

Woodbridge, New Jersey – February 15, 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 15, 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 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, Brian Small (did not vote), Gregg Ficarra, Debbie Meehan, Lizbeth DeJesus, Howie Bauer, Sharon McAuliffe

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kyle Anderson, Virbhadra N. Patel

**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  
James P. Nolan, Esq.  
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq.

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from February 1, 2022?

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

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

- A. 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. (2022-08)**
  
- B. 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. (2022-09)**

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: We begin this evening with two Second Reading Ordinances. I am going to take them together, they are both amendments to Chapter 7 of the revised Ordinances both with regards to handicapped parking. With that said, we are going to take Letters A and B as consent. The first is an amendment to delete a handicapped parking space at 64A Golden Square, the second is to add a handicapped parking space at St. James Avenue in Woodbridge. Can I get a motion to take these Ordinances 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 Letters A and B 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.

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

- C. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE “KEASBEY 10 SMITH STREET AND CROWS MILL ROAD REEVELOPMENT PLAN” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.**

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously that these Ordinance be passed on First Reading, to be published in the Home News Tribune on Friday, February 18, 2022 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on March 1, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

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

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes a refund to Brilliant Environment Services, LLC.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the request of St. John Vianney Parish, to hold a Fair on their grounds, 420 Inman Avenue, Colonia, (church parking lot) from Tuesday, July 12, 2022 through Saturday, July 16, 2022.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the request of KNOCK ON WOOD, LLC for waiver of requirements for the installation of sidewalks and curbs for Block: 435.07, Lot: 15, Zone: R-10, 39 South Walnut Avenue, Iselin.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby refers the “Keasbey 10 Smith Street and Crows Mill Road Redevelopment Plan” to the Township Planning Board for its review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes designating certain properties in the Woodbridge Proper section of the Township and identified on the tax maps of the Township as Block 280.01 Lot 11 as an Area In Need of Redevelopment, Non-Condemnation.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Township of Woodbridge to accept a sub-grant award of the Federal Fiscal Year 2021 of Emergency Management Performance Grant and Emergency Management Agency Assistance.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby endorses the submission of a Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant Application to the Department of Environmental Protection and Energy and designating Audrey Rozger, Recycling Coordinator.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the awarding of an emergency contract to P & A Construction for the bypass and repairs to the 12-inch sanitary sewer on Barbara Court in Iselin on an as needed basis in an amount not the exceed \$40,000.00.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the agreement of Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. (DBA Maser Consulting) for professional engineering services for Intersection Improvements for Omar Avenue Extension – Phase 1 in an amount not to exceed \$176,500.00.

- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the agreement of The Vaughn Collaborative for professional architectural services for Roof Replacement on Henry Inman Library in an amount not to exceed \$18,450.00.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the agreement of The Vaughn Collaborative for professional architectural services for Assessment of Flood Damage and Report on Henry Inman Library in an amount not to exceed \$9,820.00.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the award of a Proprietary Contract with AES Corporation for a security and fire alarm system for Township Buildings in the amount of \$130,000.00.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the agreement of Prevention Specialists Incorporated for Drug and Alcohol Testing commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the purchase of one (1) new Western Star 47X Single Axle Hook Lift from Hudson County Motors, Inc. through ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System in an amount not to exceed \$124,733.00.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the purchase of one (1) new Asphalt Roller from Foley Incorporated through Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System in an amount not to exceed \$66,627.00.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute an documents necessary for the purchase of four (4) column lifts for Equipment Repair from Hoffman Services Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$48,642.00.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby accepts the bid from Capela Construction for Contract #221-05 Township of Woodbridge Raritan River Pedestrian Foot Bridge and Dock in an amount not to exceed \$434,825.00.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Bill List.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Person to Person transfer of Liquor license No. 1225-33-058-005 from JPS, Inc., t/a Villa Borghese to KT Woodbridge Liquors, LLC.

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 or State that you are from. You have a one time, five minute time period. Remember, all videotaping must be taken within a designated area in the rear of the room and there will be no shouting from your seats. Please respect each other and please make sure all signs or posters do not block walkways or aisles. And also remember, each person is different from one another. Remember, we all have one thing in common, we are all different. Thank you.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Spoke about his disappointment of Councilwoman McAuliffe having a business conflict. Spoke about upcoming Fire Department elections, that PILOT monies should fund Fire Districts properly instead of the tax payers bearing the cost entirely, and the funding of the new Ross Street School.

Ed McGuinn, Port Reading: Thanked the Council and the Mayor. Spoke about watching Council meetings and witnessing some members of the community disparaging his ancestors. Spoke about the Seventh Calvary of Virginia, 39 years of attending events at the Parker Press and everyone having a good time studying history. Spoke of Harpers Ferry and John Brown. Heritage, not hate.

Kurt Dawkins, Woodbridge Hills, Iselin: Expressed his concerns about the management of Woodbridge Hills 55+ Active Adult Lifestyle Community increasing rent prices annually by anywhere between 5% - 7.5%. Spoke about folks being on fixed incomes needing help, 800 residents are charged up to \$400 per year for club house and amenity fees. However, the club house has been closed since March 2020. Asked for assistance and direction on how to remedy the situation.

Craig J. Coughlin, Esq.: I represent the rent leveling board here in town. We do have a rent control ordinance that sets a maximum amount of increase. However, there is a state law that goes back a number of decades which exempts certain new construction after 1987 and my understanding is, and we are doing some research on it, but my understanding is that Woodbridge Hills was constructed after that. Therefore they are exempt from that rent. With regard to the common area of the game room, I am not aware of anything that would mandate that it be closed. But if you would like to stick around after the meeting, I would be happy to talk to you and see if I can be of some help. Thank you.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Council President, I would just add that we've had conversations with, a couple of years ago with the community president before you. We have had common

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conversations with our attorney to see if we could help with that as far as the clubhouse. I'm happy

to share all of that information with you, I'll see if we have any emails. We also have a lengthy email that said the same thing that Craig just said as far as the rent control. That looks like it's out of control of the 5% percent, it's separate. That we can't do much with. But when you are leaving, I will go out and I'll get all of your email addresses and we will share everything we have and we'll be happy to talk to you.

Steven, Old Fords: Apologized to the Council on behalf of his "brothers". Stated that this would be the last Council meeting they are attending as they are tired of being slandered and the Council being berated constantly. Stated they are only here to listen to some of the other speakers and quietly leave. "This is the last time you're going to see the Proud Boys." Thank you.

Tom Maras, Fords: Thanked the previous speaker for his statement. Spoke about the 94 apartments being built by Ross Street School and asked how the new Councilwoman views that from a safety standpoint and welfare of the community and children. Spoke about Government expenditures and financials, cost of literature printing for APAC and Woodbridge Club. Spoke about the proud boys always being respectful.

Council President Bauer: Thank you Mr. Maras. I did see your OPRA request and your questions. Did it come to your findings that your questions were answered?

Tom Maras, Fords: It has answered them in part, not entirely. I will come back with a revised OPRA with commentary on it so it will make it easier to address.

Paul Lund, Hopelawn: Talked about tax bills going up 5.4 % per year. Asked why the tax increase is greater than what his employer gives for the cost of living increase and if Federal funds can be advanced and make their way down to the Municipal level to assist with the cost of COVID. Asked about the PILOT programs and if the revenue is contingent upon occupancy or are the developers paying that from day one. Mentioned that there is a STOP sign that's 30 degrees off of vertical on Lee Avenue and corner of Pennsylvania Avenue.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Council President, I'm not sure if the 5.4% number is correct. I am just cautioning you to properly compare the right numbers when evaluating what the taxes went up. You have to add the January bill to the prior July bill and compare that to the January before that and the July before that or compare calendar year January and July to calendar year to January

and July. When you do that I don't think you will see 5.4%. It's a little complicated because the first half bill is always greater than the second half bill so people get the first half bill and double it, because it's in quarters, and compare that to the July bill and double that which is in quarters. That's always going to show a large increase but it's only because of the timing. The town is on a fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> but we don't know our budget until the year is over. The Board of Ed is on June 30<sup>th</sup> year end but they know their budget before the year ends. The Fire Companies and the County are on a calendar year and they don't know their budget until after the January bills go out. Everybody is different. The bottom line is that the Board of Ed is the majority of your tax bill and they went up last year, the County is a large part of the tax bill and they went up last year, the Town is about 27.5% of your tax bill and we went up but I do believe by less than the Board and I'm pretty sure we went up by less than the County and of course the Fire Districts come in to all of that. So it's a complicated issue, it's all explained on our website. There is an entire summary of how property taxes work in Woodbridge. It's much longer than I just explained. But people have to compare the right things and we get beat up every January because people just look at July and say wait a minute my taxes are up five hundred dollars. Nobody's house taxes on a basic house went up five hundred dollars. It just looks that way because you are comparing the wrong things and January is always higher. As far as lost revenue, we did get reimbursed from the CARES ACT, but all that replaced lost revenue. We really didn't have much COVID costs that weren't reimbursed. Almost all of what we got went to lost revenues. The hotel taxes weren't coming in, permit fees, licenses weren't coming in. I can't think of everything else now but there was a lot of basic revenues. Our Club was closed for a period, our Community Center was closed for a period and they are both ran by the Town. So, the money we made from the CARES ACT reimbursed the revenue we lost. We didn't make anything on that. So that's the way that worked. We didn't need to get reimbursed for COVID because most of the other sources reimbursed us for COVID.

If it is a warehouse, it's not based on occupancy. A warehouse is based on taxes, whatever they would have been that square feet of the warehouse plus amenities and 85% of that is what you pay us and the same with the Power Plants. The residential apartment complexes are based on the rents they collect. Which I think in a lot of cases is good for us because three have opened so far and they're all charging more today than the first apartment they rented. Avenel Station Village is fully rented with a long waiting list, The Grand in Metro-Park is just about fully rented and they are starting on their fourth building. And the Avenue & Green where Riffy's was just has two floors rented. In every case, if they started at \$2,000 they are up at \$2,200. If they started at \$1,800 now they are \$2,100. So I think that works in our advantage but the answer to your question is it's based on the revenues they collect. And it's not just rent, it's parking fees, it's any amenity fees, dog walks or special services. All of that counts when we get a percentage of all that.

Rik Mehta, NJ: Introduced himself as a candidate for Congress and a new resident of Woodbridge. Spoke about his concerns as a father of three school age children, indoctrination policies and what rights parents have within the schools, the long term impact of mask mandates for the children. Spoke of respect for diversity within the community, cultural division, preserving our

Constitutional rights and preserving our American history. Spoke about what is going on in Woodbridge in reference to diversity in the Council, respect for diversity within the entire Township and community. History will repeat itself if it's not taught.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about the Proud Boys no longer coming to the meetings, no one should be denied freedom, supports all fire departments and safety departments. Congratulated new First Ward Councilwoman and wanted to know what is taking so long for her business to open. Talked about taxes being raised and the fire departments should be the ones to choose what they want to do.

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

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

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

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

16. Human Rights Commission.

HOLD

Council President Bauer: Now we will go to our Agendas. My Agenda is in order. I have a few announcements. The Muscular Dystrophy Bowl-a-thon sponsored by the Woodbridge Township Professional Firefighters IFF Local 290 will be Saturday, March 5, 2022 at the Woodbridge Bowling Center from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$11 a bowler for unlimited games, \$9 minimum donation to the MDA. For further information call 732-882-3447. T- Shirts are included with your donation. Come out for a good cause. Hackensack Meridian First on Scene is brought to you by the Hackensack Meridian Health and Woodbridge Police. It's "What do I do

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until help arrives?” Learn life saving techniques for free. That will be held on March 22, 2022, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ. Registration is required and class size is limited. For more information, contact me at 732-887-9796. Also the American Irish Association of Woodbridge is having a community food drive on February 15, 2022 through March 12, 2022. Please consider donating to this food drive. Our drop box is located at all Nine Fire Districts in Woodbridge Township. That’s all I have tonight.  
Council Vice President Ficarra.

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

Thank you Council President. You sure know how to clear a room.

1. WCC (Woodbridge Community Center).
  - a. Senior Recreation and programming.
  - b. Youth Recreation and programming.

HOLD

Most parents know, Monday is a holiday it’s President’s Day and there is no school. If the students show their school ID at our community center, admission for roller skating and ice skating is cut in half. Renting the skates are still going to cost money but it’s a good day and the opportunity for roller skating 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. and ice skating is 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. and that’s at our community center. Also at the community center on March 5, 2022, they are having a Zumbathon for Have a Heart from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Admission is free but they are asking that you please donate a non-perishable food item. Also they have an ongoing learn to ice skate and learn to hockey skate program at the community center. Now that we have 2 hockey rinks it’s a very strong sport in our town and a good opportunity to learn how to play.

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

Back a few years ago there was a large concern for our police department receiving calls involving people that might have some mental health issues. Our department reached out to the specialized case management and outreach services and a report today from our Deputy Director and Deputy that the follow-up has been great with the officers where we are told that the officers appreciate their support and try to avoid chronic cause for people with mental health issues. This service is offered to us 24/7 so that if the people in the management system are not open we can go to our recovery coaches that will follow through and follow up on it. The people that are involved speak to our police officers when they mustered and that's scheduled for this March. Through our health department there is going to be a second layer follow up through Mr. Ravino and he has developed a form so that when the police do their report, not only does it go to the management system but it goes to our health department. So there's opportunities to avoid our police department having to interact with people with mental health issues on a regular basis and really actually help them to get cured. That is all the good news and I really commend our police department. This was an issue that was brought up early on during the Black Lives Matter Movement and locally by our Wild people and Woodbridge Township was quick to work on that and address that and I commend them for that. Although the people that brought it up are not here to hear this, hopefully they're watching.

On a sad note, just in January alone, from our police department, there were 36 referrals from our folks just in January alone. So it just goes to show you that mental health is truly an issue as we come out of the COVID times. Kudos to Director of our Police Department and you're Administration.

13. COVID-19 Efforts.  
HOLD

Vaccination clinics at our health department. To date we have had 120 clinics. This past week 139 vaccination doses were administered. February 17, 2022 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. is an adult vaccine clinic and walk ups are accepted. February 22, 2022 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. is children ages

5 – 11 and walk ups are accepted. February 24, 2022 is also an adult clinic, booster shots are being administered and are highly recommended.

14. Mobile Health Unit.  
HOLD

Also from the Health Department. We are in the process of securing a Mobile Health Unit to be used throughout our community however we see into areas that are needed that might have some issues with access to good health. The specifications for this mobile unit have been completed. The order is about ready to go out but due to the specialization of this unit and the nature of all of it, it make take a production time of a few months and I will try to keep you updated.

Council Vice President Ficarra: That’s all I have Council President. Thank you.

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

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilman Small.

Councilman Small: Thank you Council President Bauer.

1. Woodbridge News.  
HOLD
2. 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.

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HOLD

6. Electric Vehicle Car Share / Car Charging Stations.

HOLD

7. School Projects.

HOLD

8. S.T.O.W. (Register @ 732 726-2394 for client transport ID #).

HOLD

9. Level Playing Field @ Cypress Recreation Center / Our House.

HOLD

10. Property Fraud ([www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov](http://www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov)) search for “Property Alert” to Register.)

HOLD

11. Inspections at Hotels / Motels.

HOLD

12. National Public Lands Day (9/24/22).

HOLD

13. Marine Eight.

HOLD

14. Mayor Mac Café.

HOLD

Monday through Friday 11 a.m. through 2 p.m. 881 West Avenue, Port Reading. Please stop by have a late breakfast or an early lunch.

15. Jazz Festival.

HOLD

16. Concerts.

HOLD

I just got a list of our Monday night concerts. I’m happy to announce from June 20, 2022 through August 29, 2022 Jesse Garran, that’s the Elvis Tribute Band, Sky’s The Limit, Vito Piccone, Bobby Wilson, Shadows of the 60’s , The Cameos, The Capris, Del Satins and The Infernos.

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

18. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.  
HOLD

The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held March 13, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. Remember we missed it last year so I'm really happy to have this back. Hopefully we have a beautiful day and get a big crowd on hand.

19. Woodbridge B.P.O.E. Elks 2116.  
HOLD

That's all I have. God Bless our Police Department, Firefighters, EMTs, Township employees and God Bless America. That's all I have this evening. Thank you Council President.

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

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

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

On Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 6 p.m. they will have an event to learn about the eviction law courtesy of the New Jersey Citizen Action Education Fund that will be at 6 p.m. You can attend in person. You can register at the library ([www.woodbridgelibrary.org](http://www.woodbridgelibrary.org)) or you can receive a Zoom link if you're not comfortable being there in person. Explore the night sky on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 7 p.m. with the New Jersey Astronomical Association which operates the largest public observatory in New Jersey. Find out how easy it is to view the International Space Station and Satellites without the need for a telescope. This is a virtual workshop only. The library will also host two webinars for the college bound on Thursday, February 27, 2022. College GPS will present taking charge of college planning and on Thursday, March 3, 2022, the ultimate guide to medical schools. Also the Entrepreneur and Small business owners, formerly Business Tuesdays will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Main Library at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2022. The meet up will included a show and tell of interesting marketing, time management and business connection tools. All attendees will receive a book of their choice from the friends book shelf display. Contact the Woodbridge Library at 732-634-4450 extension 5 for assistance.

11. Veteran's Tax Deduction.

HOLD

12. Green Infrastructure.

HOLD

13. Girl Sports.

HOLD

14. Girl Scouts / Scouts Pavilion and Camp; E. William Street Park.

HOLD

It is cookie season so please support our Local Girl Scout troops throughout the Township. You have seen them at the Woodbridge bowling in the middle of the snow storm they were there selling cookies. I am just asking everyone in our Township, please if you see a Girl Scout troop selling cookies, just buy a box if you can.

15. Youth Leadership Council.

HOLD

16. Community Backpacks.

HOLD

17. Donation of Winter Coats for School Students.

HOLD

18. Safe Place.

HOLD

19. Women's Month.

HOLD

I am so proud to announce that we will be celebrating Women's History Month in Woodbridge Township. We will be raising the flag to recognize the month of March as Women's History Month on March 1, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. All are invited, bring your daughters, friends, your wives. Just celebrate the women in your life. This will be the first time we are doing this.

Thank you. That is all that I have.

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

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilman Spillar.

Councilman Spillar: Thank you Council President. I apologize I have to excuse myself. There is a large commercial fire in Avenel right now. Pray for folks and prayers to everyone involved.

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



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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 Dept.  
HOLD

9. Social Clubs – Avenel Knights of Columbus / Columbian Club, Avenel VFW.  
HOLD

Fish Fry Fridays return at the Avenel Knights of Columbus, Columbian Club in Avenel starting Friday, March 4, 2022. Please come and enjoy all the dishes besides the obvious fish that they always have to offer. This year will be curbside again you can call 732-636-9615 to make your reservation. Dinner is between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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

I'm pleased to announce the center now has over 130 members after just opening in October. If you are over 60 and a Township resident and interested in joining, and taking part in activities and

events that they have there, please call 732-259-0910 and ask for Hank. And as always STOW Senior Transportation of Woodbridge is always available for our seniors to be driven to and from.

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, 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. Councilwoman Meehan.

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you Council President.

1. Inman Ave. 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:

- a. Taste of Colonia
- b. Have a Heart Food Drive. Colonia Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt.
- c. Colonia 5K / Chris Jantas Run.
- d. Colonia Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament.
- e. Support the Troops Rally.
- f. Colonia Pride Day.
- g. Colonia Clean Up.
- h. Colonia Christmas Tree Lighting.
- i. Cookies and Can for the Troops and Food Bank.

- j. Toys for Tots Run.
- k. 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

This has been a really rough couple of years for people and people are really struggling. If you are in trouble and you need help, we have an addiction services hotline. Anyone can call if they or a loved one are struggling with substance abuse. A recovery coach is on call 24/7 and all calls are confidential. If you or somebody you know has an issue, you can call 732-596-4199. It is important get help there's people her to help you.

- 13. Volunteer Directory.

HOLD

- 14. Domestic Violence Response Team.

HOLD

- 15. AED Program.

HOLD

Woodbridge, New Jersey – February 15, 2022

Just on announcement, the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Woodbridge Charity Chili Cook-Off will be Sunday, March 6, 2022 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at J.J. Bittings on Main Street. You can come and sample Woodbridge's famous chili. Its \$10, if you would like to enter your chili, you can call Eileen at 732-596-4047. All proceeds from this event will go to Jessica Beretta who is also a Woodbridge Township resident and also was employed here with Woodbridge Township on our film crew who was in a horrific accident in January. So all the money we raise that day will go to her family. We wish her well and we are thinking of her. That's all I have these evening, thank you.

Council President Bauer: Councilman Anderson and Councilman Patel are excused.

**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
6. Charity Raffle.  
HOLD
7. Drive-In Movie.  
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:**

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

**SHARON McAULIFFE, 1<sup>st</sup> WARD COUNCILPERSON:**

Council President Bauer: Councilwoman McAuliffe.

Councilwoman McAuliffe: Thank you Council President.

1. Events:

Relay for Life.

Fishing Derby.

Parker Press concerts.

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

We Believe in Main Street. We'd like to tell you about the Downtown Dollars. You can go on to the website which is [downtownwoodbridge.com](http://downtownwoodbridge.com). There are 27 different businesses that are involved in the Downtown Dollars. If you purchase \$50 you get a \$10 free gift certificate. If you purchase \$100, you can get a \$20 gift certificate. You can use that among any of the 27 different businesses and you don't have to use it at one place at one time. Also, today we had the grand opening for the Shinko Hibachi Japanese Steakhouse at 116 B Main Street. They will be opening starting tomorrow from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. It's primarily a take-out service. You can order food and eat in there but there is not table service. The phone number is 732-582-6118 and the website is ([www.shinkohibachi.com](http://www.shinkohibachi.com)).

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

Election for Fire Commissioner is this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., if you're a Woodbridge resident, at the Fire Department on School Street. If you are a Sewaren resident, you'd be going to the library on West Avenue.

13. Coast Guard.  
HOLD
14. Sewaren Library Programs.  
HOLD
15. Acacia Center.  
HOLD

Also on February 22, 2022 we are going to have the Martin Luther King Essay awards handed out for all 25 elementary schools and that is at 6 p.m. and the address is 95 Port Reading Avenue. That would be a really nice event for people to attend to see what the students of Woodbridge Township are doing.

16. RISE Program.  
HOLD

17. Sewaren Marina.  
HOLD

18. First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge.  
HOLD

Sharon McAuliffe: Thank you.

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Also to correct you, the Fire Commissioners in all Districts on that Saturday are from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. All Districts are up for budgets, elections so come out and vote on the 19<sup>th</sup> from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK**

Council President Bauer: 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 Betrucci'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)

Municipal Clerk, John Mitch: Just a couple of comments. Number 1; Letter A, I'll delete that from my Agenda as you approved that transfer of that liquor license tonight. It looks like we are working on two of three for approval next week. Also those of you that are not used to seeing Cheryl

Sharkey here, she is our fairly newly appointed Deputy Clerk. She's joining us tonight just to get her feet wet, so to speak. Thank you for allowing her to be here.

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Mayor McCormac.

**MAYOR:**

John E. McCormac, Mayor: The only thing I want to mention is that one of the residents got up and said something about Municipal services. The people here from Woodbridge Hills are complaining about the services they get from the Woodbridge Hills management. They are not complaining about Town services. I have such little complaints and we all have such little complaints about Town services. And when we get them, we deal with them. So, he went on for 2 or 3 minutes about Municipal services that we should do better. Their issue is not with us. We are going to help them, we have been helping them I'm going to meet with them right after this. We'll do everything we can as I said our attorney did some homework, we've got emails, and we've done research on the rent control. The rent control board attorney is here. We've got rent control attorney is here. We will help them any way we can. I want to make it crystal clear that he was confusing their issue with private services from a private company with municipal services. There is no problem with municipal services as of this issue. Thank you

Council President Bauer: Thank you, Director Hubner.

**POLICE:**

Police Director Hubner: Thank you Council President. Just one traffic ordinance. That's it. 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 refunds.

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. Several items on my Agenda tonight. Under Administration & Finance I have a Tax and Sewer overpayment, Tax Assessor Software, a purchase of a new single axle hook loader container body, an asset purchase agreement for security equipment. Thank you Council President.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: One more thing that reminded me when he said tax software. We have a problem with our tax software company. There's no question our tax bills were late, we have not yet sent out. We just sent out the cards that people get, that little green card. It's no longer green but that's beside the point. We are replacing our tax software company. Anybody that doesn't have that card, you should understand that you should not use that card necessarily to prepare your taxes because that card shows the taxes levied on your home based on the assessment of your home. It does not show what you paid in taxes because in many cases people get the property taxes Homestead Rebate, the Senior Freeze or the Veterans deduction or the senior deduction and they all come off that number. So when you do get that card from us, and you will get that this week as it's delayed, you're not supposed to rely on that. You can go online and you can check your exact amount of property taxes paid anytime you want. It's all there and it's all public. But you really shouldn't count on that card to tell you what you paid in taxes especially if you are a senior and get one of those discounted programs just so you know. Thank you.

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Legal.

**LEGAL:**

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

Council President Bauer: Thank you.

**RECREATION:**

**HEALTH:**

Council President Bauer: I just have one more thing to say. If you have any safety issues, there's no need for you to wait for a Council meeting for your concerns. You can reach anybody here on this Dais, the Mayor's office, and we'll get back to you ASAP. We do have some people come state safety issues while somebody could be hurt talking about a stop sign. That should be told to us if there is an issue with the stop sign way before this meeting comes to a motion. So like I said, anybody in the public has any issues with safety as long as it's public and not private, we do try to help any citizens that have issues. We're here to help you so don't forget reach out to anybody here on the Dais, Mayor's office, Administration and all of our departments, they do a great job for this town. We get many services. I work in a utility company and I work in many towns and they don't get the services that we get here in Woodbridge Township. I'd just like to thank all of them sitting to my left for all they do for our Township.

I'm looking for a motion for adjournment.

On a motion made by Council Vice President Ficarra seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously, Council President Bauer adjourned the meeting at 6:59 P.M.