

Woodbridge, New Jersey – February 18, 2020

**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 18, 2020 at 7:00 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 DeJesus: Please remain standing for a moment of silence for our troops serving overseas.

Notice Requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been satisfied concerning this meeting. The Home News Tribune and The Star Ledger published the Annual Notice Schedule on December 20, 2019. 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, Kyle Anderson, Howie Bauer, Lizbeth DeJesus

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Virbhadra N. Patel, Brian Small

**ALSO PRESENT:** John E. McCormac, Mayor  
John Mitch, Municipal Clerk  
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator  
Marta Darden, Director of Planning and Development  
Robert Hubner, Director of Police  
Joseph Nisky, Deputy Director of Police  
George Brew, Public Works Director  
Dennis Green, Health Director  
John Hagerty, Communications Director  
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator  
Fred Rubenstein, Esq.

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

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Council President DeJesus asked if there were any comments from the Council.

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

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

**A. AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE #19-114 ADOPTED NOVEMBER 12, 2019 (BUS STOPS). (20-15)**

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

Councilman 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:**

**B. AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND EXTINGUISH THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF A PORTION OF A STREET KNOWN AS PORT READING AVENUE IN THE PORT READING SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE AND RELEASING AND EXTINGUISHING THE PUBLIC'S RIGHTS TO SAME.**

Councilman 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

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

- (1) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby appoints Martin Genser to serve as 1st Alternate Member of the Woodbridge Township Historic Preservation Commission fulfilling an unexpired term commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2020.
- (2) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby appoints Kevin Rossi to serve as a Class C Member of the Woodbridge Township Historic Preservation Commissioner fulfilling an unexpired term commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2022.
- (3) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of the Little

Fellows League of Colonia & Colonia Girls Softball for street closing for their annual opening day celebration parade on Saturday, April 4, 2020.

- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of the Woodbridge Little League for street closing for their annual opening day celebration parade on Saturday, April 4, 2020, rain date April 18, 2020, from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of St. John Vianney Parish to hold a Fair on their grounds (Church Parking Lot) on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 through Saturday, July 11, 2020.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refund checks for Overpaid Taxes.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refund checks for Tax Court Judgments.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a refund check to Kerry-Ann Nelson in the amount of \$275.00 for cancellation of a Parking Permit.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a refund check to Ragaa Nouh in the amount of \$95.00 for cancellation of a Parking Permit.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund from the Developer’s Review Fund Account.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to release the Performance Bond in the amount of \$37,248.00 from Bond No. 70418756 and return to Sardar Patel Palza, LLC.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution of Support from the Local Governing Body authorizing the 2020 Sustainable Jersey PSE&G Foundation “Small” Grant Application.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution of Support from the Local Governing Body authorizing the 2020 Sustainable Jersey PSE&G Foundation “Large” Grant Application.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution of Support from the Local Governing Body authorizing the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act Solicitation for Grant Applications.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Planning Board of the Township to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine if certain real property in the Fords section of Woodbridge Township is an Area in Need of Redevelopment.

- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Planning Board of the Township to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine if certain real property in the Woodbridge Proper section of Woodbridge Township is an Area in Need of Redevelopment.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes to execute any documents necessary for the purchase and installation of Turf for the Woodbridge Community Center Mini Golf Course from Hannon Floors in an amount not to exceed \$74,637.95.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of a Public Address System for Town Hall from Johnston Communications Voice & Data through the Union County Co-op-8-UCCP in an amount not to exceed \$37,658.07.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute and the Clerk to attest to an agreement with Pyrotechnico for the Township's annual Fireworks event in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with T & M Associates for professional engineering services for Phase I Preliminary Assessment and Geophysical Survey, Captain Billy's Marina, in an amount not to exceed \$8,500.00.
- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes that Resolution #15 adopted September 17, 2019 authorizing the Township of Woodbridge to enter into recreational, social and cultural services agreements with various groups and organizations is hereby amended to include the "Woodbridge Downtown Merchants Association".
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the Free Public Library of Woodbridge for accounting services.
- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes execution of Change Order #1 on the bid for Divider and Wall Padding for The Club with Tri State Folding Partitions decreasing the contract amount of \$107,500.00 by \$30,000.00 to a contract total of \$77,500.00.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2020 Budget – Middlesex County-Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Grant (SFY2020).
- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby appoints Kara Bruck to serve as 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate member of the Woodbridge Township Zoning Board of Adjustment fulfilling an unexpired term commencing February 18, 2020 and terminating December 31, 2021.
- (26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby appoints Janine Bauer to serve as 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate member of the Woodbridge Township Zoning Board of Adjustment fulfilling an unexpired term commencing February 18, 2020 and terminating December 31, 2021.
- (27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby appoints Jonathan Sternesky to serve

as a member of the Woodbridge Township Zoning Board of Adjustment fulfilling an unexpired term commencing February 18, 2020 and terminating December 31, 2020.

- (28) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves all claims and bills presented to it by the Municipal Comptroller of the Current Bill List dated February 18, 2020, the Supplemental Bill List dated January 31, 2020 through February 14, 2020 and the Addendum to the February 18, 2020 Bill List.

Councilman Bauer moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously except for a comment from Councilman Bauer on Resolution #26.

Councilman Bauer: I will be abstaining on Resolution #26.

Council President DeJesus: Before we open the public portion of our meeting I would like to make a statement. For the past several meetings there have been individuals that have requested that the Municipal Council pass a resolution that takes a position on issues that deal with federal policies. The Council has listened to these concerns. This body does not entertain such resolutions which covers areas outside of the purview of our local municipal government. The Council was elected to oversee our township operations and not to engage in discussions about national issues. We as public servants take very seriously our role in addressing issues and concerns that township residents face which we as a governing body have the authority to meaningfully impact the legislation. Again we do not get involved as township Council in issues which we have no control over. Before we open our public meeting we are to listen to each other, whoever gets on the microphone and be respectful of our Council chambers. No name calling, no pointing the finger, state your statement, your name and what part of the township you are from. Once you are done have a seat, thank you.

Anthony Gallo from Port Reading thanked the Council for not trying to overstep the authority by making Woodbridge Township a sanctuary city.

Jimmy Dabrowski from Woodbridge asked the Council to pass Symbolic resolution calling on our elected officials to reunify migrant families and release them from detention and afford them due process and immigration proceedings.

Kason Little with Faith New Jersey from Elizabeth asked the Council to consider passing the Symbolic resolution.

Tom Maras from Fords applauded the Mayor and Council for their stance in the immigration proceedings and that it was a national issue and should be addressed with the Congress of the United States.

Frank Trombattore from Woodbridge applauded the Mayor and Council for upholding the rule of law.

Joe Farindino from Sterling spoke about people coming to the United States legally and being exploited as immigrants.

John Vrtaric from Woodbridge said he was an immigrant when he came to this country as a child and that there is a legal way to come to the United States.

Nadia Retkowski from Hoboken spoke about not asking for sanctuary city status but they are asking the Council to sign a piece of paper, a resolution, to push Congress to unify migrant families and to give them their due diligence in court.

Chris from Edison spoke about how, at a rally in the past, Kyle Anderson called him a racist for supporting a candidate who promised to support special needs kids and Alzheimer patients. Lastly Chris commented that he hope Kyle Anderson would be voted out of the Council.

Steve from Middlesex County commented how people in the audience of the Council meeting were allowed to clap but when he booed that the Council was violated his First Amendment right to be able to do that. Council President DeJesus replied that there was a decorum in the Council Chambers and she stated at the beginning of the Public Session that there would be no name calling. Steve then questioned the attorney about his First Amendment right and Fred Rubenstein, Esq replied that there was a decorum in the Council Chambers and any disruptive name calling would be dealt with.

Christian Anaha from Sayreville commented that concerning of the signing of the resolution towards some of the sanctuary concerns and the bringing together of families of undocumented potential residents this is beyond a local issue and there is so much that has to be addressed before such document can be signed.

Councilman Ficarra commented that the public can boo or clap after a person speaks.

Debra McGuinn from Port Reading asked that she not be called a racist because of some of her comments and views. Debra further commented to do this the right way with the resolution and to stop abusing the good nature of our people in the system who are willing to help.

Ed McGuinn from Port Reading commented that immigrants are welcome to come to the United States if they follow the rules and regulations that are set forth to become naturalized. Ed further commented that it should be made sure that the bad don't come in with the good and that we have to have a secure border and we have to have a way of checking who is coming into the country.

Megan Brown from Colonia asked the Council to support the resolution because she feels it is the right thing to do.

Erin Markin from Colonia commented that she and her family came to New Jersey from West Virginia and how happy she is to be within a diverse community with diverse neighbors. Erin further commented that she support the resolution and asked the Council that if they couldn't adopt this resolution to do something that is in the local power so that it is a welcoming community.

**LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE (PRESIDENT):**

Council President DeJesus: I just have something to say. It's unfortunate that there has been a back and forth with opposing views. At the end of the day everybody has the right to the First Amendment. We got to be respectful of one another because we are all sitting here as Americans. We may disagree with our views but we have to be respectful. One thing that has bothered me in the last couple of weeks is that we are very dismissive of the diversity in Woodbridge and of the work that has been done in local government in all of our Boards in our schools to diversify and for us to represent everyone in Woodbridge Township. We can't be dismissive of that. It might not be what you want but it's a start and from there we keep going.

1. Housing Authority  
HOLD
2. Affordable Housing Corporation  
HOLD
3. Youth and Government Day (5/19/20)  
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

Council President DeJesus: It is not too late to join the fun of the Family Winter Reading Challenge. All locations, Fords, Henry Inman, Iselin and the Main Library are distributing game sheets and prizes this month. The state and federal tax forms are available at all of our library locations. Township residents who would like to help with their smartphones, kindles, iPads, tablets or other mobile devices are invited to the second floor of the Main Library on Fridays at 1:00 P.M. for digital drop-ins; no appointments are necessary.

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

15. Summer Fest 2020  
HOLD

16. Census 2020  
HOLD

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

1. Woodbridge News  
HOLD

2. Mayor’s Advisory Council on Education (Mac-E)  
HOLD

3. Port Reading Fire and Township First Aid Squads  
HOLD

4. Website E-Government  
HOLD

5. Bicycle Lanes/ Bicycle Share/ Bicycle Paths  
HOLD

6. Electric Vehicle Car Share/ Car Charging Stations  
HOLD

7. School Projects  
HOLD

8. S.T.O.W. (Register @ 732-726-2394 for Client Transport ID#)  
HOLD

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

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

11. Inspections at Hotels/Motels  
HOLD

12. National Public Lands Day  
HOLD

13. Marine Eight  
HOLD

14. Mayor Mac Café

HOLD

15. Jazz Festival

HOLD

16. Concerts

HOLD

17. Light Parade

HOLD

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

Councilman Spillar: The Federal Railroad Administration, FRA, has established a new dedicated webpage at [www.fra.dot.gov/blockedcrossings](http://www.fra.dot.gov/blockedcrossings) allowing the public and law enforcement to report blocked highway rail grade crossings. Blocked crossings occur when stopped trains impede the flow of motor vehicle or pedestrian traffic at railroad tracks for extended periods of time. The new FRA blocked crossing website requests specific information from users reporting recording blocked crossings including date, time, location and duration. Filling out the report will likely take about three minutes. The FRA we then use the information collected to gain a more complete picture of the location, duration and most importantly the negative impact of the blocked crossings. They will then share the information with individual stakeholder using it to help facilitate local solutions to address the blocked crossings. Trains have to run, we all understand that; nobody's naïve to that fact. It just seems like myself, Councilman Small and Councilwoman Drumm. It's almost happening on a daily basis. It's also happening at the most inopportune times by the school 3:27 P.M. before 3:30 P.M. and 8:03 A.M. before 8:05 A.M. whatever it might be. The way they situate and they get past the crossing but they have to do a switch or whatever but it's still in the range to have the bars down. Bars they break I understand that that's completely, you know it happens, but when it happens over and over again for three hours at a clip. I believe the Mayor and Administration are in the process of setting up a meeting with Conrail but every little information helps so just go to the township website or go to the website listed or just reach out to me to get it but the more people that can reach out tell them about the situations. Hopefully it will get a little better.

1. Avenel's Very Merry Holiday Lighting/Port Reading Day

HOLD

2. Avenel Arts Village/Train Station/Eric LeGrand Believe Park

HOLD

3. Woodbridge River Watch/ Oros Nature Preserve

HOLD

4. Port Reading Saints/ Saints Complex Improvements

HOLD

5. Avenel Middle School Community Service Club and School Improvements

HOLD

Councilman Spillar: The annual Avenel Middle School tricky tray through the Avenel Middle School

Community Service Club is Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at Avenel Middle School. Doors open at 6:00 P.M. and calling begins at 7:00 P.M. For information you can contact me at 732-602-6007 or just go on the township website or you can go on the school website. This year's tricky tray benefits the March of Dimes Team LeGrand of the Christopher and Dana Reeves Foundation and Avenel Middle School. Last year was their first tricky tray and they netted \$12,000.00 so it's a big event.

6. Port Reading Knights/Senior Center  
HOLD
7. Route 1 Redevelopment
  - (A) Star/City Motels
  - (B) Americana/Avenel Motels
  - (C) Quick Chek
  - (D) Bud's Hut
  - (E) Big Top property
  - (F) Holiday Inn Express expansion
  - (G) Pier I Imports propertyHOLD
8. Avenel Fire Department  
HOLD
9. Shuttles – Warehouses/Train Station  
HOLD
10. Woodbridge Developmental Center property  
HOLD
11. The Greens at Avenel – Rahway Avenue  
HOLD
12. Cable Commission/Renewal  
HOLD
13. School 4 & 5  
HOLD

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

Councilwoman Meehan: My agenda is in order. I just want to give a shout out and thank everybody that came out last Sunday. We did a spaghetti dinner were a young dad that works over at The Club at Woodbridge he's 38 years old and he has fourth stage cancer. So many people came out for this, Vito Cimilluca, all the employees over at The Club and there were so many people to thank. We had over 170 baskets. This gentleman has two young children and he is not able to work. His wife is a teacher so they're really, really struggling but with the kindness of the community everybody came out, everybody cared and everybody gave a couple of dollars. We were able to raise \$50,000.00 for him so it was an amazing event and it was all through the love and the kindness of this community.

1. Inman Avenue Business Improvements

HOLD

2. CBC – Colonia Business Community  
HOLD
3. Green Houses – Colonia Middle and Colonia High Schools  
HOLD
4. Evergreen Senior/Youth Center  
HOLD
5. Events: Taste of Colonia  
Have a Heart Food Drive  
Colonia Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt  
Colonia 5K/Chris Jantas Run  
Colonia Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament  
Support the Troops Rally  
Colonia Pride Day Parade  
Colonia Clean Up  
Colonia Christmas Tree Lighting  
Cookies and Can for the Troops and Food Bank  
Toys for Tots Run  
Breast Cancer Walk  
HOLD
6. Food Pantry  
HOLD
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
18. Lake & Lancaster/Inman & Delaware Traffic Signals  
HOLD

**NANCY DRUMM, 1<sup>ST</sup> WARD COUNCILWOMAN:**

Councilwoman Drumm: I first like to congratulate all of our Senior Olympic medal winners that received Mayoral Citations for their athletic success tonight before our meeting. We host the Senior Olympics here every year for New Jersey and we are very proud. Thank you to the committee and everyone that comes out and supports this event.

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

Councilwoman Drumm: The Relay for Life kickoff is going to be on March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Curtains Restaurant in Avenel. This is a Dine to Donate event and a chance to learn about our annual Woodbridge Relay for Life event to gather together in our community that we do every year to fundraise together to fight for a cure for cancer.

2. (DMA) Downtown Merchant Association  
HOLD
3. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District)  
HOLD
4. Chamber of Commerce  
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: The Chamber of Commerce is having a Leadership Event on March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Colonia Country Club from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Our guest speaker will be the Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver.

Also there is a golf outing that I just want to have the Save the Date out there for June 15<sup>th</sup>. The Chamber of Commerce number is 732-636-4040 if anybody is interested please give us a call.

Our Main Street SID which is our Special Improvement District the Board met with three marketing businesses that submitted an RFP for marketing. Decisions will be made very soon for one of the three chosen by the SID members to market our Downtown Main Street businesses; we're very excited about that.

A recycling tip tonight is no plastic bags or plastic wrap. It is not recyclable and has to go into regular garbage. If anybody has any questions regarding recyclables they can call 732-738-1311.

I just wanted to say thank you to our Mayor, my Council mates and our administration for leading Woodbridge Township every day with great leadership, passion and care for our entire community. Thank you very much, it's my honor to be up here and work with everyone.

5. Buy Local Program  
HOLD
6. Transit Village  
HOLD
7. Blue Acres/F.E.M.A.  
HOLD
8. Main Street and Route 9  
HOLD
9. Animal Shelter  
HOLD
10. Dog Park  
HOLD
11. Arts  
(A) Woodbridge Train Station Mural Project  
(B) 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

**KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:**

Councilman Anderson: First I would like to apologize for my outburst when the gentleman was speaking. I felt strongly about some of the words that were shared from the prior speaker.

I'd like to address a few comments that were made in regards to me. First to Mrs. McGuinn, Mrs. McGuinn you are right. You have hugged me before and at that event you came up and hugged me and you kissed me and I hugged you back at that event. Any remarks that were made were unfortunately your husband did not come up and hug me and had some not kind words to me so I had some words back for him, okay. In regards to the LGBTQ or saying that I made homophobic comments that's completely untrue. The two people that I was talking to were holding homophobic signs, okay. If you recall there was a sign of Anderson Cooper and when I was talking to that gentleman it was a schoolyard exchange, okay, and that's what it was but I was supporting gays; I was supporting their freedom. But what their concern was, was that Phil Murphy was supporting an LGBTQ curriculum and I mentioned that it was a new group and we are still trying to put into the curriculum now the Amistad Bill. That was done in 2002. We still haven't done that yet, okay, so it was a new group but fifty years ago it was African American so that's exactly what I said at that rally. Fifty years ago it was African Americans that wanted to be part of this universe, alright, so I made those comments. The one Veteran that he is referring to came up and called me a piece of, a four letter word, and I didn't like that, okay, that's not a way to address me. I was there to support a friend and you know I felt that I was very respectful but out of that came some very nasty rumors. That I was anti-police but yet I send my children to the Junior Police Academy, okay. If I thought that they were racist I wouldn't send my children to the Junior Police Academy. There are a lot of things that come out of that and my going to support someone at a rally or at a protest has cost me a lot but what I felt that I was doing was representing a lot of the concerns of Woodbridge residents. My children, I have five children, are all educated here. There are some good things about our community and there are some things that there are some undertones in this community. Like when my child goes to school and another child asks him to pay him a dollar so he can use the N word, okay. There are still some issues in this town, okay. We'd like to call ourselves The Best Town Around but that doesn't just happen you have to work at it and you have to work at it with intent. You have to change with intent. You can't just dub yourselves The Best Town Around and think that it's going to happen, thank you.

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

2. Job Bank  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: For the Job Bank we have an opening with the Port Authority Police Department. Go to [papdrecruit.com](http://papdrecruit.com) between March 16<sup>th</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup> for all those that are seeking positions with the Port Authority Police Department. There is also a Team Career Fair and Job Expo on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Hickory Senior Center. There will also be a Teen Workplace Professionalism and Interviewing Workshop from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at 535 New Brunswick Avenue, Fords 08863.

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.  
HOLD
9. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program  
HOLD
10. Independent Club of Colonia  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: The Independent Club of Colonia will be holding their annual Black History Month event on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, 400 Inman Avenue, Colonia. It's from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and it is free.

11. Tooling Around Program  
HOLD
12. Boy Scouts/Camping  
HOLD
13. League Consolidation  
HOLD
14. Middlesex County College  
HOLD

**GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:**

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

Councilman Ficarra: At the Woodbridge Community Center this Saturday from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. is "Try Hockey for Free" for grades kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. A great opportunity to learn a little bit about the sport. Also at the Community Center two events revolving around Summer Camp which is very important to parents that work throughout the summer and don't have the opportunity to

send their kids to school. There is an open house on March 19<sup>th</sup>, that's a Thursday, at the Community Center from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. to learn about the camp, the pricing and those type of things. This is for the Community Center and also for Highland Grove. They are starting a new Counsellor In Training Program where 14 and 15 year olds have the opportunity to learn some leadership skills. You can go to our website at [newjerseywcc.com](http://newjerseywcc.com). or [newjerseywoodbridgecommunitycenter.com](http://newjerseywoodbridgecommunitycenter.com). or call 732-596-4170.

Also around the Summer Camp coming up on March 7<sup>th</sup> there is a Township Job Fair for teenagers for summer employment. It's at the Community Center and it's for positions like lifeguards, camp counsellors and skate park. Again its March 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Community Center.

Just to follow up on what Councilwoman Drumm said plastic bags that we sometimes get at our food stores besides throwing them in the garbage it's better to bring them back to the food store and just turn them in; it's better for the environment.

2. Youth Month – April  
HOLD
3. Senior Citizen Month – May  
HOLD
4. Mentoring Program  
HOLD
5. Mayor's Fitness/Wellness Initiative  
HOLD
6. Fireworks (July 2, 2020 – Rain Date: July 3, 2020)  
HOLD
7. Heroes & Cool Kids/Strengthening Families  
HOLD
8. Pedestrian Safeway's/East Coast Greenway  
HOLD
9. Annual Pizza Run (2020)  
HOLD
10. Jacob's Landing  
HOLD
11. The Club at Woodbridge Upgrades  
HOLD

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

1. American Legion (T. Nulty Post)  
HOLD

2. Oak Tree Road Special Improvement District (SID)  
HOLD
3. JFK High School Field And Building Improvements  
HOLD
4. Sucker's Brook Bank Stabilization  
HOLD
5. 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Road Projects  
HOLD
6. Magnolia/Willow/Walnut Area Commuter Parking  
HOLD
7. Sign Ordinance  
HOLD
8. Cooper Field  
HOLD

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

Councilman Bauer: The Clara Barton Baseball League is holding their first in-person registration for their Spring 2020 baseball season this Saturday at 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at the Fords Firehouse located at 667 King George Road in Fords. Also there is online registration open at this time at [leaguelineup.com/fcbb](http://leaguelineup.com/fcbb) and if you sign up online before February 29<sup>th</sup> you can receive a 10% discount.

1. Second 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

**JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK:**

1. Liquor License Transfer(s)/Change of Corporate Structure:
  - A. Change of Corporate Structure for Red Chutney, LLC t/a Talli Bar & Grill, 1538 Oak Tree Road, Iselin, New Jersey 08830.
  - B. Person-to-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-021-007 from Kona Macadamia, Inc., Debtor in Possession to TOG Kona Macadamia, LLC, t/a Kona Grill, 511 U.S. Highway 1, Iselin, New Jersey 08830.
2. Liquor License Incident(s)/Hearing(s).
3. Liquor License Renewals.
  - A. 2020 Annual Retail Licensee Meeting (Thursday, May 14, 2020).
4. Street Closings/Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals, etc.).
5. Elections.
  - A. Special School District Election: March 10, 2020
    1. New machine demonstration – February 25, 2020 (1 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.)
  - B. 2020 Primary Election – June 2, 2020.
  - C. 2020 General Election – November 3, 2020.

Mr. Mitch: Item 5A, just a reminder two weeks from today is the Special School District Election on

March 10<sup>th</sup>. The polls will be opened from 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. To that end Woodbridge will be debuting the brand new voting machines on the evening of February 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. All the elected officials the School Board and Administration as well as the administration here and Council we've actually opened it up as early as 1:00 P.M. so 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. it will be open for the public if anyone wants to come try the machines before they encounter them on Election Day.

6. Best Practices.

7. Census 2020. (April 1, 2020 is Census Day)

- 3/12/20 – 3/20/20 Receive invitation to respond online to 2020 Census. Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.
- 3/16/20 – 3/24/20 A reminder letter will be sent if you haven't responded yet.
- 3/26/20 – 4/3/20 A reminder postcard will be sent if you haven't responded yet.
- 4/8/20 – 4/16/20 A reminder letter and paper questionnaire will be sent if you haven't responded yet.
- 4/20/20 – 4/27/20 A final reminder postcard will be sent if you haven't responded yet before an in-person follow up is done during mid to late May.

Mr. Mitch: Item 7, less than a month from now residents should start receiving notifications about the Census in the mail.

### **MAYOR:**

Mayor John E. McCormac: I just want to congratulate Councilwoman Meehan on that event one Sunday. It was absolutely tremendous. Well over half the people at that event were not from Woodbridge because the family is from Edison and they have family all over the state and they were just amazed what happened in town and they had a lot to say about the character of the people in Woodbridge especially Councilwoman Meehan and especially Colonia Firehouse for making their firehouse available. The Colonia VFW, the Army of men and women who come out and just do the cooking and all the setting up and cleaning up and everything. It was a wonderful event and it made us all proud that we are from Woodbridge.

### **ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:**

Business Administrator Cimilluca: I have a proposal for an Environmental Survey at the Acacia Center, I have a Change Order for a Traffic Signal Design Project, I have a Change Order for the Homestead Avenue Pump Station Project and I have a Change Order on a Building Envelope Rehab at The Club. I have a Bid of Award for a Guide Rail Improvement for New Dover Road and Blair Road and I have a proposal for the Café plumbing replacement at the Woodbridge Community Center.

### **POLICE:**

Director of Police Hubner: I have the removal of a handicapped parking space that's no longer in use. They are adding a handicapped parking space in Woodbridge Proper and that Ordinance for the new traffic signal at Port Reading Avenue and Old Road.

**HEALTH:**

Director Green: I have just one item tonight which is the renewal of a Shared Services Agreement for the Opioid Overdose Recovery Program Services,

**RECREATION:**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Director Darden: Just our standard biweekly refund resolutions.

**PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:**

Director Brew: First I have a renewal agreement with Prevention Specialists, second is a Release of Cash Guarantee, Inspection Escrow, Performance Bond on Amboy Avenue and the Ross Street property. Next is the Release of a Sidewalk Permit for 73 Ethel Street, Menlo Park Terrace, a Release of a Sidewalk Permit for 28 Annette Lane, Colonia and a Release of a Sidewalk Permit for 34 Martin Terrace, Woodbridge.

**LEGAL:**

Mr. Rubenstein: Nothing this evening.

On a motion made by Councilman Bauer, seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously, Council President DeJesus adjourned the meeting at 8:14 P.M.

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Lizbeth DeJesus  
Council President

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