me like a felony stuff and it sounded to me that a serious crime might have been committed, so I am thankful if that was the case for the Woodbridge Police Department who did the right thing and by the way I know they don't have Body Cams but car camera is recording all the time with the lights on. So this whole incident was recorded and I am sure it went down the right way. I want to commend the Police Department, the Fire Department, the EMS, our Public Works Department and God bless America, thank you.

Council President DeJesus: I just want to clarify something too that was said and I am sorry that I did not do it before but regarding Mr. Markopoluis and the Confederate flag, he was told outside that he had to put it away and he came in here and it was hidden. He was not allowed to come into Council Chambers with it out. When he was here, he took it out, legal and I had a conversation and there is nothing that I could have done about it, whether I agree with it or not and that is all that I am going to say about that.

Councilman Small: Also in the comment earlier that I was not looking at the person that was speaking, I am often writing notes in the beginning of the meeting because there is a lot of paperwork here, a lot of things are going on. So I don't have to be looking at somebody to hear what they are saying. Just for the record, thank you.

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

1. Avenel's Very Merry Holiday Lighting (11/29/20) /Port Reading Day (10/10/20)  
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/Sycamore Senior Center/Red Oak  
HOLD
7. Route 1 Redevelopment
  - (A) Star/City Motels
  - (B) Americana/Avenel Motels
  - (C) Route 1 at So. Inman Avenue
  - (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. Cable Commission/Renewal  
HOLD
12. School 4 & 5  
HOLD
13. Mileed Way Army Corps of Engineers project.  
HOLD

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

Council Meehan: Thank you Council President, my agenda is in order.

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

Council woman Meehan: This Saturday September 26th, Speaker Craig Coughlin will be helping Gleaning for the Hungry this annual Gleaning event that will be held at 10 A.M. and 12 P.M. at Giamarese Farm & Orchards Farm and agriculture. Gleaning is a collective leftover crops left behind from farmers after commercial harvest to help reduce waste. All produces we collect will be donated to the Middlesex County Food Banks. If you would like to volunteer and help us, the farm is located at 173 Fresh Ponds Rd. in East Brunswick; please bring gloves and a mask. This is a fun and rewarding way to help those that are hungry.

7. Reinhard Manor  
HOLD
8. Colonia Fire Department/First Aid Squad  
HOLD

Council woman Meehan: This Saturday September 26th at 11:00 A.M. Colonia Fire Department will be participating in the Annual Tunnel to Towers down the sidewalks of Inman Avenue. The Tunnel to Towers run is held each year in New York City the last Sunday of September. In the past year's 20 Fire Departments and their brother Fire Houses have taken place in this run. That retraces the final footsteps of Stephen Siller, a New York City fireman who ran through the Brooklyn-Battery tunnel to the Twin Towers to save lives on 911 while giving up his own. Due to city-wide restrictions this year the event had to be cancelled. So the Colonia Fire Department will walk .911 miles in their gear leaving from Investors Bank and proceed down Inman Avenue to the Colonia Firehouse and while they are in route,

they will be collecting donations for this foundation which benefits fallen first responders, Gold Star families with young children and catastrophic injured servicemen. If you can, go down to Inman Avenue and throw a couple of dollars in their booths to help their cause. I also like Councilman Small said just to commend John Hagerty and everybody that was involved over the weekend this past Sunday. The remembrance was so moving, such a moving tribute those who lost somebody that they loved during this pandemic and I know it has been so hard on families including my own to lose a loved one during this time and not be able to grieve for them so thank you for doing this. It gave people closure and it brought people together and I know just like Brian said that this is probably one of the most emotional events I ever have been out during Council and did a fantastic job. So thank you for that and just take care of each other, thank you.

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:**

Councilwoman Drumm: Thank you Council President.

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: The Downtown Merchants Association on Main Street announced their 6th Live Facebook Business Owner Interview with Scott, the owner of Chicken Galore, a local business that has been in Woodbridge for over 50 years. It will take place on October 6th at 2:30 P.M. live on their Facebook Page so you need to register on the Downtown Merchant Association Facebook Page and have a chat with Scott and learn about him and his passion for his business Chicken Galore.

3. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District)

HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: The SID Special Improvement District has finalized their agreement with a Marketing Firm called Social Sidekick and they will begin working with our downtown businesses to attract more foot traffic toward downtown business area where we may have many thriving businesses with a lot of Community support.

4. Chamber of Commerce

HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: The Chamber of Commerce upcoming Fourth Quarter 2020 events are as follows: The Women Leadership Speaker Series event on October 1st at Colonia Country Club. Our 56th Golf is also at Colonia Country Club on October 5th; there will be a Wine Tasting Networking event at the Elks outing on November 5th and the Holiday Luncheon is planned for December 7th at Ariana's you can contact the Chamber at 732-636-4040 or register on the website, WoodbridgeChamber.com. The Woodbridge Chambers have been able to receive sponsorships for events for Almasi Contractors, Bay Shore Recycling, Elizabeth Town Gas, our Downton Main Association, New Jersey Advisory and many other businesses in our community. We really appreciate the Support of our sponsors and attendees to all our events. Always but especially during the challenging pandemic times that we are having. Also I want to point out that Middlesex County is providing a Covid-19 Small Business Relief Grant program and we want to thank the County for walking around our town and stopping at our small businesses explaining the program to our business owners. You can get more information at their website <http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/mcsbrg> for all the details.

5. Buy Local Program

HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: We are having a new business opening up at a well-known spot on our web 654 Amboy Avenue in Woodbridge Proper, which was the site Angelo's Pizza for many years. The new business is Benny's Pizza and it will be opened on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, from 12 Noon to 6 P.M. Please welcome Benny's to our neighborhood and support his business. It's amazing to me how during this challenging time businesses are opening up in our township. Hopefully, this is a very good sign. All of our local businesses need your support now more than ever. Show them that you care about buying local.

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

Councilwoman Drumm I wanted to do an update on the Ward 1 Redevelopment that is going on. The Redevelopment of downtown Woodbridge continues despite the recent challenges of Covid-19. Construction for the Prism Square where development on the Corner of Rahway Avenue in Green Street although briefly halted is moving quickly and on schedule for completion in 2021. The Developers are currently looking to attract retailers for their ground floor space. The project being built at the old Hess property has begun site work and it will be known as Vermiela of Woodbridge. This new project will be mixed-use for multi-family development with resort like amenities and well-thought-out spaces, providing functional yet luxurious living here in Woodbridge. The Strip Mall across from Town Hall is now empty with a tentative closing date in September. The Township has finalized an agreement to move parking from Poillon Street over to Berkeley. The Striking Fist property owner has expressed his interest to redevelop and vitalize the corner property to provide an attractive entrance to the downtown. Discussions included the possibility of a green wall with other upgrades to better showcase the township. Brook Street Lofts are being constructed on the Stern Tower site. Site is near completion and

a new modern building will provide a beautiful addition to this area. The Township is also looking at the construction of two parking decks in the downtown area. The decks will provide necessary parking for the enhanced downtown area. September is Suicide Prevention Month. There roughly 132 suicide deaths a day and I want to make mention of this especially during the pandemic with many people stuck at home and alone and being alone can amplify feelings of isolation which can coincide with suicidal thoughts and feelings. I would like to share some resources that are available if need it. The Suicidal Prevention Hotline is open 24/7 and their number is 1-800-273-8255 and the NJ Hopeline number is 1-855-654-6735. Please reach out to me with any questions and I also wanted to complement our Recreation Department, our TV35 and our Mayor's office for have taken the opportunity and really caring about our community in having this event on Sunday. It was unbelievably heartfelt. It was really difficult and this show how much our Woodbridge Community cares about those lives that we lost and all other people who did not have the opportunity to have a Memorial, or a Funeral or a Wake so my kudos to everyone in the Township for making it happen. Thank you very much. That is all I have.

**KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:**

Councilman Anderson: Thank you Council President.

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

Councilman Anderson: Please refer to our Township website to Employment Opportunities Center for opportunities with FedEx, Duke Realty, Woodbridge Recreation, NJID New Jersey Institute for Disabilities, Chick-fil-A, Chicken Galore and Lowe's. There are plenty of other opportunities there, and there is also a lot of tools for people that are out of work right now, resume writing tools and so forth. So please check the website.

3. Mayor's Trophy  
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: We had a four month hiatus for the Hall of Fame this year. Because of Covid, we moved that to the spring temporarily and we will be notifying you about nominations for any past athletes that had to graduate from High School 20 years ago and then had to obtain one of the three Public High Schools. They could have went to a Vo-tech as long as they participated at one of the three Public High Schools here in town.

5. Taste of Woodbridge  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: Cancelled due to Covid. Normally that would be coming up in a month and was one of my favorite events and many of the people in town always look forward to it so I am sure it is going to be bigger and better next year.

6. Charity Raffle

HOLD

Councilman Anderson: I would like to ask Mr. Hagerty about the Charity Raffle. Are we doing it this year?

Mr. Hagerty: Yes we are going to be doing that. We applied for the Raffle License and will put an announcement.

Councilman Anderson: Thank you. I will send an email so at the next meeting I make sure we have some information regarding the Charity Raffle. It's also a great way for organizations to raise money for their organization and then also raise money for a good cause.

7. Drive-In Movies  
HOLD

8. N.A.A.C.P.  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: N.A.A.C.P. will meet on October 19<sup>th</sup> and it is every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday and that is 1 Oliver Street in Perth Amboy. Perth Amboy covers Sayreville, Carteret, South Amboy, Woodbridge and I believe Perth Amboy. Those are the five areas that they cover and that is led by Reverend Donna Stewart.

9. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program  
HOLD

10. Independent Club of Colonia  
HOLD

11. Tooling Around Program  
HOLD

12. Boy Scouts/Camping  
HOLD

13. League Consolidation  
HOLD

14. Middlesex County College  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: Will no longer be known as Middlesex County College. It will be known as Middlesex College. So when I went there was known as Middlesex Community College and then it was Middlesex County College but through some surveying and some market research, they felt that it was best to change. We are excited about that. It is going to create some new Marketing and as the member of the Board of Trustees, with Covid, it is an excellent opportunity for you to start your college career at a two-year college right now. If you can't dorm at a four-year college, for your parents to send you away and they have to come and bring you back because of unfortunately Covid or something like that, Middlesex County College is a great option. It was where I first started school and I encourage everyone in Woodbridge to consider that along with your four-year colleges.

15. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change.

HOLD

Councilman Anderson: We had our first meet and greet because we have been meeting on zoom every Saturday morning for about eight weeks, and we had our first meet and greet. It was a social distant meet and greet but some people still met on the laptop. Every committee that had met, delivered their reports. I am really excited because it has people from all different backgrounds and conservative, liberal, white, black, Spanish, sexual orientation. We hear a lot about the changes that people would like to see. I know that there are some that still want things to stay the same because things have always been fine for them, but there are some that want to see some changes. With regards of Ruth Bader Ginsburg just leave with this quote: “When there are nine”. When she was quoted and asked and she was interviewed: When there will be enough women on the Supreme Court and she said “when there are nine”. Why not? I say the same thing when there would be enough black people, when there would be enough Spanish people? When there would be enough women? When there would be enough gays? Because we dealt with it when there were nine men. Now there are nine men on the Council, always nine men on the Supreme Court. Everyone should have the opportunity and there should be no limit on who sits on what. I just want to say that unfortunately, the flag does offend me. I know that it doesn’t sit well with others that they don’t agree with that. I know that people are asking people to speak about their feelings about that. I am just going to say that it doesn’t sit well with me. I do find it to be an offensive and a racist flag. In regards to the gentlemen that wore it. He brings something to wear that flag and calls me a racist. I just want to say, just for credibility purposes. I looked at this gentlemen up, he accused his former teacher that he did not know, shared the name of a sex offender, so this is so he accused the teacher of being a sex offender, but she shared the name of another sex offender and he put this all in Social Media and it turned out that the woman he accused of she was his teacher when he was a student there. So when he talks about I jeopardize his life, when he yells at my license plate number on Social Media at least eight times when it is a car that my wife and my daughter’s drive and then he post that on websites that there are people that don’t know us here in Woodbridge and don’t know what I am about or what I stand for. And I received some letters into my home that my wife and my kids have seen. So people don’t know. I know that everyone up here has their own particular feeling. We all kind of lately been the target, not just me. Literally, it is getting old. I’d like to move on and I’d like to see that we all start working towards something. I do believe that the committee that I am working with has headed that direction. I just want to thank you all. I want to acknowledge the work of Mr. Hagerty our Rec Department for Sunday’s Memorial for Covid. I am happy to be part of that to at least help people to bring closure and memorialize their loved ones in public with their towns and their loved ones around. So I thank you all for putting that together and I am happy to participate along with the rest of my Council.

**GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:**

Councilman Ficarra: Thank you Council President. It was an honor participating in the Memorial Service. My colleagues pointed out for the folks who did not have the opportunity of properly burying their family members and then to a tribute to Essential Workers and First Responders. It is quite a privilege; I am very grateful for that. Thank you everybody involved.

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

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Councilman Ficarra: Our Roller skating rinks is open on Saturdays and Sundays for the public. There is an open skating and of course all social distancing guidelines should be followed. In the back of our Community Center is the Skyline Mini Golf and Batting Cage. I guess there are some symptoms of normalcy back there. A little bit of recreation Monday through Friday 4 P.M. to 9 P.M. Saturdays 12 Noon to 9:00 P.M. and Sundays 12 Noon to 10:00 P.M. If you haven't been back there, it is a lot of fun, of family outing like being in your own back yard.

2. Youth Month – April  
HOLD
3. Senior Month – May  
HOLD
4. Mentoring Programs  
HOLD
5. Mayor's Fitness/Wellness Initiatives  
HOLD
6. Fireworks  
HOLD
7. Heroes & Cool Kids/Strengthening Families  
HOLD
8. Pedestrian Safeway's/East Coast Greenway  
HOLD
9. Annual Pizza Run  
HOLD
10. Jacob's Landing  
HOLD
11. The Club at Woodbridge Upgrades  
HOLD
12. Crossroad's Race  
HOLD

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

Councilman Patel: Thanks Council President. My agenda is in order.

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: Thank you Council President.

1. 2nd Ward Road Projects  
HOLD
2. County Greenway  
HOLD
3. Downtown Parking on New Brunswick Avenue  
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Waterfront Park/Keasbey  
HOLD
5. Hometown Hero Banners  
HOLD
6. Fords Business Community
  - A. Cruise Night
  - B. Trunk or TreatHOLD
7. Fords/Hopelawn/Keasbey Fire Companies  
HOLD

Councilman Bauer: Keasbey/Fords Fire Companies are always looking for a few good men and women to join the volunteer ranks. If you are interested, please feel free to reach out at 732-887-9796. I'll guide

you in the right direction. Recruits must be at least 18 years or older and all training is provided free. If you are lucky like me, volunteer 365-24/7, every day. It feels good to be up there volunteering helping other people. You want to commit, reach out for me and I'll point you to the right direction. All First Responders, Police, Fire Department, thank you all.

Council President DeJesus: I have to mention the Keasbey Fire Department. They came all the way from Keasbey, they came from Woodbridge participating in the Hispanic Heritage Festival so I do appreciate their support because all of my ideas that I have to community outreach in Keasbey they say present. So I appreciate them.

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:**

Mr. John Mitch: Thank you Madame President.

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 # 1225-33-065-002 from Margeez Bar & Grill, Inc., to Jersey Pizza Boys Bar & Grill LLC, t/a Jersey Pizza Boys Bar & Grill, 147-149 Avenel St., Avenel, NJ 07001.
  - C. Change of Corporate Structure for Woodbridge Hospitality Group Liquor, LLC t/a The Grand Lake Chateau, 1002 Rt. 9 No., Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

Mr. John Mitch: On number 1 letters B & C, I continue to work with the Police Department on these transfers.

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

A. October 6, 2020 (Downtown Liquors)

Mr. John Mitch: Just an update on Downtown Liquors, I am going to meet tomorrow with the Prosecutor and the Police with the Licensee and his attorney to settle the charges. If not you will be here for a hearing on October 6<sup>th</sup>. I am reviewing with the Prosecutor and Police potential charges against Ariana's and you will likely see that within the next couple of weeks.

3. Liquor License Renewals.

A. 2021 Annual Retail Licensee Meeting.

Mr. John Mitch: We are down to about five Liquor Licenses to be renewed for the year. Tonight was the last night to renew anyone that was active. Everybody met the deadline so the remainder of them need Special Ruling's from the State Agency before you can take action.

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

5. Elections.

A. 2020 General Election: November 3, 2020 (6 a.m. – 8 p.m.)

Mr. John Mitch: I understand that people are not happy with the way we have to conduct the Election; we have to conduct it the way we were told. We will be taping a P.S.A. tomorrow like with did with the Primary Election and that will be aired on Channel 35 for the registered voters in Woodbridge Township to view if they would like.

6. Best Practices.

Mr. John Mitch: We would be looking for a day for Best Practices in a near future.

7. Census 2020

Mr. John Mitch: As of today, there are eight days to be counted in the 2020 Census. It is the last push by the Census Bureau to be counted. Woodbridge Township is .4% away from our self-response rate we were at ten years ago at this point in the junction so it is important to be counted, \$45 billion dollars a year in New Jersey alone. Your count depends on how much you get back and the most important not to repeat, it is for transportation, infrastructure, diversity, education, faith-based organization, housing, health care. All depend on what our numbers look like so eight days left by the time this meeting airs in another two days, it will be six days left. So if you have not responded yet to Census 2020, please do. It can only help Woodbridge; it can also hurt us if we don't get the numbers.

Council President DeJesus: So let's make sure we ask our neighbors and our friends to fill out Census 2020. It is very important. Thank you.

**MAYOR:**

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:**

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Thank you Madame President. I have a refund of Tax for Overpayment, a Parking fee refund.

**POLICE:**

Business Administrator Cimilluca: I have a Traffic Ordinance amendment.

**HEALTH:**

**RECREATION:**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Business Administrator Cimilluca: I have a refunds for the Developers Review Fund.

**PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:**

**LEGAL:**

Fred Rubenstein: Nothing tonight Council President

Council Vice President Small, seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously, Council President DeJesus adjourned the meeting at 7:54 P.M.

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Lizbeth DeJesus,  
Council President

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