

Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting, Council Meeting and Board of Health Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey held on January 4, 2022 at 6:00 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.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Please remain standing for a moment of silence keeping in your prayers the men and women in our military and the family of our late Councilwoman, Nancy Drumm.

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 10, 2021. A copy of the Schedule was posted on the Municipal bulletin board. It should be so noted in the minutes of this meeting.

The Municipal Clerk took the Municipal Council attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cory Spillar, Gregg Ficarra, Debbie Meehan, Virbhadra N. Patel, Kyle Anderson, Lizbeth DeJesus, Howie Bauer, Brian Small.

MEMBERS ABSENT: *Nancy Drumm (Deceased 1/2/2022)*

ALSO PRESENT: John E. McCormac, Mayor
John Mitch, Municipal Clerk
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator
Marta Lefsky-Darden, Director of Planning and Development
Robert Hubner, Director of Police
George Brew, Director of Public Works
Dennis Green, Health Director
Michael Gelin, Municipal Engineer
Caroline Ehrlich, Chief of Staff
John Hagerty, Communications Director
Casey Wagner, Assistant Business Administrator
Joseph Nisky, Deputy Director of Police
James P. Nolan, Esq.
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: At this time, I am going to entertain motions for the position of Council President for the year 2022. Does anyone want to be recognized?

Councilwoman Lizbeth DeJesus: I nominate Council Vice President, Howie Bauer for President. He has been serving as Ward Councilman since 2018. But more importantly, he has been serving the community of Fords since 2002, whether as volunteer at Fords Fire Company or his work with youth sports. Howie deeply cares about the community that he not only represents, but lives in and has raised his family in. He is my partner in the Back to School back pack drives, the Free Little Libraries and the Keasbey Community Day and with his help we have had many successful events throughout the township. He is passionate about helping all of our constituents and treats everyone with respect and kindness. Councilman Bauer is dedicated to his wife, Ingrid and their children, Emily and Thomas. I am honored to call him my friend and colleague. I have the utmost confidence that he will serve Woodbridge Township for the best of all.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Thank you Councilwoman. Do I have a second on her motion?

Councilwoman Meehan: I'd like to second the motion. I'd like to second the nomination of Councilman Bauer to hold the position of Woodbridge Township Council President. Howie I know you will do an amazing job leading this Council in to the New Year, I know you will lead us with strength and courage and most importantly with fairness and compassion for every resident that resides in Woodbridge Township regardless of their race, their religion or their sexual preference. I know you put everything into what you do. And as Council President that will make you a wonderful leader. I, along with my council mates, are a team are honored to sit up here along with you as you lead us as President into 2022.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Thank you. Are there any other nominations for President? Congratulations. Mr. President, would you like to make any comments?

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Howie Bauer as Council President.

Council President Bauer: Yes, thank you Mr. Mitch. First and foremost to my family, my number one supporters. Without your support none of this would be possible. Thank you for your patience, kindness and understanding as I go forth again to represent my community. It's an honor and a privilege to be recognized by my peers and have this opportunity to serve as your Council President. Thank you to Councilwoman DeJesus and Meehan for their kind words on my nomination. To my fellow council mates, thank you for your guidance, support and insight and answering all my questions on this journey together. Each of you are special in your own special way and always have the heart of the community in the forefront. Thank you to the Administration, Mayor McCormac, Mr. Mitch, our Directors and all of our employees who work hard every day for the success of our community. Again thank you for this opportunity to serve not only the Second Ward but all the residents of Woodbridge Township. Thank you very much.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Thank you. At this time I'd entertain motions for a Vice President for 2022.

Councilman Anderson: Mr. Mitch, I'd like to make a nomination for Council Vice President. Councilman Ficcarra is our most tenured council member and has led our Council in the past. He sports a tremendous resume with vast experience and proves himself to be an invaluable member of our team. He is poised and offers thoughtful, researched responses and would serve as an excellent partner to our Council President. I ask that my council mates please consider Councilman Ficcarra for Council Vice President. Thank you.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Thank you. Can I have a second on that motion?

Councilwoman DeJesus: Mr. Mitch, I would like to second the nomination. I second the nomination of Councilman Ficcarra for Council Vice President. Gregg has been serving Woodbridge Township as Councilman for the last 14 years. He is passionate about improving the lives of everyone through physical and wellness activities. He has become the champion for mental health and is the first to learn and share with us all any initiatives that can be beneficial for our residents. Gregg is always willing to share his experience and knowledge with us all. His honesty and care makes it easy to go to him for advice and the topics of situations. Councilman Ficcarra is a dedicated husband, father and grandfather. I am honored to second his nomination for Council Vice President because I truly believe that he will serve all in Woodbridge Township with sincerity and without bias.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Thank you Councilwoman. Are there any other nominations for Vice President? Congratulations. Mr. Vice President, do you have any comments?

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Greg Ficcarra as Council Vice President.

Council Vice President Ficcarra: The only comments is to thank you, Kyle, Lizbeth and certainly everyone else for their support. The first time I did this, I was if not the youngest, one of the youngest and now I am clearly the oldest. I don't know if I got any smarter but I think I have some experience to share so again thank you to everyone, thank you to the Administration. It's an honor. Thank you Mr. Mitch, Mr. President.

Due to COVID, Council members for 2022, for all Five Wards, with the exception of First Ward, were sworn in privately.

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from December 14, 2021?

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

Council Meeting:
Executive Session:

December 14, 2021
December 14, 2021

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Going through the agenda this evening, if I can get a motion to approve the first two Resolutions listed as 1 and 2, the appointment of Council President and Council Vice President, can I get a motion by consent for both?

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously that the first two Resolutions, listed at 1 and 2 are approved.

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

- A. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION AT NEW BRUNSWICK AVENUE (CR 616) AND PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.**

- B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE ADDING HANDICAPPED PARKING ON GARFIELD AVENUE AND RONALD DRIVE.**

- C. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 28 ENTITLED “SEWERS” OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE.**

- D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBDIVISION OF LOT 35 WITHIN BLOCK 59 INTO LOTS 35.01 AND 35.02 AND THE SALE OF NEWLY CREATED LOT 35.01 WITHIN BLOCK 590 TO THE AMERICAN IRISH ASSOCIATION OF WOODBRIDGE, INC.**

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading, to be published in the Home News Tribune on Friday, January 7, 2022 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on January 18, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent.

- (1) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Court hereby appoints Howie Bauer as President of the Municipal Council commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.

- (2) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby appoints Gregg Ficarra as Vice President of the Municipal Council commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.

- (3) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby confirms the hiring of Kevin Kolodiy as Keyboard Clerk 1 for the Municipal Court and waives the Township’s residency Ordinance.

- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the Mayor's appointment of Lorraine Nielson, Esq. to serve as Municipal Prosecutor for a one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the Mayor's reappointment of Karen Neary to serve as a member of the Woodbridge Township Rent Leveling Board for a three (3) year term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2024.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the Mayor's reappointment of Praful Vaid and Jahanvi Mehta to serve as members of the Oak Tree Road SID for a three (3) year term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2024.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby confirms the appointment of Virhadra Patel to serve as a Class III member of the Woodbridge Township Planning Board for a one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby confirms amended Resolution #1, adopted December 14, 2021, to correct to Jay Mascolo to serve as First Alternate member of the Woodbridge Township Zoning Board for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2023.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby confirms the appointment of Shehul Desai to serve as a Second Alternate member of the Woodbridge Township Zoning Board for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2023.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the leave of absence of Marta Lefsky from the position of Supervising Planner to serve as Director of the Department of Planning and Development for a period of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the leave of absence of George Brew from the position of Supervising Mechanic to serve as Director of Public Works for a period of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the leave of absence of Dennis Green from the position of Health Officer to serve as Director of Health for a period of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the leave of absence of Vito Cimilluca from the position of Recreation Program Coordinator, Department of

Recreation, Arts and Resident Services to serve as Business Administrator for a period of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.

- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the leave of absence of Philip Dinicola from the position of Agency Aide, Municipal Court to serve as Director of Municipal Court for a period of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the leave of absence of Robert Hubner from the position of Clerk 1, Police Department to serve as Police Director for a period of one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves to the leave of absence of Joseph Nisky from the position of Recreation Program Coordinator, Department of Recreation and Resident Services to serve as Assistant Police Director for a period of one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the leave of absence of Edward Skolnick from the position of Assistant Tax Assessor, Department of Administration & Finance to serve as Deputy Tax Assessor for a period of one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the leave of absence of Brian Molnar from the position of Assistant Recreation Supervisor, Department of Recreation, Arts and Resident Services to serve as Director of Recreation and Resident Services for a period of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the leave of absence of Cheryl Sharkey from the position of Keyboarding Clerk 1, Municipal Clerk's Office to serve as Deputy Municipal Clerk for a period of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes various banks to be designated as Depositories of Township funds for the year 2022.
- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refund checks for Overpaid Taxes.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Tax Assessor or the Woodbridge Township Special Tax Counsel, as Agent, to file petitions or appeals/complaints with the Middlesex County Board of Taxation, State of New Jersey Tax Court and/or Appellate Court.

- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund check from the Current Account for Refund of Permit Fees.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund check from the Current Account for Refund of Permit Fees.
- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby supports the location and operation of a Cannabis Cultivation, Manufacturing, and Retail Facility operated by GSD NJ LLC d/b/a Garden State Dispensary.
- (26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design for professional engineering services for Intersection Improvements at New Dover Road and Colonia Boulevard in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.
- (27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of a contract modification on the contract with the Vaughn Collaborative for professional architectural services in connection with Ice Rink Conversion at The Club at Woodbridge in an amount not to exceed \$36,230.00.
- (28) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with The Vaughn Collaborative for professional architectural services for Architectural/Food Service Design and Construction Administration Services in an amount not to exceed \$ 78,525.00.
- (29) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the lowest responsive and responsible bid of Daskal, LLC for the Woodbridge Firearms Training Facility Renovation and Repair Project in an amount not to exceed \$2,195,700.00
- (30) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the designation of certain properties along Smith Street and Crows Mill Road in the Keasbey section of the Township as an Area In Need Of Redevelopment, Non-Condemnation.
- (31) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine if certain real property in the Keasbey section of Woodbridge Township is an Area In Need Of Redevelopment.
- (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 January 4, 2022 and the Supplemental Bill List dated December 10, 2021 through December 30, 2021 and the Addendum to the January 4, 2022 Bill List.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Remaining Resolutions #3 through #32, can I get a motion by consent to approve #3 through #32? Any questions or comments?

Councilman Patel: I abstain from Resolution #7.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Any other questions or comments?

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

Council President Bauer: At this time, we will look to the Mayor McCormac for comment.

Mayor John E. McCormac: I would first like to thank former Council President Brian Small for his leadership of the Township Council in another very difficult year and congratulate new President Howie Bauer and new Vice President Gregg Ficarra and wish them the best of luck this year. We have always enjoyed a terrific working relationship with the Council as a separate but co-equal branch of government and the residents of Woodbridge Township have benefited from us working together to improve their quality of life.

Woodbridge Township suffered a terrible loss early Sunday afternoon with the passing of First Ward Councilwoman, Nancy Bader Drumm. Nancy fought a very courageous nine month battle with cancer. She was just reelected to her third term on the Council and would have been sworn in tonight. Nancy was in politics but was not a politician. Nancy was purely a public servant who thoroughly enjoyed her time on the Council because she was able to help people, which was her passion. She would do anything for anybody at any time. She was an amazingly positive person that lit up the room wherever she was. She never spoke ill of anyone and no one ever spoke bad about her. It was simply impossible to be sad or mad if you were around Nancy Drumm. She leaves behind a husband, mother, son, daughter and two grandchildren. But she also leaves behind a huge extended family of all the people who knew her as a friend, all who worked with her as a colleague, and all who knew her as the Councilwoman who improved their quality of life due to her commitment and dedication to the people of Woodbridge Township. You all know we are the best town around because we have the best team around but our team is not as strong today as it was just days ago because we lost a cherished and valuable team mate. Rest in Peace, Nancy Drumm.

Council President Bauer: Thank you Mayor.

Public Meeting:

Council President Bauer: At this time we'll go to the public portion of our meeting. If you approach the mic, please state your name, part of the Township or state you are from, you have a one time, five minute time period. All videotaping must be taken within a designated area in the rear of the room and there will be no shouting from your seats and please respect each other in each other's views. Thank you.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Is there anybody who has any public comment this evening?

James Dabrowski, Woodbridge: Spoke about members of the Proud Boys Terrorist group being additionally charged with conspiracy and being sued by the D.C. Attorney General, 6 Proud

Boys dressed in their notorious black and yellow gang colors defacing the December 14, 2021 Council meeting and that Council members and the Mayor had no comments. Talked about the Proud Boys attempts to regroup and focus on school board and town council meetings across the country. Discussed the desire for Council to create an anti-racist resolution, condemn the hate group, Justice for Najee Parks, Justice for Jeremiah Daniels-Porter, Black Lives Matter and hate has no home here in Woodbridge Township. Asked Council President and Mayor McCormac for comments.

Council President Bauer: I have no comment at this time.

Jersey Watcher YouTube Channel (Christo), South Edison: Stated God Bless Nancy Drumm. Mentioned the Sunshine Law pertaining to the right to speak in public without giving his personal information, Jan 7th is Christmas for the Orthodox Christians and hoped council would recognize it. Questioned why he was given an Ordinance Violation, January 2, 2022, feels he was discriminated against. Will email videos of members of the public breaking public decorum to the Council President.

Tom Maras, Fords: Expressed his condolences on the passing of Councilwoman Nancy Drumm. Congratulations to President Howie Bauer. Discussed the proposal to put 94 apartment units directly across from Ross Street School and the new parking garage with 250 parking spots. Asked why School Board security salaries are being paid by the schools budget and not the Township budget. Also, spoke about Black Lives Matter.

Mayor John E. McCormac: The parking lot right across the street from the school is owned by the school and is expected to be sold to the developer. The developer already purchased 107 Ross Street, which is a house right next to that parking lot behind Mosaic Salon. The parking lot that we own, next to the school parking lot, is also going to be purchased by the developer and that's where they will put the complex and then the parking deck will go from the auto use on Route 35 at the corner of that and North James Street plus the two homes and that will be a 5 story deck I think it's about 255 spots. The bottom floor of that deck will then be dedicated to the school district between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., every day. That's about 55 spots and they will have complete access to that. Then nights and weekends, it'll be for shoppers and for diners and the higher floors of the parking garage will be reserved for the tenants.

As for the school security, I am very reluctant to discuss school security issues publicly. The town has always provided off duty officers as far back as 1992 when I was a town CFO, so that's thirty years. I would really leave it up to them, if you don't mind, let them explain why they want to do it that way. We are pretty much tapped out on our man power and we're still always seeking to increase man power, so it's not always possible for us to always do that on regular duty. It is so important that it really has to be done by officers when they are not already working. I would refer you to Dr. Massimino and the School District after that. It doesn't really matter who pays the expense, either the School District or the Town, it's still being charged to the same tax payers across the board. For 30 years it has been a School District expense.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Talked about the passing of Councilwoman, Nancy Drumm and remembering her fondly. Congratulated the newly appointed Council Members. Asked if the Mayor is also going to purchase the Hungarian Church.

Council President Bauer: Mr. Vrtaric I believe the Mayor answered your question a few meetings ago. Would you like to answer Mayor?

Mayor John E. McCormac: The church came to us and we have interest in the property. In particular we'd like the Community Center to the left of the church looking from Route 35 to be a second home for Our House which is Hope Autism Solutions, which is a group of 24, right now, special needs adults over 21 years of age that go to Cypress every day to the new wing we built there and there is a very significant demand for more slots for that community. We are buying that, we are buying the school building, we don't know what we'll do with that yet, we are buying the Rectory Building which we intend to knock down to make parking for the rest of the site. We are not buying the church. The Dioceses would like to sell us the church at some point in the future when they have done whatever it is they do to decommission it or whatever it takes and they still have an active group there. So, we agreed that whenever they are ready to sell it, we will buy it but that is not the plan now. It could be 2 years from now, could be 5 years from now. Right now the answer is, we are not buying the church. We do expect to buy it sometime in the future. As to St. Anthony's versus Mt. Carmel, that's the business of the Dioceses. You say somebody owes this, somebody whatever, that's I don't know that, I don't care about that. We're dealing with the Dioceses of Metuchen and the attorneys there and the real estate people there and that's their business. Why they are selling it, I don't care. I just know that we think we can put that property to decent use and we clearly have a demand with that population, which we embrace here in Woodbridge.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Congratulated President Bauer. Expressed his condolences and grief on the passing of Councilwoman Nancy Drumm.

Council President Bauer: Thank you.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any other comments this evening from the public? Can I get a motion to close the public portion of the meeting?

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

HOWIE BAUER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT / 2nd WARD COUNCILMAN:

Council President Bauer: At this time we'll go to our Agendas. My Agenda is in order. To my Vice President, Councilman Ficarra, our senior member here nowadays, you have proven to be a leader in this community you actively listen and adapt to changes as your act of leading and guiding us which is directly linked to the success of our team. I look forward to working with you in the upcoming year. Thank you and congratulations. Like I said, my agenda is in order.

In this sorrowful time, I would like to extend my sincere condolences to the Drumm family on the passing of one of our own, Councilwoman Nancy Drumm. The loss of someone dear to us is never easy and words cannot express the heartfelt sorrow we are feeling at this time. A beautiful soul full of love, laughter and life. The love of her family, friends and her community, she will truly be missed. She will forever be cherished in our hearts and minds. I am forever grateful to have called Nancy my friend. God bless her, God bless her family and may she rest in peace. Thank you that is all I have for now. Council Vice President Ficarra.

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 Treat
HOLD
7. Fords/Hopelawn/Keasbey Fire Companies.
HOLD
8. Fords V.F.W.
HOLD
9. Troop 53 Boy Scouts of America.
HOLD
10. Pathmark Property.
HOLD
11. Brownfields.
HOLD
12. Hickory Senior Center.
HOLD

13. Greenway Family Success Center.
HOLD
14. Highland Grove Swim Pool.
HOLD
15. Little Libraries.
HOLD

GREGG FICARRA, COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT / COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE:

Council Vice President Ficarra: Thank you Council President. I know you'll do a good job in spite of any advice that I would give you, congratulations. Our condolences also to the Drumm family from the Ficarra's and we lost a friend, but Heaven gained an angel. That's all I have too.

Council President Bauer: Thank you Vice President Ficarra. Councilman Small.

1. WCC (Woodbridge Community Center).
(A) Senior Recreation and programming.
(B) Youth Recreation and programming.
HOLD
2. Youth Month – April.
Senior Month – May.
HOLD
3. Mentoring Programs.
HOLD
4. Mayor's Fitness / Wellness Initiatives.
HOLD
5. Fireworks.
HOLD
6. Heroes & Cool Kids / Strengthening Families.
HOLD
7. Pedestrian Safeway's / East Coast Greenway.
HOLD
8. Annual Pizza Run.
HOLD
9. Jacob's Landing.

HOLD

10. The Club at Woodbridge Upgrades.

HOLD

11. Crossroad's Race.

HOLD

12. Mental Health / Wellness.

HOLD

13. COVID-19 Efforts.

HOLD

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilman Small: Thank you Council President Bauer. I would like to first congratulate my fellow Ward Councilmen that were sworn in tonight, on your reelection. Councilman Spillar, Councilman Patel, Councilwoman Meehan. To our new President, Howie Bauer, you've been a part of this community your whole life. You've been a public servant for over 30 years with the Fords Fire Department, Fords Clara Barton Little League and the WTYRC. Not only have you enriched our children but the residents of this community. With your re-election to victory, your hard work did not go unrecognized. As my Vice President I knew I could always turn to you for advice and for that, it made me a better President. I have no doubt you will lead this Council with great leadership. I would like to wish Gregg Ficarra, our Vice President, the best of luck. You offer a wealth of knowledge and experience and your work ethic is second to none.

To my fellow Council Members, thank you for all your support, we've faced some tough issues this past year, some popular, some not. But they never lost sight of calling Woodbridge Township a place to stay and raise our families. To John Mitch, I can't thank you enough not only for your friendship but your guidance and support this past year. You made the Administration side for the Councilmen easy. You're genuinely a good person and have the Council's best interest in mind every day. Mr. Cimilluca thank you for your time you have given me in an answering my questions and handling every issue that I threw your way. To our Directors, Administrators and to all our Township employees, thank you.

To Mayor McCormac, it was a pleasure to work with you while I was President. I know first-hand that you have the best interest of Woodbridge in your heart every day. To my family, thank you for your support. This allows me to be the best Public Servant I can to the people of Woodbridge. And by the way, Happy Birthday Kyle, it's my son Kyle's birthday today. To the residents of Woodbridge, it has been an honor to serve you as Council President this past year. Woodbridge is not excluded from the problems that face the world today. We might not see each other's issues the same but need to respect each other's views so we can reach a resolution. Thank you.

In the past few days Woodbridge has suffered a terrible loss with the passing of First Ward Councilwoman Nancy Drumm. Heartfelt condolences go out the entire family. Nancy was a pillar to this community and we all did better because of her dedication to Woodbridge. Not only was she a friend and colleague, long before that she was on the Council. I knew how involved she was with this community and how much she cared about our Township. We had great conversations this year and I will cherish them forever. Rest in Peace. Thank you Mr. President.

Council President Bauer: Thank you Councilman Small. Councilwoman DeJesus.

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 search for “Property Alert” to Register).
HOLD
11. Inspections at Hotels/Motels.
HOLD
12. National Public Lands Day.
HOLD

13. Marine Eight.
HOLD
14. Mayor Mac Café.
HOLD
15. Jazz Festival.
HOLD
16. Concerts.
HOLD
17. Light Parade.
HOLD
18. Human Rights Commission
HOLD
19. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.
HOLD

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilwoman Dejesus: Thank you Council President. I would like to echo the congratulations to our Ward Council people, they were sworn in today and I have no doubt that each of you sitting here has the best interest of Woodbridge at heart. Council President Bauer and Council Vice President Ficarra, I have no doubt that you guys will do a great job this year. Thank you. My Agenda is in order.

Nancy, to me, was life personified. Her smile and her laugh were as big as her heart. I first met Nancy as my Councilwoman. We had a concern, Angel had mentioned it to her and Nancy being Nancy, showed up at my house. She was truly a public servant and loved doing the best for the residents of Ward One. She truly wanted to do her best to help everyone. Through the years of Council, I've had the pleasure of sitting next to her. I will miss the long and understanding looks we used to share. During my year as Council President, Nancy was always one of the first ones to reach out with encouragement and support. And Nancy having a daughter-in-law understood and truly supported my passion to make sure that women and girls are always encouraged, supported and represented in all areas. She was my go girl, we got this. Nancy loved her husband, children, grandchildren and her family and she loved Woodbridge Township. And for them, for us, I ask that you say a prayer. My dear friend you will be missed, you will be hard to replace. For you, we will continue to do the work and carry on your legacy with love and kindness. Thank you.

Council President Bauer: Thank you Councilwoman Dejesus. Councilman Spillar.

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
9. Barron Arts Center.
HOLD
10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.
HOLD
11. Veteran's Tax Deduction.
HOLD
12. Green Infrastructure.
HOLD
13. Girl Sports.
HOLD
14. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavilion and Camp; E. William St. Park.
HOLD
15. Census 2020.
HOLD

16. Youth Leadership Council.
HOLD
17. Community Backpacks.
HOLD
18. Donation of Winter Coats for School Students.
HOLD

CORY S. SPILLAR, 3rd WARD COUNCILMAN

Councilman Spillar: Thank you Council President Bauer. First I'd like to offer my sincere thoughts to Nancy's family. The very first thing I did on Council was, as a result of Councilwoman Drumm reaching out to me about an issue she knew about, she just always so helpful to not only myself but to all of us on Council. I has the pleasure to know her long before I sat up here as a Fire Official and she was with The Chamber of Commerce and it was always a pleasure to see her and speak with her at all the businesses and everybody can say about her smile and her personality. I think your opening comments, Council President hit everything on the head. So again, my condolences to Nancy's family.

I would especially like to congratulate all my fellow ward council mates that got sworn in this evening. I look forward to working with you another 4 years as well as obviously the rest of the Council, Mayor, Administration and the Directors. Council President Bauer, Council Vice President Ficarra congratulations, well deserved. It will be a pleasure working for you and with you. My Agenda is in order. Thank you.

Council President Bauer: Thank you Councilman Spillar. Councilwoman Meehan.

1. Avenel's Very Merry Holiday Lighting (TBD) / Port Reading Day (TBD).
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. Rt. 1 @ So. Inman Ave.
 - d. Bud's Hut.
 - e. Big Top property.
 - f. Holiday Inn Express expansion.
 - g. Pier I Imports property.HOLD
8. Avenel Fire Department.
HOLD
9. Social Clubs – Avenel Knights of Columbus/Columbian Club, Avenel V.F.W.
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
14. Maple Tree Senior Center.
HOLD

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Councilwoman Meehan: Congratulations Council President, Council Vice President. I know you you'll both do a great job. I wish I could talk about Nancy but obviously I can't right now. She and I started on the Council eight years ago together and she was one of my best friends and I am going to dearly miss her. She loved Woodbridge Township more than anything, not as much as her family or friends. But, she loved this Township so much and she worked so hard for every single person and I will truly miss my friend. My agenda is in order.

Council President Bauer: Thank you Councilwoman Meehan. Councilman Anderson.

1. Inman Avenue Business District Improvements.
HOLD

2. Green Houses – Colonia Middle and Colonia High Schools.
HOLD
3. Evergreen Senior/Youth Center / Senior Services.
HOLD
4. 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.
Colonia Clean Up.
Colonia Christmas Tree Lighting.
Cookies and Can for the Troops and Food Bank.
Toys for Tots Run.
Breast Cancer Walk.
HOLD
5. Food Pantry.
HOLD
6. Reinhard Manor.
HOLD
7. Colonia Fire Department/First Aid Squad.
HOLD
8. Colonia American Legion/V.F.W./Elks.
HOLD
9. Veteran's Issues.
HOLD
10. Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.
HOLD
11. Cpl. Kevin Reinhard Marine Corps League.
HOLD
12. Municipal Alliance + Addiction Task Force.
HOLD
13. Volunteer Directory.

HOLD

14. Domestic Violence Response Team.

HOLD

15. AED Program.

HOLD

NANCY J. DRUMM, 1st WARD COUNCILWOMAN

1. Events: Relay for Life.
Fishing Derby.
Parker Press Concerts.
Woodbridge Wednesdays and Local Band Thursdays.
Saint James Street Fair.

HOLD

2. (DMA) Downtown Merchants Association.

HOLD

3. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).

HOLD

4. Chamber of Commerce.

HOLD

5. Buy Local Program.

HOLD

6. Transit Village.

HOLD

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

HOLD

8. Main Street and Route 9.

HOLD

9. Animal Shelter.

HOLD

10. Dog Park.

HOLD

11. Arts.

(A) Woodbridge Train Station Mural Project.

- (B) Gallery on Main.
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
- 18. RISE Program.
HOLD
- 19. Sewaren Marina.
HOLD
- 20. First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge.

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilman Anderson: Thank you Council President. First, I'd like to wish you well in your year as Council President. I know that you'll do a fantastic job. You're a great leader in your past life and you've been a fine Councilman. I wish you well and I'll be here to support you. Council Vice President Ficarra, I know you'll do well. If you need to send a rubber band over to me to second you, I will make sure I stay alert. I'm going to yield my time and I'm going to read an email that I sent to a group of mine, about Nancy. I've sad news to deliver, our beloved Council Member, Nancy Drumm, has passed away. As many of you know she had been battling a sickness for the last year and a half. I've known Nancy long before either one of us were in politics. Our children were in middle school and high school together. Nancy always put her family first and she was a wonderful wife, mother and friend. Throughout her battle, Nancy would send me text messages that she was enjoying my boys play sports and thrilled that they were attending her Alma Mater. She would also send Gregg and I nice messages while we were announcing the sports games. Besides Gregg and I, Nancy was the longest tenured council member. Nancy and I grew as council members together. What I will always remember is the Nancy was always willing to learn more about the social issues that we had faced over the last

few years. She called me on several occasions and she just asked me to help her understand some things. When I think of public servants I think of someone like Nancy. Someone you could go to for assistance and when she didn't have the answer, she would do her best to get you an answer. She wasn't perfect, but who is? I will miss her smile and her laugh. This is a great reminder of how precious life is. May she rest in peace.

Council President Bauer: Thank you Councilman Anderson. Councilman Patel.

1. W.T.Y.R.C.
HOLD
2. Job Bank.
HOLD
3. Mayor's Trophy.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame.
HOLD
5. Taste of Woodbridge.
HOLD
6. Charity Raffle.
HOLD
7. Drive-In Movies.
HOLD
8. N.A.A.C.P. (*NAACP.org*)
HOLD
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 College.
HOLD
15. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change.
HOLD

(VIRU) VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4th WARD COUNCILMAN

Councilman Patel: Thank you Council President. My regards are also in order. I would like to congratulate you. Council Vice President, great friend, Gregg, thank you and congratulations. For me, Nancy was a great friend, great Council colleague and also a great mentor to me. I still remember 6 years ago, it was my first day at the Council and she saw me kind of nervous and confused. She just took me on the side and explained the process. She gave me so much support and also explained how to read the budget report, but, she just went over the whole thing and explained to me a lot. I would like to thank her for the great help she offered me. Just sitting next to me for many years and we miss her very dearly now. She had also attended many Indian events at different places and she made friends and comrades. In the last few days I got calls and messages from hundreds of her friends offering their prayers for her and her family. My family and I really appreciate her services to humanity and especially to our Township and its residents. The love she gave, the friendship she cherished and all of the memories she left will be engraved in our hearts for many years to come. We continue to pray for her and express our heartfelt condolences to her family. We pray to God for everlasting peace to her soul. May God Bless her and her family, may God Bless America.

I also have some announcements, a couple of them. We have, in Iselin, opened three COVID testing centers in the last few weeks. Location one which was opened by the Excel Urgent Care of Iselin, they are located at 740 U.S. Highway One North, Iselin, across from the Jose Tejas diner. This facility is open seven days a week. The hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. For further information you may call them at 732-874-5507 or you may go online at www.excelurgentcareofiselin.com. The second location was opened by the COVID EMD Company. They have acquired walk-in rapid COVID testing and PCR COVID testing site at 1200 Green Street, Iselin which is right across from the Country Farms convenience store in Iselin. They have a trailer parked and most of the time you will see the flashing lights of a police vehicle. This center does both testing, you do not need to have an appointment. They are doing testing there for everyone at free of charge. The testing hours are from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., seven days a week. The third site which is open at the Hematology & Oncology Cancer Center at 530 Green Street, Iselin behind the Dunkin Donuts on Routh One North and Green Street. They opened a COVID testing site December 29, 2021. They are open from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. on weekdays. Their phone number is 732-913-8500 extension 3. Every month we usually have a luncheon at the Oak Tree Senior Center, Iselin. This month our luncheon was scheduled for Friday, January 7, 2022 but it has been postponed to Friday, January 21, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also this year we'll have Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 17, 2022. My good friend is working on this great photographic exhibition on Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Barron Arts Center, which is located at 588 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge. Since they are in the process of removing the holiday train show from the art

center, the opening date for this exhibition is not available at this time. That's all Council President. Thank you Council President.

Council President Bauer: Thank you Councilman Patel. Mr. Mitch.

1. American Legion (T. Nulty Post).
HOLD
2. Oak Tree Road Special Improvement District (SID).
HOLD
3. JFK High School Field and Building Improvements.
HOLD
4. Sucker's Brook Bank Stabilization.
HOLD
5. 4th Ward Road Projects.
HOLD
6. Magnolia/Willow/Walnut Area Commuter Parking.
HOLD
7. Sign Ordinance.
HOLD
8. Cooper Field.
HOLD

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK

Mr. Mitch: Thank you Mr. President. Congratulations, I look forward to working with you in 2022 and your new Vice President, Mr. Ficarra. I also want to thank Mr. Small for having a great working relationship with him this past year. As far as Nancy Drumm, it's very tough to match the energy and enthusiasm that she had, just remarkable. You've all nailed it on the head in describing her. There was nobody like her so I'll certainly miss her and I say that on behalf of my office as well. She checked in almost daily even in the last couple of weeks and no matter who she talked to, you felt like that was our best friend calling you just to see how your day is going. She will definitely be missed by everybody. Thank you.

1. Liquor License Transfer(s) / Change of Corporate Structure.
 - A. Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-058-005 from 428 JPS, Inc. to KT Woodbridge Liquors LLC (no sited premise).

- B. Change of Corporate Structure of Liquor License # 1225-33-064-005 Viswasha Foods LLC, t/a The Yellow Chili, 1477 Oak Tree Rd., Iselin.
 - C. Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-024-011 from Fords Room, LLC t/a Fire N Ice to Anais Lounge Center Jersey, LLC t/a Anais Lounge, 85 Lafayette Rd., Fords, NJ 08863.
 - D. Person-To-Person & Place-To-Place Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-040-012 from Betrucci’s Restaurants, LLC to Velhur, LLC t/a Noches de Colombia, 675 Rt. 1 So., Iselin, NJ 08830.
- 2. Liquor License Incident(s) / Hearing(s).
 - 3. Liquor License Renewals.
 - A. Annual Retail Licensee Meeting.
 - 4. Street Closings / Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals, etc.).
 - 5. Elections.
 - A. 2022 Primary: 6/7/22 Early Voting: 6/3/22 – 6/5/22
 - B. 2022 General Election: 11/8/22 Early Voting: 10/29/22 – 11/6/22
 - 6. Re-Warding (Ward Boundaries) Board of Ward Commissioners.

MAYOR:

Council President Bauer: Thank you Mr. Mitch. Director Hubner.

POLICE:

Police Director Hubner: Nothing to say directly. Thank you Council President.

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Darden.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Director of Planning and Development Marta Lefsky-Darden: Nothing this evening. Thank you.

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Brew

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

Public Works Director Brew: Thank you Council President. I have one item for action and it's the amendment to the flood damage prevention ordinance, Chapter 22 of the revised ordinances. That's all I have. Thank you.

Council President Bauer: Thank you Director Brew. Business Administrator Cimilluca.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Thank you Council President. Congratulations, we look forward to working with you and both Vice President Ficarra for this year, good luck. I have two items on my agenda. I have a tax and sewer overpayment refund and a parking refund. Thank you Council President.

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Legal.

LEGAL:

James P. Nolan, Esq.: Thank you Council President. Nothing this evening.

Council President Bauer: Thank you.

RECREATION:

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING:

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Thank you, Mr. President, if we can go right into the Board of Health Agenda. Mr. Dennis Green is with us this evening.

Mr. Green: Thank you Council President. I'm happy to update Council on the Health Department's activities since our last Board of Health meeting. Our first item is; January 1, 2022 begins our Health Department's Annual Dog Licensing year. I would like to remind all the residents to remember to license their pets. We do prefer mailing renewals due to the ongoing COVID pandemic. Next up, the Health Department's Nursing Division held school-age immunization clinics for the standard required immunizations for school children again in December and November. Both were attended to capacity and we are scheduling another clinic again this month. We are also fully involved in the COVID-19 Pandemic response. I want to thank everyone, the Council and the Administration for their continued support. The Mayor is continuing his weekly updates on the current COVID-19 cases in the community. I just want to add that the Nursing Division and Environmental Division continue to interface in the form of the local schools, preschools, businesses and regarding the changes and the ever changing guidelines.

We continue to provide Covid-19 vaccination clinics; to date we have provided 108 clinics, administering 14,604 vaccinations. We are offering all three approved COVID vaccines; Pfizer,

Moderna and J&J for initial, second and booster doses for adults. In addition we are also offering the Pfizer vaccine for ages 5 to 11. The immunization rates where the community continue to rise currently its 91% for ages 12 and up with at least one dose and 80% for 12 and up for both doses. The age 5 to 11 range is 29% which we should do better, 12 to 17 age is one dose at 80% and boosters were at 39% and we need to do better there also and that's for all those people for their booster doses.

Updated isolation and quarantine guidance based on the latest science and data in the New Jersey Department of Health is updating its guidance for the general public to reflect the CDC's guidance which shortens the recommended time for isolation from 10 days for individuals with COVID-19 to 5 days if they do not have any symptoms. That is followed by five days of wearing a mask when around others. The New Jersey Department of Health is also updating changes to the recommended quarantine period for the general public who have been exposed to COVID-19, per CDC guidelines, individuals who are unvaccinated should quarantine for five days followed by strict mask use for an additional five days. Individuals who have received their booster do not need to quarantine. However, they should wear a mask for 10 days following exposure. In closing, I want to encourage everyone who is not vaccinated to get vaccinated against COVID-19. If you are past six months since your second shot, you are due for a booster. The booster provides the most protection against the new variant, Omicron. The vaccines are safe, effective and free if we provide the vaccines at the Woodbridge Public Health Center. The clinics are currently by appointment only. You can get an appointment by calling 732-855-0600 ext. 5004. For the month of January the adult clinics are every Thursday, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., and the children's clinics aged 5-11 are Tuesday's 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Please call for an appointment. That is all I have tonight, thank you Council.

Council President Bauer: Thank you Director Green and please thank your entire staff for their hard work and dedication during this ongoing pandemic. Does anyone have questions from the Council for Director Green?

On a motion made by Council Vice President Ficarra seconded by Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously, Council President Bauer adjourned the meeting at 7:04 P.M.

Howie Bauer,
Council President

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