

Woodbridge, New Jersey – February 1, 2022

**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 February 1, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.**

Council President, Howie Bauer: Please rise for our Pledge to the Flag and remain standing for a moment of silence for all our Military personnel serving here and abroad and all those suffering from the affected by the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

Members of the Council and all those present gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

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, Lizbeth DeJesus, Howie Bauer, Brian Small, Sharon McAuliffe

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kyle Anderson

**ALSO PRESENT:** John E. McCormac, Mayor  
John Mitch, Municipal Clerk  
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator  
Marta Lefsky-Darden, Director of Planning and Development  
George Brew, Director of Public Works  
John Hagerty, Communications Director  
Casey Wagner, Assistant Business Administrator  
Robert Hubner, Director of Police  
Fred Rubenstein, Esq.  
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq. (arrived at 6:13 p.m.)

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from January 18, 2022?

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

Council Meeting:

January 18, 2022

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

**A. AN ORDINANCE WAIVING CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES RELATED TO WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 7-BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 1-UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE AND PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.25. (2022-05)**

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Beginning with the Second Reading of the Ordinances. We'll take Letter A first which is an Ordinance waiving construction permit fees related to Woodbridge Township Affordable Housing Trust Housing Rehabilitation program. Can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously that the public hearing be opened.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: The Public Hearing is now open on Letter A only. Hearing no comment from the public, can I get a motion that the public hearing be closed, the Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval as required by law?

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

**B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH USW LOCAL 397 REGARDING PARKING AT 155 AVENEL STREET. (2022-06)**

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Beginning with the Second Reading of the Ordinances. We'll take Letter B first which is an Ordinance authorizing and directing that Woodbridge Township enter into a lease agreement with Local 397 regarding parking at 155 Avenel Street. Can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously that the public hearing be opened.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: The Public Hearing is now open on Letter B.

Tom Maras, Fords: Asked at what cost and what the duration of the lease agreement is.

Council President Bauer: It's overflow parking for the theater at the APAC center. It's a lease agreement for \$500 per month. One Year term limit.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Hearing no other comment from the public, can I get a motion that the public hearing be closed, the Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval as required by law?

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

**C. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22 ENTITLED “FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION” OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (2022-07)**

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter C is an Ordinance entitled Flood Damage Prevention. Can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously that the public hearing be opened.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: The Public Hearing is now open on Letter C.

Tom Maras, Fords – Asked for explanation on what Chapter 22 does, what specific areas in the Township does it cover, is it all inclusive for the entire Township and is there a monetary cost attached to it?

Business Administrator Cimilluca: This is a floodplains agreement for folks that have flood insurance. We come in compliance with the State. This is a revision for that Ordinance that was passed previously. The State changed their verbiage in some of their explanations, so we had to come in line with them. So that’s what this is just a revision to an existing ordinance.

Tom Maras, Fords: You said flood insurance, does that protect the Township or does it protect the residents?

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Flood insurance does a rating, it’s for everyone that’s in a flood zone for Woodbridge Township so flood insurance does a rating. We have a Flood Plains manager that does that. It helps with that rating and it changes from time to time with the State and we have to be in compliance with that. It also give residents a discount for their insurance.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Talked about the flood zone borderlines needing to be clearer for purchasing and selling homes.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: There is a map of all the flood zones of the Town, Mr. Vrtaric. We don’t have it with us but there are several hundred homes in a flood zone. All this does is clean up, as Mr. Cimilluca said, the language in our Ordinance to make sure we’re still in compliance with the new state laws. Because of the work that the Township did, in particular Tom Flynn

who is our Certified Floodplain Manager, he got us a CS5. Which every level you do down your residents save more. He did an amazing job getting us down from an 8 or 9 down to a 5 and 25% reduction in flood insurance. All this stuff is just technical and we are just changing the verbiage of our Ordinance because the State changed their law, we have to change some words. All of our maps are on our website and our Attorneys have access to it when they have a client that's buying or selling a house in a flood zone.

Councilwoman DeJesus: I live in a flood zone Mr. Vrtaric and I have to say that we constantly get literature and mail from the Township every time there is a change in the flood area or the rating has changed. I can attest to the fact that the residents are being informed every time there is a change.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Any other comments on Letter C? Hearing no other comments from the public, can I get a motion that the public hearing be closed, the Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval as required by law?

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan 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 7-38.5 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – HANDICAPPED PARKING-TO DELETE: ASPEN MANOR CONDOMINIUMS, 64A GOLDEN SQUARE.**

**E. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED "TRAFFIC", SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE-HANDICAPPED PARKING-TO ADD: ST. JAMES AVENUE, WEST.**

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilman Meehan and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading, to be published in the Home News Tribune on Friday, February 4, 2022 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on February 15, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

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

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Refund of Overpaid Taxes.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Tax Credit against the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter taxes of 2021.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Refund of Overpaid Taxes for 100% Disabled Veteran Victoriano Olivo for tax period September 28, 2021 to December 31, 2021.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Refund of Overpaid Taxes for 100% Disabled Veteran Thomas H. Watters for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Taxes of 2021.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Refund of Overpaid Taxes for 100% Disabled Veteran Milissa Wincz for the tax period March 29, 2021 to December 31, 2021.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes The Sustainable Jersey Program Grant funded by PSEG.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the bids from The Liberty Group, MBT Contracting LLC, and GSP Properties LLC for Building Maintenance and Repair on an as needed basis for the Woodbridge Township Co-Op.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the pool of Fleet Electrification Management Consultants-Climate Change Mitigation LLC to the Township when the need arises for the period February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2027.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the amendment of Resolution #27 adopted on November 9, 2021 in pertinent part to read “not to exceed \$40,000.00” for repairs to the Town Hall, Police and 911 Generator on an emergency basis.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and approves the Person-To-Person transfer of Liquor License No. 1225-33-024-010 from Fords Room, Inc. to Anais Lounge Center, LLC, 85 Lafayette Street, Fords, NJ 08863 effective February 2, 2022.

- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2022 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge - \$36, 000.00 Tax Assessor Shared Service Agreement – Borough of Metuchen.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Bill List.

Councilwoman Meehan abstained from Resolution #12.

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

**Public Meeting:**

Council President Bauer: At this time we'll go to the public portion of our meeting. Please state your name, part of the Township 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 out from your seats. Please respect each other and please make sure all signs or posters do not block walkways or aisles. Thank you.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Anybody this evening have any comment?

Kasan Little: Talked about values, heart, public change, Proud Boys, silence is violence, suffering community. Give voices to the unheard and include them in the decision making. Spoke about the movement for Black Lives.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Talked about citizens complaining, Woodbridge is the best town around. Spoke about the citizens of town being all different religions and cultures, we are new in this town and don't go to other towns and complain about how they run their towns it takes time, let it be.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Spoke about all the great things that the Administration have done, some matters still have to be resolved but still a great town. Talked about the fire district elections and pilot programs. Fairness in salary with regards to paid firefighters. Instead of hiring Consultants, wants things handled in house.

Council President Bauer: I'd like to make a comment on that. Me being a volunteer over the past 5 years, volunteerism in fire service has gone down. The board of fire commissioners have to provide a service to their taxpayers, the only way to do it is to actually hire more firefighters. I think with the new building codes and construction, fire prevention is very good and we have less fires. We are not hiring because we are building more, we're hiring because we don't have the people to volunteer to supplement when there is a fire call.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: I would like to respond. First of all I have had many discussion with the commissioners of the Woodbridge Fire Department. With Commissioner Kenny and Commissioner Minkler in particular, there's not been a single dollar collected from pilots Downtown yet. So that is why we haven't shared any money yet, is because we haven't received any money yet. We shared with Port Reading, Avenel, and Iselin because we have active pilots that are paying us money. None of the downtown projects have tenants yet, except for Avenue and Green, which has a couple floors majority rented, majority. But they pay by the quarter, we haven't collected a dollar yet so it's hard to share money with somebody when you don't have any money. I never commented on how many firemen they were hiring. All I said was that I spoke to the president of the board who said that he was asked directly by Mr. Gardner; trying to get a yes answer, are we hiring more because of the development. The answer was no. Whether it is 4, whether it's 8, I don't care. The answer was no, he was told no despite the fact that he wanted him to say yes and he came here at the last meeting and he was told by Mr. Kenny the answer. Mr. Kenny said to me that they were hiring more firefighters because they don't have the volunteers that they always had and they need more paid firefighters. We are happy to work with them. They had the referendum that passed and they have a big several million dollar project coming up and they've asked us if we are willing to share in that. As I said at last meeting, we do not pay operating cost from pilot monies and we never will. We'll pay capital cost, things that are real like structures, vehicles, trucks, buildings, things that are capital in nature we will help fire companies with and we have helped almost every fire company in town with something from our Pilots. We're not shy about that we're very generous with that, we have a plan to help Woodbridge. We just can't do it yet because we don't have the money but I can assure you Bob Minkler and Jack Kenny have been in constant contact with me about how we can help and we will help. Thank you.

Robert Minkler, Woodbridge: I am the Fire Commissioner of Fire District #1. Talked about the growth of his department, administration is needed as they felt that was the best way to oversee the department, the hiring of paid firefighters, no one wants to volunteer anymore and the Board of Fire Commissioners has been forced to hire.

Frank Trombattore, Woodbridge: Expressed his condolences on the passing of Councilwoman Drumm. Thanked Public Works for the great job they did plowing during the recent snow storm. On behalf of all the seniors in town, spoke about Governor Murphy withholding medications for COVID treatment, 8000 seniors left to die from COVID. On behalf of all the seniors in town, asked Council and Mayor to please discuss what can be done about investigating Governor Murphy.

Tom Maras, Fords: Welcomed Sharon McAuliffe. Asked Councilwoman McAuliffe what candidates she is endorsing for the District 1 Fire Commission, is she familiar with the development going on in the first ward specifically. Talked about the degradation of the town from all of the new buildings going up. Spoke about the postage expense for the mailers from APAC, tax increase burden, legalities of using government funds to send out private mail, and filing an OPRA. Spoke about APAC paying their fair share.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: There is a bulk mailing not matter how much we put in as long as it is under a certain weight, we don't pay any more so we do not get reimbursed by the Avenel Performing Arts Center. We do that for a lot of different operations in the Township. This is an entity related to the Township but not run by the Township. We don't own the land, we own the building, we are the landlord and we help them out whenever we can. They are a non-profit entity, they're not for profit

President Howie Bauer: Mr. Maras, Councilwoman McAuliffe will be recusing herself from any voting on any redevelopment since she is a business owner in the Downtown and would benefit from anything she would vote on. She wasn't part of the Council. I'm sure she is taking everything in and absorbing her new position. At this time, any further development that will go in front of us, she will not vote on.

James Debrowski, Woodbridge: Spoke about the signage he brings to the meetings, the January public portion of January 4, 2022 meeting, denounced the Proud Boys group and asked Council President Bauer and Mayor McCormac, on behalf of the NAACP Perth Amboy branch, if they would please join them in denouncing the Proud Boys. Justice for Nijeer Parks, Jeremiah Daniels-Porter, Black Lives Matter, stop the Keasbey Power Plant, hate has not home here.

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

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

**HOWIE BAUER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT / 2<sup>nd</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN:**

Council President Bauer: At this time we'll go into our Agendas.

1. 2nd Ward road projects.  
HOLD
2. County Greenway  
HOLD
3. Downtown Parking on New Brunswick Ave.  
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Waterfront Park / Keasbey.  
HOLD
5. Hometown Hero banners.  
HOLD



6. Fords Business Community.
  - A. Cruise Night
  - B. Trunk of 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

Greenway Family Success Center is located at 537 New Brunswick Avenue in Fords. It is a great family resource center. The Family Success Center is a community gathering place where families find fun, information and, support. Stop by the Greenway Family Success Center and find out more about their free educational workshops, family activities in which you can use your talents to strengthen our community. Monthly activity calendars are located on their Facebook page or you can call 732-738-3400 for more information.

14. Highland Grove Swim Pool

HOLD
15. Little Libraries

HOLD

Council President Bauer: A few announcements. Today starts Black History Month. We celebrate Black History Month and recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans and their role in American history and reflect on the struggles they endured over the

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years. Today I reached out to Phil Hall of the Independent Club of Colonia whose organization holds our annual Black History Month celebration in collaboration with Woodbridge Township. He stated that at this time they are undecided if it's going to be an in person or a virtual program. I will update the public once I get notification. The Human Rights Commission put together a display in the lobby of Town Hall here for Black History Month which we are promoting an inviting folks to come to Town Hall and view. Councilwoman DeJesus has more literature and programs for our Black History Month. One other thing, I'd like to thank Director George Brew and your entire staff on great job during our last snow storm. Thank you to all of our First Responders and those Essential Employees that brave the elements to provide emergency services to our residents. God Bless them and God Bless America. That's all I have. Council Vice President Ficarra.

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

Council Vice President Ficarra: Thank you.

1. WCC (Woodbridge Community Center).

A. Senior Recreation and programming.

B. Youth Recreation and programming.

HOLD

Very popular roller skating lessons over at the Community Center. Spaces are limited. This is for roller or in line. I'll give you a number later but you can check in with Alison Gibardi there, she's in charge of that. Also coming up on February 16, 2022 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. is a bagel and coffee seminar that is being sponsored by Aetna Healthcare to talk about insurance updates. Robert Wood Johnson will be there to talk about health and wellness issues. Again that's February 16, 2022 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in room 214. You do have to register for that you can do it in person or call there. Hopefully with the bagels and coffee there will be multigrain bagels since it's a health project. On Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month, school is out for Presidents weekend and there are some special events going on for roller skating and ice skating on that day because the students are not in school. You can check the general number to follow up on any of this, its 732-596-4170 and the website is NJWCC.com.

Moving over to the Health Department and an update we all know that some of the issues with the Pandemic are starting to recede a little bit. We're getting a little bit better but last week we had 148 doses of either first, second or booster that were distributed. To date we've had 117 clinics. Upcoming clinics are this Thursday, although this meeting might be a little late to announce that but from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. this is clinics for adults and appointments are recommended. On February 8, 2022, it's for ages 5-11 from 4-6 p.m. and appointments are required. February 10, 2022, adults 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. appointments are recommended. You can go to the Township website and get all the information on that. Just some updates on the vaccine rate, ages 12 and up one dose is 94% of our citizens in Woodbridge Township, ages 12 and up with two doses is 82%, age 65 with one dose is at 105% , I don't know how that happened, does that mean somebody from out of town slipped in? Age 65 and up with two doses is at 82% and

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48% of our citizens have had all three which includes the booster.

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
14. Mobile Health Unit.  
HOLD

On a very exciting note, the Township is in the process of purchasing a mobile health unit. This is a fully equipped medical unit that we plan to use in our senior building, senior housing, our schools and areas in town that don’t always have good access to healthcare. We can bring this

vehicle on the road and take it to the people as opposed to expecting people to come to where our services are. There is wellness and health prevention services, there is an examination room, a refrigerator for keeping medicine safe and there is a reception area. There will be the capability of having physicians on board, along with nurses and support staff. Some of the items that we are looking to put forth in this is childhood lead testing, well baby exams, school age vaccinations, adult vaccinations and physicals, screenings for skin cancer, hypertension, blood glucose levels and health education programs. But again the key factor in this mobile unit is that we can take it where people need it the most and I think that's an outstanding initiative on behalf of our Health Department and our Administration. Mr. Mitch, if you'd be so kind as to put that Mobile Health Unit on my agenda please so I can keep an eye on that. And that's all I have. Thank you, Council President.

**BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE**

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilman Small.

Councilman Small: Thank you Council President Bauer.

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.

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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 (9/24/22).  
HOLD

13. Marine Eight.  
HOLD

14. Mayor Mac Café.  
HOLD

As a reminder Mayor Mac’s café is open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. 881 West Avenue in Port Reading. Please stop by and have a late breakfast or early lunch, it’s very enjoyable there.

15. Jazz Festival.  
HOLD

16. Concerts.  
HOLD

I’m thinking summer, don’t hurt to think summer. I just received the Tuesday night line up starting on June 21, 2022 running through August 30, 2022. Best of the Eagles, Journey tribute, ELO tribute, Paul McCartney and Wings tribute, CCR tribute, Fleetwood Mac/Stevie Nicks tribute, Ray Charles tribute, Beatles tribute, Chicago tribute, Dynamic Duels and Bruce Springsteen tribute. So, I’m getting excited for our summer concerts which are always a big success in Woodbridge Township.

17. Light Parade (11/26/22).  
HOLD

18. Human Rights Commission.  
HOLD

19. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.  
HOLD

I’m very happy to announce the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick’s Parade is back. It will be held on

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March 13, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. Honorees this year are Charles Kenny- Grand Marshall, Karen Devlin-Irish Lady of the Year, Jim Latham-Irish Man of the year, Sara Olex-Miss American Irish and Victoria Gomez-Lady in waiting. Looking forward to that parade.

20. Woodbridge B.P.O.E. Elks 2116.

HOLD

Woodbridge Elks received two grants. One is a \$35 donation to the Domestic Violence Response Team and one is \$4,500 to the Woodbridge food bank. We thank the Elks, they do so much for this community and we really appreciate it. Mayor are you presenting checks soon?

John E. McCormac, Mayor: I think Sunday I'm receiving a check from them for the food drive for We Feed Woodbridge.

Councilman Small: Great. A couple of announcements; the snow storm, Director Brew, Public Works once again did an amazing job. All the residents out there that do the right thing and get their cars off the street and don't blow the snow into the street just make it so much easier for our Public Works employees to do their job and do their job right. Again, kudos to your department. They all did a great job. Yesterday we attended the Mayor's State of The Township Address. Once again Mayor great job. At the end of the address, there was a tribute to former Councilwoman Nancy Drumm. It was absolutely amazing. Mr. Hagerty, Megan and the staff of TV 35, great job really appreciate that. It's nice to hear that laugh again and see that smile. God Bless our Police Department, God Bless the families of New York Police Department, Jason Rivera and Wilbert Mora who were murdered last week in the city. God Bless all of our First Responders and God Bless America. Thank you.

### **LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE**

Council President Bauer. Thank you. Councilwoman Dejesus.

Councilwoman Dejesus: Thank you Council President.

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

HOLD

5. Police Community Relations.  
HOLD

I am very honored that our Woodbridge Police Department will host a silent memorial vigil to honor officers killed in the line of duty this Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 6 p.m. up here in Town Hall. Since the beginning of the year, the statistics are 28 police officers have been shot, 8 of them have been killed. Again, the silent memorial vigil will be Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 6 p.m. here at Town Hall and all are welcome.

6. Youth Employment / Job Fair.  
HOLD

7. Township Parks and Playgrounds.  
HOLD

8. Hispanic Heritage Month.  
HOLD

9. Barron Arts Center.  
HOLD

We are celebrating Black History here in Woodbridge and the Barron Arts Center will have an exhibit that will run from February 18, 2022 through April 1, 2022. It is Advocates of Social Change, Dr. Martin Luther King and Mahatma Gandhi. This riveting exhibit of historic photographs shows the influence that Gandhi had on civil rights icon Dr. Martin Luther King. Comparative images of Gandhi and Dr. King's influential 1959 trip to India will be displayed as well as important writings and quotes from both human rights icons. This exhibit was organized and curated by Mukesh Kashiwala and is supported by Royal Albert's Palace and Indian American community. Again, the exhibit will run from February 18, 2022 through April 1, 2022 at the Barron Arts Center. You can call 732- 634-0413 for more information.

10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.  
HOLD

We were just notified this afternoon by the State Department of Labor that they were awarded the Library Adult Literacy & Career Pathway Grant in amount of \$55,000. This will allow the library to offer a series of literacy, ESL and digital literacy classes to our residents. Congratulation to our Woodbridge Public Library in getting that grant. This Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 7 p.m. the library will host a program for anyone with college debt. It is called "Everything you need to know about the Public Service Loan Forgiveness". Again that will be this Thursday at 7 p.m. Black History Month programs in addition to art and book displays at the Woodbridge Public Library include; An American Labor Museum presentation of the extraordinary life of New Jersey's Paul Robeson on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. and on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 7 p.m. The library has scheduled also a monthly series of

computer and Microsoft Office skills classes. For any information regarding the library programs again call 732-634-0413.

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

Thursday is a busy day in Woodbridge Township. Thursday all of our basketball teams, the girls basketball programs; Colonia, John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, and Woodbridge High School will participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lead Her Forward Basketball games. Again, it is this Thursday and they begin at 5 p.m. You have Colonia vs. Woodbridge, J.V. is at 5 p.m. and Varsity is at 6:30 p.m. and J.F.K. will verse another school at J.F.K. Again, I'm a big supporter of girls' sports and I'm a big advocate for us to support girls' sports. This Friday is Lead Her Forward Basketball games here in town. So if anyone is looking for something to do you can come to the vigil and then head over to the basketball game.

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
19. Safe Place.  
HOLD
20. Women's Month.  
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: That is all I have. Thank you so much.



**CORY S. SPILLAR, 3<sup>rd</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN**

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilman Spillar.

Councilman Spillar: Thank Council President Bauer.

1. Avenel's Very Merry Holiday Lighting (**11/27/22**) / 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

Sycamore Senior Center, I am happy to report that membership is over 600. If you're over 60 and a Township resident and are interested in joining taking part in all the great activities events that they have there, please call 732-726-6272 and ask for Sandra. And as always, senior transportation of Woodbridge is always available for our seniors to be driven to and from.

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

I'm pleased to announce that Buckaboo Burritos and Smoothie King have signed on to take 2 or 3 store fronts at 906 Route 1, which is the vacant home of the former Bud's Hut property. Tentative fit outs should be starting shortly. Look for a early spring opening. A new pavement

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landscaping and lighting along with two new buildings really enhance that area. This continues with our vision and focus on redeveloping the Route 1 corridor.

8. Avenel Fire Department.  
HOLD

9. Social Clubs – Avenel Knights of Columbus/Columbian Club, Avenel V.F.W.  
HOLD

The Avenel V.F.W. asked me real quick to announce that they're having their Italian night on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 5 p.m. Please come out and support while enjoying an Italian dinner. Avenel V.F.W. is located at 60 West Park Avenue.

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

Councilman Spillar: The rest of my agenda is in order. Council President, thank you. Thank you to all of our Emergency Responders, Fire, EMS, Woodbridge Police Department, CERT and all of our Public Works and Township employees. God Bless America. Thank you Council President Bauer.

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

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

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you Council President.

1. Inman Avenue Business District Improvements.  
HOLD

2. Green Houses – Colonia Middle and Colonia High Schools.  
HOLD

3. Evergreen Senior and 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

On Saturday, February 12, 2022 I along with Colonia Middle School students will be holding our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Colonia Have A Heart food drive at the Evergreen Center on Inman Avenue in Colonia from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We're challenging the town of Colonia to help us to collect 214 pounds of food to be donated to the Woodbridge Township Have a Heart food drive. What does that include is asking residents and business' to donate 214 pounds of food or \$214 to help out our food pantries during the winter months. The drive will take place until February 14, 2022, which is Valentine's Day. Food can be dropped off at the Woodbridge Health Center or monetary donations can be made out to We Feed and be mailed to Woodbridge Township Health Department at 600 Main Street in Woodbridge. On a side note that same day, the Girl Scouts will be selling their cookies.

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

On February 25, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Colonia V.F.W. on Inman Avenue will be holding their annual fish drive. Dinners are \$17 per person, \$16 per senior and \$9 for children.

All of the money that they raise that evening will go to help our Veterans so come out and have a great meal and help support our Veterans.

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

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you to George Brew and the DPW workers for digging us out of a storm this past weekend. As always you did a fantastic job and the residents really do appreciate all you do for them. Thank you to all of our First Responders who have been braving the cold weather to keep Woodbridge Township safe, yours has not been an easy job and we thank you for that. And that's all I have this evening. Thank you.

**KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE**

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

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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, 4<sup>th</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN**

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilman Patel.

Councilman Patel: Thank you Council President. I have a few announcements.

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

Councilman Patel: On last Friday, January 28, 2022, at about 5:15 p.m., right before that big snowstorm was about to start there was a Fire Call at the Coopers Tower in Iselin. I was there and I witnessed about 15 fire trucks and emergency vehicles responded. I would like to thank our fire department officials and EMS team members for their prompt response. It was a long fire alarm and it was nice to hear from them that nobody was injured. Also I would like to thank Director Brew and the Department of Public Works for keeping the streets clean during the last winter storm clean up. They have done a great job in plowing and salting the streets throughout the Township.

There is going to be a Winter Wonderland luncheon this Friday, February 4, 2022, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Five Branches Senior Center which is located at 1 Brown Avenue in Iselin. Please make a check payable to Woodbridge Township. Also there is going to be a Happy Heart luncheon on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Oak Tree Senior Center which is located at 571 Lincoln Highway in Iselin. You must RSVP by February 14, 2022 by calling 732-259-2008. Also the luncheon will be paid with checks only, payable to Woodbridge Township. Since Valentine’s Day is coming in two weeks, I would like to wish you all Happy Valentine’s Day. That is all for tonight. Thank you.

**SHARON MCAULIFFE, 1<sup>st</sup> WARD COUNCILWOMAN**

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilwoman McAuliffe.

Councilwoman McAuliffe: Thank you Council President. My Agenda is in order.

1. Events:

- Relay for Life.
- Fishing Derby.
- Parker Press Concerts.

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Woodbridge Wednesdays and Local Band Thursdays.  
Saint James Street Fair.

HOLD

2. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).

HOLD

3. Chamber of Commerce.

HOLD

4. Buy Local program.

HOLD

5. Transit Village.

HOLD

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

HOLD

7. Main St. & Rt. 9.

HOLD

8. Animal Shelter.

HOLD

9. Dog Park.

HOLD

10. Arts.

A. Woodbridge Train Station mural project.

B. Gallery on Main.

HOLD

11. PACE.

HOLD

12. Woodbridge Fire Department.

HOLD

13. Coast Guard.

HOLD

14. Sewaren Library Programs.

HOLD

15. Acacia Center.

HOLD

16. RISE Program.  
HOLD
17. Sewaren Marina.  
HOLD
18. First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge.  
HOLD

Councilwoman McAuliffe: I just have a couple of announcements. We have a new steak house opening on Main Street. Shinko Hibachi Steak House. That will be opening soon so please check that out. Also, there have been new pedestrian flashing light crosswalks installed at the corner of Pearl and Green Street across from Costello's Funeral Home to assist with people going from the train station across the street as well as going to the funeral home and that is fully operational at this time.

Lastly I would like to thank all the Directors for taking time out of their full schedules to provide me with an overview of each one of their departments and how everything is going in the town. It was a very enlightening experience. Thank you very much for your time. That's all I have. Thank you.

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilman Anderson is excused tonight. I have two announcements tonight regarding Black History Month that I forgot to read during my Agenda. In addition to social media campaign, Woodbridge Township has built a website page centralizing Black History Month. We will continue to update the page as we get more information. Secondly, we are putting together a comprehensive Township-wide Black Lives Matter program to include stepping up the Annual Martin Luther King Student Essay Contest with events hosted by the Human Rights Commission at Acacia Center, Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6 p.m. We are inviting the Acacia families, principals and teachers from each of the elementary schools along with the School Board, District Administration and our Council. We'll seat the essayists on the stage, each will be introduced and presented with their certificate of achievement. The district winner will read the winning essay that night. That's all I have from Councilman Anderson.

Council Vice President Ficarra: Council President, ten seconds please. Director Brew, I forgot to mention to everyone that we talked about cleaning up the roads. I witnessed Public Works folks with shovels, shoveling the sidewalk over the Fulton Street Bridge because that's a way to connect that whole area of town up in Strawberry Hill safely getting over the bridge. Because if they don't clean those sidewalk, students going to school will have to walk in the street. Thank you very much not only for the standard things you do but for the special things that your department does. Thank you Council President.



**JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK**

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Mr. Mitch.

Mr. Mitch: Thank you, Mr. President.

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 & Place-To-Place Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-040-012  
from Bertucci's Restaurants, LLC to Velhur, LLC t/a Noches de Colombia, 675 Rt. 1  
So., Iselin, NJ 08830.
  - D. Application for a "New" Club '31' Type Liquor License for American Irish  
Association of Woodbridge, Inc.
  - E. Place-to-Place Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-066-008 Badwals Enterprises II,  
LLC t/a Mideastro, 505 Avenel St., Avenel, NJ 07001.
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.

2022 Primary: **(6/7/22)** Early Voting: **(6/3/22 – 6/5/22)**  
2022 General Election: **(11/8/22)** Early Voting: **(10/29/22 – 11/6/22)**

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John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Mr. President, my Agenda is in order. Just a reminder we're going to retire to Executive Session immediately following Administration's Agenda. At that time I will ask the public to please exit the room. That's all I have. Thank you.

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Hubner.

**POLICE:**

Police Director Hubner: Nothing this evening. Thank you Council President.

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Darden.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Director of Planning and Development Marta Lefsky-Darden: Thank you Council President. Just our standard bi-weekly response.

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Brew.

**PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:**

Public Works Director Brew: Thank you Council President. My Agenda is in order.

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Business Administrator Cimilluca.

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:**

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Thank you Council President. For our next meeting I'll have a parking agreement. I'll have an architectural proposal for Henry Inman Library from TVC and I'll have a purchase of a new Western Star 47-X axel hook lift truck. Thank you Council President.

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Mayor McCormac.

**MAYOR:**

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Thank you Council President. All good here.  
Council President Bauer: Thank you. Legal.

**LEGAL:**

Craig Coughlin, Municipal Counselor: Nothing this evening Council President.  
Council President Bauer: Thank you.

**RECREATION:**

**HEALTH:**

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

- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution to conduct an Executive Session. Whereas Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from certain circumstances in a meeting and whereas the public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist and therefore be it resolved by the Municipal Council of the Township of Woodbridge that the public portion of this meeting is hereby recessed for approximately twenty (20) minutes to discuss Collective Bargaining Units and Contract Negotiations. Can I get a motion to approve **Resolution # 13**?

Council Vice President Ficarra moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion to go into Executive Session which was seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously at 7:05 P.M.

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion to exit the Executive Session which was seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously at 7:13 P.M.

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

- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute Memoranda of Understanding between the Township of Woodbridge and Policemen’s Benevolent Association Local No. 38 for the period 1/1/2022 through 12/31/2025, the Township of Woodbridge and United Steelworkers Local No. 1426-02 for the period 1/1/2022 through 12/31/2024, copies of which are on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Councilwoman Meehan abstained from PBA portion of Resolution #14.

Council Vice President Ficarra moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously at 7:14 P.M. On a motion made by Council Vice President Ficarra seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously, Council President Bauer adjourned the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

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Howie Bauer,  
Council President

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