

Woodbridge, New Jersey – February 16, 2021

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 16, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

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

Council President Small: Please rise for a Flag Salute and a moment of silence for the men and women, our armed forces and families affected by Covid.

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 18, 2020. A copy of the Schedule was posted on the Municipal bulletin board. It should be so noted in the minutes of this meeting.

The Municipal Clerk took the Municipal Council attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cory Spillar, Gregg Ficarra, Debbie Meehan, Nancy Drumm, Virbhadra N. Patel, Kyle Anderson (arrived at 6:06 p.m.- not here for voting), Lizbeth DeJesus, Howie Bauer, Brian Small.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: John Mitch, Municipal Clerk
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator
John Hagerty, Communications Director
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq. (arrived at 6:06p.m., left at 6:25p.m., back at 6.45 p.m.)
Brian Bontempo, Esq.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from February 2, 2021?

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

Council Meeting:

February 2, 2021

The Municipal Clerk read the following Ordinances A and B by title on Second Reading as Consent stating that copies of these Ordinances were posted on the bulletin board.

- A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS TAX BLOCK 544, LOT 89 AND BLOCK 544, LOT 76, (106 MAIN STREET, WOODBRIDGE) WHICH ARE LOCATED WITHIN A REHABILITATION AREA, TO THE WOODBRIDGE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (21-08)**

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

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

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

- B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (HANDICAPPED PARKING, KILMER DRIVE & FIFTH STREET). (21-09)**

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

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

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

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

- C. BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR REDEVELOPMENT PURPOSES IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$625,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS. (104 MAIN STREET, WOODBRIDGE).**

- D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT TITLE AND POSSESSION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS BLOCK 544, LOT 90.A COMMONLY KNOWN AS 104 MAIN STREET, WOODBRIDGE PROPER BE ACQUIRED BY WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP.**

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading to be published in the Home News Tribune on Friday, February 19, 2021 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on March 2, 2021 at 6:00 P.M

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent:

- (1) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the appointment of Ana Maria Cruz to serve as a member of the Woodbridge Township Library Board for a five (5) year term, commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2025.

- (2) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the award of Bid – High Energy Electrical Testing, Inc., Woodbridge Pump Station Electrical Upgrade in an amount not to exceed \$519,795.00.

- (3) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing the appointment of Resolution approving the request of St. John Vianney Parish to hold a Fair on their grounds (Church Parking Lot) on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 through Saturday, July 10, 2021.

- (4) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the rescinding Resolution #3 adopted February 2, 2021.

- (5) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes Refunds – Overpaid Taxes.

- (6) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes Refunds – Tax Court Judgments.

- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes Refunds – Overpaid Sewer.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the release of the Performance Guarantee Paper Bond to Scion Realty, LLC. (6 Rose Court, Colonia).
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to endorse the submission of a Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant Application to the Department of Environmental Protection and Energy.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the designation of certain properties (Block: 531.02, Lot 100, Berry Street) in the Woodbridge Proper section of the Township as an Area in Need of Redevelopment, Condemnation.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution accepting and adopting the Central Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund’s 2021 Safety Incentive Program.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the lease to purchase of two (2) 2021 Ford Edges and sixteen (16) 2021 Ford Escapes for the Department of Planning & Development from United Ford, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$176,204.54 per year for three years not to exceed a total of \$528,613.62.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of one (1) new 2021CAT 299D3HF Track Loader for the Department of Public Works from Foley Incorporated in an amount not to exceed \$82,509.00.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of one (1) new CAT Compact Excavator for the Department of Public Works from Foley Incorporated in an amount not to exceed \$75,316.00.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of one (1) new 2020 ACX64 Model Autocar Chassis for the Department of Public Works from Hudson County Motors, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$170,305.00.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of two (2) new 2020 ACX64 Model Autocar Chassis for the Department of Public Works from Hudson County Motors, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$343,956.00.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of two (2) new Labrie

Automizer 33 Cubic Yard Right Hand Sideloader Refuse Body for the Department of Public Works from Sanitation Equipment Corp. in an amount not to exceed \$314,189.60.

- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of one (1) new Wittke Model Superduty 40 Cubic Yard Frontloader for the Department of Public Works from Sanitation Equipment Corp. in an amount not to exceed \$120,945.76.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement – Rainone Coughlin Minchello, LLC, for professional legal services for the Township of Woodbridge Insurance Commission in an amount not to exceed \$28,000.00 for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement – Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey for professional services for Woodbridge Township Green Infrastructure Demonstration Projects - \$60,000.00.
- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement – Accent Community Development Corporation for Community Development Block Grant Funds to assist eligible Woodbridge Township families by providing a day care facility - \$20,000.00.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement – Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen for Community Development Block Grant Funds for the services of Family and Youth Counseling - \$30,000.00.
- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement – Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen for Community Development Block Grant Funds for the services of the Ozanam Family Homeless Shelter - \$20,000.00.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement – John E. Toolan Kiddie Keep Well Camp for partial funding for Counselor Training Programs since low and moderate income children and senior citizens from Woodbridge Township benefit from their services - \$20,000.00.
- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement – Prevention Links Inc. (Greenway Family Services) for funding for educational, recreational and social/emotional supportive resources to Woodbridge Township children with special needs and their families - \$20,000.00.
- (26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement – Raritan Bay YMCA for Community Development Block Grant funds for homeless prevention and supportive services to residents of Woodbridge Township.

- (27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement – Multi-Service Program on Aging for Community Development Block Grant Funds for counseling, referral & case management services to residents of Woodbridge Township. - \$73,170.96.
- (28) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a Traffic Agreement – State of New Jersey, acting through Commissioner of Transportation for a traffic condition with exists at the intersection of Route 27 and Wood Avenue in the Township of Woodbridge and in the Township of Edison.
- (29) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the appointment of Jay Mascolo to serve as a Second Alternate member of the Woodbridge Township Zoning Board for a two (2) year term, commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2022.
- (30) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution permitting an additional \$22,500.00 be encumbered for the representation of Police Director Robert Hubner. (Brady vs. Woodbridge Township Police Department)
- (31) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2021 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge – Middlesex County Multi on Aging Grant (\$40,000.00).
- (32) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2021 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge – Middlesex County Multi Service on Aging – additional Funding Grant (\$6,000.00).
- (33) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves all claims and bills presented to it by the Chief Financial Officer of the Current Bill List dated February 16, 2021 and the Supplemental Bill List dated January 29, 2021 through February 12, 2021.
- (34) **EXEC. SESSION**
- (35) **STMNT. AGREEMENT W/SUPERIOR OFFICER’S ASSOCIATION.**

Council Vice President Bauer moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolutions 1 through 33. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Mr. Mitch: Any questions or comments from Council?

Public Meeting:

Council President Small: Thank you Mr. Mitch. I am now going to open the public session of the meeting, please state your name and the part of town you live in. You have a five-minute, one-time period to speak.

James Dabrowski, Woodbridge: Commented on Council President Small, James Nolan, Esq., and the late Civil Rights icon John Lewis, how he worries about the lack of transparency and accountability in Woodbridge, and on Peter Fenn quote: “A basic tenet of healthy democracy is open dialogue and transparency.” Spoke in favor of other towns council meetings in New Jersey, and how their mayor and council engage in virtual meetings. Spoke not in favor on how Mayor McCormac is missing the council meetings and the Human Rights Commission meetings after the Woodbridge Youth for Liberation and Equity began advocating for anti-racism. Thanked Councilman Anderson, Councilman Ficarra and Councilwoman Drumm for attending the Human Rights Commission meetings. Talked about Councilwoman Drumm and her Facebook Post, Black Lives Matter, his position towards the resignation of Woodbridge Police dispatcher Marc Repace, the wrongful incarceration of Najeer Parks, the Civil Rights lawsuit against Woodbridge Township, the lack of acknowledgement on the Woodbridge Township website to celebrate Black History Month, how a white man is promoting his book about slavery at the library, the discrimination assessment, and how the Woodbridge Township should commit to anti-racism.

Council President Small: Time is up.

Victoria Bertsch, Colonia: Spoke in favor to more candid and open conversations with the town on Black Lives Matter. Wished a Happy Black History Month to everyone, questioned if anyone is reading on any fun black authors for this Black History Month, and commented how she is tackling James Baldwin.

Kason Little: Commented on the last meeting he attended to, how disrespectful was that Council President Small turned his back on him, and questioned “why are you still sitting there?” He spoke about his failure to address racial justice, and how law enforcement racially profiles innocent, unarmed black people, such as his relatives while driving through their city and how officers tell them that they just look suspicious because they are black. Addressed how black people is born black and die black, can’t wash off their skin color, and has to prove their humanity over and over in this township. Asked Council President Small to resign ashamed and spoke about how his power should be taken away, the nepotism, and cronyism. Talked about how they all should be ashamed of themselves, to be on the right side of history, how justice should be served, to put themselves in black people shoes, how this is hurtful for black people who are gun-down by a police and how they can’t find the statistics that prove that black people are disproportionately affected by law enforcement or crimes today such as Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Trayvon Martin, Eric Gartner, Sandra Bland, Ahmaud Arbery, Amir Johnson, and Maurice Gordon. Commented on how nothing it’s being done to remediate this, and asked them to be sympathetic and act on black people’s best interest. Said that he will continue to show, speak what he has to say, and pray for the young people watching to gain the courage and lead against them.

Reverend Donna Stewart, NAACP: Thanked for the opportunity to speak, thank to those who have the courage to speak, and commended Councilman Anderson for being recognized by the Middlesex County Democratic Organization Black Caucus. Brought reference to the book Caste the Origins of Our Discontents written by Isabel Wilkerson, “A Long Running Play and the Emergence of Caste in

America”. Commented that she was on the call on Saturday, as well as Speaker Coughlin, Mayor McCormac, and Councilman Anderson who received an award from the Middlesex County Democratic Organization Black Caucus, and said that she was offended by what the Mayor said to him. Reminded how everybody’s child or nephew will not always be watched by them sitting there and in this town, and that they will end up working for somebody else. Lastly, she asked them to take into consideration what they say and how they act on the things that are going on in this community and in this world.

Council President Small: Thank you.

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

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT / COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Council President Small: Thank you Mr. Mitch.

1. Woodbridge News.
HOLD
2. Mayor’s Advisory Council on Education (Mac-E).
HOLD
3. Port Reading Fire and Township First Aid Squads.
HOLD
4. Website E-Government.
HOLD
5. Bicycle Lanes/ Bicycle Share/ Bicycle Paths.
HOLD
6. Electric Vehicle Car Share/ Car Charging Stations.
HOLD
7. School Projects.
HOLD
8. S.T.O.W. (Register @ 732-726-2394 for Client Transport ID#).
HOLD
9. Level Playing Field @ Cypress Recreation Center/Our House.
HOLD

Council President Small: #9 on my agenda is the Second Phase of the Cypress Recreation Center. As soon as the weather breaks, Phase Two will begin, which will include 2 artificial turf soccer fields, 2 street hockey courts, and also a spray park for our township residents. So, I am really looking forward to that. It is going to mean a lot to the youth in the community.

10. Property Fraud (www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov search for “Property Alert” to Register).
HOLD
11. Inspections at Hotels/Motels.
HOLD
12. National Public Lands Day.
HOLD
13. Marine Eight.
HOLD
14. Mayor Mac Café.
HOLD
15. Jazz Festival.
HOLD
16. Concerts.
HOLD
17. Light Parade.
HOLD
18. Human Rights Commission
HOLD

Council President Small: A couple of things, a couple of announcements. Councilman Anderson, on behalf of myself, Council Vice President Bauer, and the rest of the Council, congratulations for your Award on Saturday. (Councilman Anderson thanked back Council President Small). Great job. I want to thank our First Responders, our Essential Workers, and our Health Department that is working rigorously with the vaccinations. They are doing a great job. I appreciate everything you are doing. That’s all I have this evening. Council Vice President Bauer.

HOWIE BAUER, COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT / 2nd WARD COUNCILMAN

Council Vice President Bauer: Thank you Council President Small. My agenda is in order.

1. 2nd Ward Road Projects.
HOLD
2. County Greenway.

HOLD

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

Council Vice President Bauer: I just have a few announcements. Fords Clara Barton Baseball Leagues Spring 2021 - Baseball registrations is now open. Visit the website on line at www.fcbb.com or call 732-925-6603 for any further information. And secondly, I want to thank the administration, the Department of Public Works for the removal of snow along the business corridor on New Brunswick Avenue, Fords last week, making parking and assisting local businesses for more accessibility to their business. Thank you very much Business Administrator Cimilluca and the department head George Brew and his crew workers for a great job he did. Thank you very much and that's all I have tonight.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman DeJesus.

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you. My agenda is in order. I just have a few announcements.

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

Councilwoman DeJesus: Item #10 - Free Public Library of Woodbridge. Woodbridge libraries have issued the fourth Family Winter Reading Challenge. The challenge is open to children preschool through grade 7 and their families. See how many game board pieces and activities your family can complete and color in those game board boxes. Visit the Main Library in person or arrange for a game board pickup at any location including Fords, Henry Inman or Iselin branches to warm-up with some family reading time. The library's new App WPL's on the Go! is available in the Google play and Apple Store. The next generation App searches on line and prints materials and allows downloading of eBooks and audiobooks easier than ever. Visit www.woodbridgelibrary.org or call the library at 732-634-4450.

11. Veteran's Tax Deduction.

HOLD

12. Green Infrastructure.
HOLD

13. Girls' Sports.
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Item#13 Girls' Sports. Woodbridge Township Recreation Department presents Girls Youth Softball: One Township, One League. It is for Girls K-9th grade. The League will run from April through June. All games will be played throughout the Township. The registration is \$50 for Township residents and it includes uniforms or \$65 for non-residents and again, it includes uniforms. There is no work bond or the dreaded 50/50. So please reach out to the Rec Office 732-596-4048 or email at the recreationdepartment@twp.woodbridge.nj.us.

14. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavilion and Camp.
HOLD

15. Census 2020.
HOLD

16. Youth Leadership Council.
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus. I just want to take a moment to thank all the teachers in Woodbridge Township and throughout the United States because there seems to be a back and forth about whether teachers want to go back to school or not, and I have a lot of friends that are teachers, and I want to say that they do want to go back, but we've got to remember that they also have families, their parents, their children, their grandparents. So let's be kind to one another, and I can assure you that teachers want to go back. They just want to have access to the vaccine, and they want it to be as safe for them as it is to everyone. I just want to thank them for the work that they are doing because it is not easy being on Zoom, and having to deal with their own kids while dealing with 30 other kids on a computer. So, I want to thank all the teachers in Woodbridge School District and throughout the United States for the great job that they have been doing throughout this pandemic. And, that is all that I have.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Spillar.

CORY S. SPILLAR, 3rd WARD COUNCILMAN

Councilman Spillar: Thank you Council President Small.

1. Avenel's Very Merry Holiday Lighting (11/28/21) / Port Reading Day (TBD).
HOLD
2. Avenel Arts Village/Train Station/Eric LeGrand Believe Park.

HOLD

Councilman Spillar: I have item #2 Avenel Arts Village. Attention high school junior and senior dancers, on Thursday, February 25th, APAC will be hosting 2 masterclass/auditions in the genre of contemporary ballet and offering two \$64,000.00 Dance Merit Scholarships to study at La Roche University in Pittsburgh. We'll also be offering two \$1,000.00 Scholarships for the Bodiography's 2021 Six Week Summer Dance Intensive. Dancers residing in Jersey will audition from 4 - 5:30 p.m. and dancers residing in New York will audition from 6-7:30 p.m. You can sign at www.new.bodiography.com or you can also visit APAC's website at www.avenelarts.com.

Here is also just a reminder, Curtains Restaurant has a great brunch menu every Saturday and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., come by and have a great meal. Call 732-582-4595 or you can visit Curtains Restaurant website at www.curtainsrestaurant.com.

3. Woodbridge River Watch/ Oros Nature Preserve.
HOLD
4. Port Reading Saints/ Saints Complex Improvements.
HOLD
5. Avenel Middle School Community Service Club and School Improvements.
HOLD
6. Port Reading Knights/Sycamore Senior Center/Red Oak.
HOLD
7. Route 1 Redevelopment.
 - a. Star / City Motels.
 - b. Americana / Avenel Motels.
 - c. Rt. 1 @ So. Inman Ave.
 - d. Bud's Hut.
 - e. Big Top property.
 - f. Holiday Inn Express expansion.
 - g. Pier I Imports property.

HOLD

8. Avenel Fire Department.
HOLD
9. Social Clubs Avenel Knights of Columbus/Columbian Club, Avenel V.F.W.
HOLD
10. Woodbridge Developmental Center property.
HOLD

11. Cable Commission/Renewal.
HOLD
12. School 4 & 5.
HOLD
13. Mileed Way Army Corps of Engineers project.
HOLD

Councilman Spillar: Just a couple of announcements. Woodbridge Township Youth Soccer Association is now registering for the Spring League and you can sign your child up at www.woodbridgeyouthsoccer.com. Thank you all Emergency Responders, Fire, EMS, our Woodbridge Police Department, OEM and C.E.R.T. for all their tireless work, and also I would like to thank and acknowledge them for their efforts during the storm that we had. The roads were excellent. Great job by our DPW. Be safe, be smart, and God Bless America. That's it, thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman Meehan.

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you Council President. My agenda is in order. I am just going to go down to item #6.

1. Inman Avenue Business District Improvements.
HOLD
2. CBC – Colonia Business Community.
HOLD
3. Green Houses – Colonia Middle and Colonia High Schools.
HOLD
4. Evergreen Senior/Youth Center / Senior Services.
HOLD
5. Events: Taste of Colonia.
Have a Heart Food Drive.
Colonia Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt.
Colonia 5K/Chris Jantas Run.
Colonia Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament.
Support the Troops Rally.
Colonia Pride Day.
Colonia Clean Up.
Colonia Christmas Tree Lighting.
Cookies and Can for the Troops and Food Bank.

Toys for Tots Run.
Breast Cancer Walk.

HOLD

6. Food Pantry.
HOLD

Councilwoman Meehan: The Food Pantries. Our Hearts Food Drive is winding down, but foods can still be dropped off at the Community Center, libraries, senior centers and checks can still be made out to We Feed Woodbridge and mailed to Town Hall. This week we've been making rounds to our schools and just like Councilwoman DeJesus said, it's sad that kids aren't in the schools but they've all really come together and they are still making a great effort trying to collect food for people that need it right now. So thank you to all those students, teachers, and parents that really gave a lot of food. I also want to thank the students at Colonia Middle School Service Club. This past Saturday, we held a Drive Thru food drive, which was a huge success; not only did the students collect food for four hours on a very cold Saturday afternoon. They also made homemade cookies, and Valentine's cards that were given throughout Woodbridge Township to our senior citizens that are feeling a little sad and are all by themselves right now due to the pandemic. So thank you for helping and always thinking about our senior citizens. And thank you to everybody that organized food drives throughout the township, and everybody that brought a can or a box of food. Your efforts during these difficult time is appreciated; more than you know for people that are suffering.

7. Reinhard Manor.
HOLD
8. Colonia Fire Department/First Aid Squad.
HOLD
9. Colonia American Legion/V.F.W./Elks.
HOLD
10. Veteran's Issues.
HOLD
11. Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.
HOLD
12. Cpl. Kevin Reinhard Marine Corps League.
HOLD
13. Municipal Alliance + Addiction Task Force.
HOLD
14. Volunteer Directory.
HOLD
15. Domestic Violence Response Team.

HOLD

16. AED Program.
HOLD

17. Engineering Exploring Project.
HOLD

Councilwoman Meehan: Congratulations Councilman Kyle Anderson on your very prestigious award. I was doing my food drive that day, so I couldn't get on there. So congratulations to you. And that's all I have. Stay well, stay kind, and have a good evening.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman Drumm.

NANCY J. DRUMM, 1st WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Councilwoman Drumm: Thank you Council President. My agenda is in order.

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

HOLD

2. (DMA) Downtown Merchants Association.
HOLD
3. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).
HOLD
4. Chamber of Commerce.
HOLD
5. Buy Local Program.
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: I just want to remind everyone to continue to buy, and shop at our local businesses. Everybody is doing it. We appreciate it. We have a Buy Local App; it is a free App called Woodbridge Now. If you haven't been on it, I would encourage you to go on it. There is a list of all the township businesses with all their contact information and many other township information. It's a great resource.

6. Transit Village.
HOLD
7. Blue Acres/F.E.M.A.

HOLD

8. Main Street and Route 9.
HOLD

9. Animal Shelter.
HOLD

10. Dog Park.
HOLD

11. Arts.
(A) Woodbridge Train Station Mural Project.
(B) Woodbridge Artisan Guild.
HOLD

12. PACE.
HOLD

13. Woodbridge Elks Lodge 2116.
HOLD

14. Woodbridge Fire Department.
HOLD

15. Coast Guard.
HOLD

16. Sewaren Library Programs.
HOLD

17. Acacia Center.
HOLD

18. RISE Program
HOLD

19. Sewaren Marina
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: My continued appreciation to the Township's Department of Health, the DPW and our Emergency Responders. That's all I have Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Anderson.

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilman Anderson: Thank you Council President.

1. W.T.Y.R.C.
HOLD

2. Job Bank.
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: First I'd like to go through the Job Bank. Lucas Hair Salon is now hiring. They are looking for licensed hair stylists. For more information dial 732-634-1841, up to 75% paid commission, flexible schedule and you can also contact 732-456-2986, or if you are an out-of-work hair stylist like, wasn't that my cousin Vinny coming out as a hair stylist? So, if you are now an out of work hair stylist, right now, there is a place looking for you.

3. Mayor's Trophy.
HOLD

4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame.
HOLD

5. Taste of Woodbridge.
HOLD

6. Charity Raffle.
HOLD

7. Drive-In Movies.
HOLD

8. N.A.A.C.P. (*NAACP.org*)
HOLD

9. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program.
HOLD

10. Independent Club of Colonia.
HOLD

11. Tooling Around Program.
HOLD

12. Boy Scouts/Camping.
HOLD

13. League Consolidation.

HOLD

14. Middlesex College.
HOLD

15. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change.
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: This month on social media it was featuring a lot of our Black owned businesses in town and I want to thank the community for reaching out to them because there were a lot of people that didn't know and they were appreciative and they said they would solicit them. So thank you Woodbridge and the residents of Woodbridge going out soliciting those businesses.

So this month, on this day in Black History Month, in 1857, on February 16th, Frederick Douglass was elected President of Freedom Bank and Trust. On this day in 1923, Bessie Smith made her first recording of "Down Hearted Blues", sold 800,000 copies for Columbia Records. 1951, the New York City Council passed a bill prohibiting racial discrimination in city assisted housing developments. On this day in 1957, actor Levar Burton was born and on this day in 1970, Joe Frazier knocked down Jimmy Ellis to become the world heavyweight champion.

On February 28th, the Independent Club of Colonia will be holding a Black History Month virtual celebration, so that would be Mr. Phillip L. Hall and members of the Independent Club of Colonia.

I would like to thank Reverend Donna Stewart for her acknowledgment, and apologize for not being able to get on her call yesterday. But if she is wearing African garb that was the theme in yesterday's NAACP meeting. And I believe that there were some people on that had a nice celebration, and so forth. So I want to commend you on putting that together.

And I do obviously want to thank Middlesex County Democratic Organization Black Caucus and Sheriff Mildred Scott, for selecting me this year as the person of Black History Month. This is my 10th year as a councilman, and you know, it was a good time, well-timed, something that I did appreciate. So it is always awkward asking people to come and celebrate you, but this one I really appreciate.

On Wednesdays, for the next two Wednesdays, Middlesex County has been having story time for Black History Month for ages 2-10 at 4:00 p.m. So tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. and then the following Wednesday at 4:00 p.m., You go into the Arts and Culture Page of Middlesex County and students from New Brunswick High School have been leading Arts & Crafts, Storytime for all students and it's really been nice to see the High School students working with the kids age 2-10, and a lot of the kids don't want to go off the Zoom call. They're really enjoying and they want to show their artwork. So, I encourage you if you have some kids that age, to take your time. And I enjoy it. I just put it on while I am working and watch what the kids do, and then at the end, I just compliment their artwork.

I would like to thank Councilwoman Meehan for putting the Food Drive together. There were very important volunteer hours for our Middle School students, and two in my house, my twin boys went

out and froze their tails up. Councilwoman Meehan took care of my boys, and I thank you very much for putting that together.

And lastly, for Black History Month. I want to share with you a 1952 article from Ebony Magazine called America's Oldest Negro Community. My family started this community, all right. Pre-Revolutionary War and this is in Gouldtown, New Jersey, and this is probably the first site of the first interracial marriage. This is a fully sustainable town. It is funny because there is a picture of a guy that could be my uncle. But John Fenwick, who was a nobleman who came from London or England, and was with the Quakers, came here with his granddaughter and a laborer named Gould. And the laborer happened to be a black man. Well, his granddaughter fell in love with him. They were cast off with scorn and ridicule, but they started a community in near Bridgeton that is called Gouldtown, New Jersey. It still exists and John Fenwick is the founder of Salem County. So back then it was considered West Jersey. But this is a very interesting article and my family, my mother's maiden name was Wrights. There were a thousand persons bearing the name Pierce, Murrays, Cuffs and Wrights. I came from the Wrights, but this was a very interesting article, 1952 Ebony Magazine. It started right here in New Jersey and I am a direct descendant of that family and I am very proud of that. Thank you. That's all.

Council President Small: Thank you Councilman Ficarra.

GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilman Ficarra: Thank you Council President. I have a few things on my agenda.

1. WCC (Woodbridge Community Center).

(A) Senior Recreation and programming.

(B) Youth Recreation and programming.

HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: First, in the world of recreation and healthy activities that are at our Community Center, there is a drive to rejoin the Community Center. It is opening and functioning under the Covid regulations. They have some incentives if you join, so you might want to stop by. There are some healthy activities like roller skating on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m. And of course, all Covid regulations are to be followed. There is also swim lessons starting February 26th, and there is roller skating lessons on February 27th. So you can find more information on their website at njwcc.com. The phone# is 732-596-4170. Across the street is the Club at Woodbridge with their website being Theclub.org. They are just starting signups for their spring activities now. There are a lot of activities, facilities for children, physical fitness activities, and academic activities, everything from balancing into creativity. And for the older group, if you are a person that enjoys playing golf, they do have a state-of-the-art golf simulator at the Club at Woodbridge and it is a lot of fun and a good way to recreate.

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

Councilman Ficarra: I would like now to move over to some of the Mental Health initiatives that I've been speaking about the last couple of weeks. Just to give you an update of where we are at now. The police will be receiving training in sensitivity to a range of disabilities including differences between cognitive and development disabilities versus behavior, health issues, including substance abuse disorders. Police will be trained in de-escalation and available resources via Captain's Penna, training session that was recently approved I believed by the attorney general, that was a hold up. I mentioned our relationship with Specialized Case Management Outreach Services which is called SCMOS for short. The last time I spoke, we were in negotiations with them; those negotiations are completed, and the pathway for how we communicate with them has been established. The Police Department will be establishing their point person that will be responsible for implementing the program and also for maintaining compliance. Relationships with Rutgers Acute Psychiatric Services - emergency 24/7 have been established, Raritan Bay Medical Center have been established, sub-acute and chronic behavioral illness with Rutgers Early Intervention Program has been established, and we clearly have a point person, again in SCMOS, Stephanie Evans who heads up that department. I appreciate the update from the administration, and Dr. Nolan who is our representative on this end.

13. COVID-19 efforts.

HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: Moving down the agenda to some of the Covid updates, which seem to be heavy on everyone's mind. During this past week, February 7th – 14th, there were 4 Clinics held and during that time 664 more doses were distributed. So that total is at 17 clinics, 2,347, and that sounds wonderful, but when you consider we are a town of 100,000 plus, that doesn't really put a dent in things. But that is not a lack of our desire to do that. When we get the vaccines, we are quick to distribute them. Doses are limited. Now, I think, most of us are hearing that CVS and Rite Aid are now giving out vaccines. That's Federal Government controlled directly to them. So if you are a customer of either of these two CVS or Rite Aid, I suggest you reach out to them. I just called Walgreens, they said yes, but they don't have them yet. I did that because that's where I go. But I mentioned this in a different meeting last night. I think, initially three weeks ago, when I asked to be updated on this to present to the public, the battle cry was to sign up on the New Jersey website and wait your turn. That's the best way to do that. Based on recommendations from a number of people in the medical profession and here, I think the best recommendation is whatever website you can get on, whoever you can call, call, and be relentless about it. There is a 211 number. That is a 24/7 number that can give you general answers to questions about Covid-19. There is an 1-800 number 962-1253 about medical information, and when you call that number you are speaking to healthcare professionals. If you have medical conditions and you are wondering how it might be affected by getting the vaccine, these are medical professionals that answer this phone, but needless to say their scope of work is large and long. Please be patient if they don't pick up right away, but it is 24/7. So now the Covid website for the state, it is covidvaccine.nj.gov. I still recommend that you sign up on that. And by the way, if you have senior folks that are neighbors, and that they don't have a computer or they are not comfortable with a computer, you can register for them. And if they get called, the notification will go to your email if they don't have an email. Or you can call our senior services at 732-726-6264. Those are the Woodbridge angels that are helping out anyone that needs help. They will actually help you register right on the phone, and we've gotten great compliments on them.

The Edison mega-site has its own website, rwjbh.org that is RWJBarnabas Health, and that is just exclusively for that. Middlesex County has its own information. Middlesexcounty.nj.gov/covid19. Again whatever you hear, register for it and if you have any questions call 211.

And just to closing I would like to point out that in Resolutions today, we passed about \$185,000.00 in resources from our Community Development fund - the Grants to Catholic Charities for family day care, so families that need day care, they can go back to work, family and youth counseling, the Ozanam Family Shelter for homelessness through Officer Mark Zeno, and our new Department of Aging. We have now a relationship with the Code Blue system with the temperatures or the weather. The County calls a Code Blue, and there is a shelter in Perth Amboy that is run by the YMCA that we have established a relationship with, Officer Zeno is the point person on the PD, and we have direct access now that we can call, we can take people that might be unfortunately without a home and on the streets to safety, and then once they are there, they can be signed up and put into services that may be able to assist them. So there is some nice progress going on, and it is a start, and I did attend the Human Rights Commission meeting and I know that Mr. Dabrowski brought up some of the issues that were established there, and he did participate. I like what I heard, and I recognize that it is a start. My philosophy is "Let's let them do their work, they are going to report back to us, and

then we'll take it from there." The last part is just my opinion. Thank you Council President. I guess that's all.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Patel.

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

Councilman Patel: Thank you Council President Small. My agenda is in order.

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

Council President Small: Thank you. Mr. Mitch.

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK

Mr. Mitch: Thank you Mr. President. The only item that I want to indicate tonight is that we had an incident over the weekend that our police responded to. So, I'll be working with the police and the prosecutor to review possible charges. If that comes between now and our next meeting, I'll let you know. We'll be scheduling the hearing; I'll work with our Councilman Ficarra as the liaison. Thank you.

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

- A. Change of Corporate Structure for Red Chutney, LLC t/a Talli Bar & Grill, 1538 Oak Tree Rd., Iselin, NJ 08830.
 - B. Person-To-Person / Place-To-Place Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-039-011 from BL Restaurant Operations, LLC t/a Bar Louie to Dragonfly Woodbridge, Inc., t/a Dragonfly 61 Rt. 1, Metuchen, NJ 08840.
2. Liquor License Incident(s) / Hearing(s).
 3. Liquor License Renewals.
 - A. 2021 Annual Retail Licensee Meeting.
 4. Street Closings / Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals, etc.).
 5. Elections.
 - A. 2021 Primary Election: June 8, 2021
 - B. 2021 General Election: November 2, 2021

Council President Small: Thank you. Business Administrator Cimilluca.

MAYOR:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: I'd like to take an opportunity to thank DPW Director George Brew and his crew. They took an extraordinary storm, and they gave extraordinary things in it as to clean the streets of Woodbridge Township. We appreciate all the efforts and especially those of the First Responders. With that I have a few things on my agenda tonight.

I have Refunds for State Court Tax Appeals and Refunds for Overpayment of Tax and/or Sewer fees.

POLICE:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Traffic Ordinance Amendment.

HEALTH:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Shared Services Agreement with Borough of Helmetta for Animal Control Services.

RECREATION:

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: I have a Refund from Current Account and a Refund from Developer's Review Fund.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: I have a Release of a Surety Bond – 1171 St. Georges Avenue, Colonia. Thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Legal.

LEGAL:

Brian Bontempo, Esq.: Nothing this evening.

Council President Small: Thank you.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolution as Consent:

- (34) **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 fifteen (15) minutes to discuss Personnel Matters.

Council Vice President moved the adoption of the forgoing Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion to go into Executive session which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously at 6:46 P.M.

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion to exit the Executive Session which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously at 6:53 P.M.

- (35) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Business Administrator and Municipal Clerk to execute a contract between the Township of Woodbridge and the Woodbridge Superior Officers Association for a period of 3 years commencing January 1, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2023.

Council Vice President moved the adoption of the forgoing Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

On a motion made by Councilman Bauer seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously, Council President Small adjourned the meeting at 6:54 P.M.

Brian Small,
Council President

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