

Woodbridge, New Jersey – March 2, 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 March 2, 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 the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our military members and families affected by Covid-19.

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, 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.  
James P. Nolan, Esq.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from February 16, 2021?

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

Council Meeting:	February 16, 2021
Executive Session:	February 16, 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. A 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). (21-10)**

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 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. (21-11)**

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. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE.**
- D. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE AMENDED “DOWNTOWN WOODBRIDGE AREA 4 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN,” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.**
- E. ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE AMENDED “DOWNTOWN WOODBRIDGE AREA 5 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN,” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.**
- F. ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE AMENDED “PENNAVAL AND CUTTERS DOCK ROADS REDEVELOPMENT PLAN” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.**

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, March 5, 2021 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on March 16, 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 award of Bid – Fai-Gon Electrical, Inc., Traffic Signal Installation at New Brunswick Avenue & Pennsylvania Avenue & Rahway Avenue and Green Street in an amount not to exceed \$643,768.01.
- (2) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the cancellation and discharge of Tax Sale Certificate – Block 474.03 Lot 3.
- (3) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the cancellation and discharge of Tax Sale Certificate – Block 683 Lot 1.011.

- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Refund to St. John Vianney Parish for their 2020 Annual Fair cancelled due to COVID-19 - \$240.00 Raffle fees.
- (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 the Municipal Comptroller to issue Refunds – Planning and Development.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue Refunds – Planning and Development.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the release of Surety Bond No. E382499 – Block: 413.16 Lot: 1 (1171 St. Georges Ave., Colonia).
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution temporarily waiving the Township’s residency Ordinance for the hiring of a Cyber Security Engineer.
- (11) **PULLED**
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a special item of revenue into the SFY 2021 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge – Drunk Driving Enforcement Grant (\$21,052.57).
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a special item of revenue into the SFY 2021 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge – Body Armor Replacement Grant – (\$13,329.00).
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a special item of revenue into the SFY 2021 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge – NJDOH Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity - \$142,236.00.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution referring the Amended Downtown Woodbridge, Area 4 Redevelopment Plan to the Township Planning Board for review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes Resolution referring the Amended Downtown Woodbridge, Area 5 Redevelopment Plan to the Township Planning Board for review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution referring the Amended “Pennval and Cutters Dock Roads Redevelopment Plan” to the Township

Planning Board for review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law.

- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution permitting an additional \$17,500.00 be encumbered for the representation of Police Lieutenant Brian Murphy. (Brady vs. Woodbridge Township Police Department).
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution permitting an additional \$17,500.00 be encumbered for the representation of Police Detective Sean Grogan. (Brady vs. Woodbridge Township Police Department).
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of one new Intimidator 19XPC Brush Bandit for the Department of Public Works in an amount not to exceed \$127,198.00.
- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of one new Caterpillar Model: 440 Backhoe Loader for the Department of Public Works in an amount not to exceed \$139,923.00.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of HP servers to upgrade servers that run the Township's SolarWinds Software in an amount not to exceed \$47,151.66.
- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of one new Western Star 4700SF Chassis for the Department of Public Works in an amount not to exceed \$111,872.00.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement – T & M Associates for Professional Environmental Engineering Services for Phase II Site investigation & Transaction Support, Captain Billy's Marina - \$31,200.00.
- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement – T & M Associates for Professional Environmental Engineering Services for a Hydrographic Survey for Up Smith's Creek - \$11,950.00.
- (26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement – T & M Associates for Professional Environmental Engineering Services for a Conceptual Project Budget for Up Smith's Creek - \$15,000.00.

- (27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution approving CDBG Consultants to provide services to the Township of Woodbridge when the need arises for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.
- (28) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an Agreement – Triad Associates for Professional CDBG Consulting services for Technical Assistance for the Township’s Fiscal 2020-21 Consolidated Plan Program in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.
- (29) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement for Animal Control Services between the Township of Woodbridge and the Borough of Helmetta.
- (30) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of Change Order #2 on the Contract with CMS Construction for Municipal Parking Garage Restoration increasing the adjusted Contract amount of \$68,810.00 by \$1,200.00 to a contract total of \$70,010.00.
- (31) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of a Contract Modification with The Vaughn Collaborative for Professional Architectural Services in connection with the Ice Rink Conversion at The Club at Woodbridge in an amount not to exceed \$2,136.00.
- (32) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the amendment of Resolution #13 adopted on February 16, 2021 to read “not to exceed a total of \$82,809.00”.
- (33) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Subordination of Mortgage Agreement in the amount of \$16,920.00 to a new first priority mortgage given by Family First Funding LLC ISAOA/ATIMA to the applicant – 339 Lake Avenue, Colonia.
- (34) **BE IT RESOLVED** that that the Municipal Council hereby approves all claims and bills presented to it by the Chief Financial Officer of the Current Bill List dated March 2, 2021 and the Supplemental Bill List dated February 12, 2021 through February 26, 2021.

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

Mr. Mitch: This is all I have Mr. President.

**Public Meeting:**

Council President Small: Thank you Mr. Mitch. We now go into 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.

Mr. Mitch: Are there any comments from the public this evening? Hearing no comments from the public, can I get a motion that the public portion of this meeting be closed?

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. My agenda is in order. Just a few announcements.

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
18. Human Rights Commission  
HOLD

Council President Small: Just a few announcements. At the end of the month or the beginning of April, be on the lookout for the Easter Bunny through your town to our local Fire Departments. It was an overwhelming success at our last year, and we look forward to do it again this year. So, I will probably have more at the next meeting. Just be aware that this is going to happen.

On a sad note, there was a structure fire on Saturday at Port Reading. A house was fully destroyed. A resident of Port Reading for 45-50 years was severely injured and is still at the hospital, critical. A good samaritan that actually was driving by and that was in the neighborhood, actually pulled her out of the house for safety. She is in Saint Barnabas Hospital right now, so we just ask that we keep her in our thoughts and prayers. It was a really serious injury. To the Fire Departments and EMS, PD that responded, I can't thank you enough. It was a big response. Port Reading, actually had a training day, so there was a lot of people in house that got out to the residence quick, and they did a good job. I want to commend my fellow Councilman Cory Spillar for all his assistance with the investigation of the fire. I appreciate that Cory as always, and to all the other lead investigators that helped out at the scene that day. Other than that, I have no other announcements. I just want to of course, thank all our First Responders for everything they do every day, not just on certain days, but everything they do on every day. God Bless America and this is all I have.

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

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

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

Council Vice President Bauer: I just have one announcement. There is a quick update on the traffic signal project at New Brunswick Avenue, and in Pennsylvania Avenue and Hopelawn. We should have received bids last week, and an awarding contract will be presented shortly to the Council. Thank you for your patience. That's all I have tonight. Thank you Council President.

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. March is Women's History Month. Women have made history and broken barriers in all fields. This month,

let's educate ourselves and others on the many contributions that women have made throughout the world. So, here is to all the strong, courageous, and beautiful women out there, specially our first responders, our police women, our fire women, nurses and doctors, our teachers, and our EMTs; here is to all of you

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

Councilwoman DeJesus: Item #9 - the Barron Arts Center will have an exhibit starting March 5<sup>th</sup> through March 26<sup>th</sup> titled Weaving Traditions: Textiles of India. This exhibit curated by fashion designer Sonal Gadhavi, features Indian fabrics and textile techniques like Khadi silk, Kutch embroidery, Ikat, Batik and Jamdan fabrics. And I apologize for the pronunciation of some of these words. The lecture that accompanies this exhibit will be Video-On-Demand on March 11<sup>th</sup> via link on the Barron Arts Center Facebook Page.

The Woodbridge Township's 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Senior Citizen's Exhibition is now asking for submissions. All art must be officially registered at these places: the Barron Arts Center, the Evergreen Senior Center, Sycamore Senior Center, Hickory Senior Center or Five Branches Senior Center by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Again, the deadline to submit your art work is April 23<sup>rd</sup>. All eligible art includes oils, acrylics, watercolors, photography, sculpture, fine arts, and many others. Once the pieces have been submitted and selected, the exhibit will run from April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Barron Arts Center.

Also, PoetsWednesday has resumed meeting the second Wednesday of each month at the moment from 8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. For any of these programs, please contact the Barron Arts Center at 732-634-0413 with any questions.

10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.  
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Item#10 – the Free Public Library of Woodbridge. Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday with a visit to the WPL YouTube Channel where the library has linked to TV-35. Stories are read out loud by some of our favorite readers. New Jersey Makers Day is usually two days in late March. This year, the library will offer a DIY Take & Make activity all month for children, teens, and adults with a raffle for teens and adults who participate. The Woodbridge Garden Club has partnered with the library to do two special maker activities to get our gardens ready for spring. Visit the library calendar at [woodbridgelibrary.org](http://woodbridgelibrary.org) or call 732-634-4450 for details and to register for maker month activities.

11. Veteran's Tax Deduction.  
HOLD

12. Green Infrastructure.  
HOLD

13. Girl Sports.  
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: The Woodbridge Township Recreation Department presents Girls Youth Softball: One Township, One League. It is for Girls K-9th grade. The League runs from April through June. All games will be played throughout the Township. Again, it is \$50.00 for the Township residents including uniforms, \$65.00 for non-residents and that includes the uniforms. There is no work bond or 50/50. Please reach out to the Recreation Department at 732-596-4048 or email them at [recreationdepartment@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:recreationdepartment@twp.woodbridge.nj.us).

14. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavilion and Camp.  
HOLD

15. Census 2020.  
HOLD

16. Youth Leadership Council.  
HOLD

Councilwoman De Jesus: That is all that I have. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Spillar.

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

Councilman Spillar: Item #8 - the Avenel Fire Department as well as other Township Fire Departments will be teaming up with the American Irish Association for a food drive going on starting today until March 14<sup>th</sup>. You can drop off your non-perishable food items at the Avenel Firehouse 346 Avenel Street between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The bin will be located inside the firehouse. Any questions, feel free to call the firehouse at 732-634-2358 or you can check out the website [www.avenelfire.org](http://www.avenelfire.org). I appreciate all the support.

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

Councilman Spillar: Item #9 – it is a new month for St. Andrews Knights of Columbus and Columbian Club of Avenel for their Friday Night Curbside Dinners to go. This week we've got fish. It is Lent. For information you can go to [www.kofc5088.org](http://www.kofc5088.org). Also I know we have a meeting before Saint Patrick's Day, but they are taking orders now. The Knight of Columbus and Columbian Club of Avenel are having a Saint Patrick's Day Curbside Dinner on Saint Patrick's Day located at 109 Morrisey Avenue This number along with the number for the Friday Night dinners, you can call 732-636-9696 for your reservations. That's all for my agenda this evening, Council President.

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. The Woodbridge Township Youth Soccer Association is still registering for the spring league up to this Monday. You can sign your child up at [www.woodbridge.youthsoccer.com](http://www.woodbridge.youthsoccer.com).

I just like to echo Council President Small comments on the fire, this past Saturday. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. People, once again, did an incredible job by all emergency services. People say: "Well you know, that's what they do." You are absolutely right; that's what they do. People put on uniforms every day, but you know, rolling up to something like that where the victim is hanging halfway out the house, and the fire is blowing out the front door and every window. You know, we had a fatal fire unfortunately in Avenel last month. So hopefully, things will start looking up. So thank you all Emergency Responders, Fire, EMS, our Woodbridge Police Department, OEM and C.E.R.T.

And I'd just like to welcome back all our teachers, faculty, and most importantly all of our children, my children back to school. Here is hoping to a great start to the rest of your school year. Be safe, be smart, and God Bless America. Thank you Council President Small.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman Meehan.

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

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

1. Inman Avenue Business District Improvements.  
HOLD
2. Green Houses – Colonia Middle and Colonia High Schools.

HOLD

3. Evergreen Senior/Youth Center / Senior Services.  
HOLD

4. Events: Taste of Colonia.  
Have a Heart Food Drive.  
Colonia Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt.  
Colonia 5K/Chris Jantas Run.  
Colonia Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament.  
Support the Troops Rally.  
Colonia Pride Day.  
Colonia Clean Up.  
Colonia Christmas Tree Lighting.  
Cookies and Can for the Troops and Food Bank.  
Toys for Tots Run.  
Breast Cancer Walk.

HOLD

Councilwoman Meehan: I just want to get some figures out on our Have-A-Heart Food Drive. We collected 15,000 pounds of food and over \$ 78,000.00 to go to the community food bank. Thank you everybody that donated money and that gave a can of food. No matter what you did, it really mattered, and we were able to build back our food banks. It is such an important thing right now with Covid and people that are out of work. Together as a community we really pulled together, and we helped to restore this. So thank you. We still be taking, as Cory mentioned about the American Irish, you can drop it off at any of the firehouses.

5. Food Pantry.  
HOLD
6. Reinhard Manor.  
HOLD
7. Colonia Fire Department/First Aid Squad.  
HOLD
8. Colonia American Legion/V.F.W./Elks.  
HOLD
9. Veteran's Issues.  
HOLD
10. Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.  
HOLD
11. Cpl. Kevin Reinhard Marine Corps League.  
HOLD

12. Municipal Alliance + Addiction Task Force.  
HOLD
13. Volunteer Directory.  
HOLD
14. Domestic Violence Response Team.  
HOLD
15. AED Program.  
HOLD

Councilwoman Meehan: Good luck to all the students, the kids, the parents and the teachers for going back to school. I am glad to see everybody is back. I look out the window, I see the crossing guard out there, and it is nice to see the little ones back to school. I hope they have a safe return. That's all I have this evening.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman Drumm.

**NANCY J. DRUMM, 1<sup>st</sup> WARD COUNCILWOMAN**

Councilwoman Drumm: 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. (DMA) Downtown Merchants Association.  
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: My agenda items #2, #3 and #5 - Downtown Merchants Association, Main Street Special Improvement District and Buy Local Program. I am asking to please continue to shop local. Our businesses need your support more than ever. The Downtown Main Street Redevelopment Projects at 10 Main, 10 Green and 55 Brooke Street are continuing along at their construction sites through the pandemic, and hopefully the weather will stay calm and they will be able to continue their good work.

3. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).  
HOLD
4. Chamber of Commerce.  
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: #4 – the Chamber of Commerce held a networking event this past Friday night at Strawberry’s, and I would like to thank the owners the Gulino Family for offering their space to us, outside and under the tent with delicious food, so we could meet up with other businesses and connect.

A special thanks also to Roaring Moose LLC, owner Dan Grabon who supplied all of us with donations of customized chamber face mask, sanitizer, and lip balm.

An upcoming event will be a Chamber hosted in partnership with Career Counselors Inc. a Middlesex County virtual high school job fair. This will take place on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Students from Middlesex County high schools that have decided to enter the workforce either through apprenticeships or entry level positions. Middlesex College will also be invited. More details on this job fair to come, but I just want to get the word out. We are just looking for businesses to come on board and join in with us. You can call Sam Grant at 917-859-2873 or email him at [cc\\_nhcf@yahoo.com](mailto:cc_nhcf@yahoo.com).

I also want to mention and welcome a new business to town: the Lidl Store will be opening tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m. on Saint George Avenue across from the Main Library. They will be having a grand opening there at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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

Councilwoman Drumm: Woodbridge Elks Lodge are now able to offer some opportunities to our community since some of the Covid restrictions have been lifted, such as their Friday Night Fish Fry, their fundraisers, and their food drives as well as their food distributions that they have been doing all along through pandemic. You can visit their Facebook Page for the details on all the events and the times.

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: The Sewaren Marina. Township's plans for the Marina expansion and the Sewaren waterfront area along Smith Creek on Cliff Road to add additional boat slips, and a restaurant as we purchased the Captain Hook Marina and vacant and abandoned Pirates Cove Marina. Both of these purchases were made with funds provided by a \$3 million grant from the Middlesex County open space trust fund. This grant will also cover necessary environmental cleanup of the properties. We also have a \$1.5 million in funding from the County for repair and renovation projects here. There are more details to come as we plan the Marina complex. Please email or contact me with any questions that you may have. In the midst of the continuing pandemic, many of our family members, friends, and community members' lives have been lost, and many continue to suffer with many challenges due to Covid. Please be mindful and show your kindness to others at this difficult time in all of our lives. That's all I have Council President. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Anderson.

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

Councilman Anderson: Thank you Council President. First I'd like to announce that the Woodbridge Broncos will be having their spring season. As you know, they had to cancel their fall season due to

Covid. They are having their final registration right now. It appears that they are going to have levels for our 12U and our 14U, and possibly a 10U Team. The registration costs is \$135.00. It will be a registration tomorrow night at the Woodbridge Broncos building located at 450 Chains O' Hills Road from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There are no weight limits in this league. So players can come from all different sizes. We are looking forward to having this program. We really appreciate the volunteers that made it possible but we know that there are risks out there. We are taking all of the same protocols that our high schools took for Covid, to be very responsible, and protecting all our players and our parents. We'll do anything possible to keep them safe so they can have a positive experience. I would like to announce that for Black History Month, although the Independent Club of Colonia, who typically hold the Black History Month event, will be holding the event virtually. So it was a little bit of time, but it will be on March 8th-TV 35. So I just ask that everyone tune in. Mr. Hall from the Independent Club of Colonia will be narrating the event, and will be highlighting black families for that. So, we are excited about that.

Schools are back in session, in hybrid session. As a parent and as a superintendent, I am excited that the kids are back in school. Early forecast is that the teachers and students are all thrilled to see each other and we are excited for them.

Councilwoman Drumm did not mentioned this, but she did invite me to be a judge last week on Saturday for the American Legion Oratorical Contest. It is countywide and it was a fantastic experience, and it was very well done, and very organized. The winner was Nicholas Kimball from J.P. Stevens High School. He is a senior and possibly heading to St. John's University in New York. As we know Speaker Coughlin is a big fan of that school' so, I am sure that he will be pushing for him. But he gave an 8-minute speech on the Constitution that was prepared, and then a 4-minute speech that he was not prepared for that the subject was selected for him from the Constitution. It was really nice to see a young person come in, who is very knowledgeable about our Constitution, and able to speak on the Constitution. It was fantastic. So, I just want to thank Councilwoman Drumm for inviting me for that event and I look forward to being the judge next year as well.

Councilwoman Drumm: And also Councilman, there is going to be the state competition.

Councilman Anderson: March 20 at the World Memorial building. I actually have been in touch with him. He reached out to me on some things, and we've just been talking as you are, pulling for him to do well on that competition as well.

1. W.T.Y.R.C.  
HOLD
2. Job Bank.  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: As far as our jobs, State Park Service hires over 700 employees annually during our peak summer season. The positions includes naturalists and history educators, visitor service assistants, state park police visitor service assistance, trail stewards, office assistants, lifeguards, and maintenance personnel. The salary range start at \$12.00 per hour for most positions. Lifeguards start at \$13.00 an hour. However, salaries varied based on experience. The minimum age

to apply is 16 years old, and if you love being outdoors and if you looking for fun, a fun fulfilling summer job, look no further than working for NJ State Park or Forest. You can learn more by going to <https://nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/applyforjobs>. But the season jobs out there are for our young people. I encourage to look into that to apply, but you can start out on our NJ.gov website. That is all I have. Thank you very much.

Council President Small: I had an opportunity to judge 2 years ago and the students were just incredible. Thank you.

Councilman Anderson: My boys were kind of upset because they know when I go to these types of things, I come home and then I go, here is the constitution. I want to speak after dinner tonight, no pressure.

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

Council President Small: Thank you Councilman Ficarra.

Councilman Anderson: Council President, I just missed one thing that I mentioned, I know I was searching for something and this goes in conjunction with Councilwoman DeJesus mentioned with Women's History Month. Middlesex County does Art & Story Time every Wednesday. They did Black History Month last month. This month they will be focusing on Women's History Month. Tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. for age 2-10 their Story Time followed by artwork and that is on the County website. To register you can go on the Middlesex County website in the Arts Department. They will be focusing on Josephine Baker and that is tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. and you can go on the Middlesex County website in the Arts Department. I am very sorry about that interruption.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Patel.

**GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE**

Councilman Ficarra: Thank you Council President.

1. WCC (Woodbridge Community Center).

(A) Senior Recreation and programming.

(B) Youth Recreation and programming.

HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: First item on my agenda from the Woodbridge Township Recreation Department. The usual services, the membership drive is still going on. Ice skating is available starting March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> we have roller skating. I do want to point out that we've started taking reservations for rental at the Pavilion, which is outside and it's a very nice place for family functions, even weddings, birthdays, that type of thing. So they are up, both the Club at Woodbridge, and our Woodbridge Community Center brochures should've come out to everyone's house through the mail. I just wanted to point that out.

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: Moving over to the area of Mental Health. A report from Dr. Bonnie Nolan, the crisis intervention training for the police is now in effect and it is going through, and currently being administered. Dr. Nolan will be attending the musters which is the meeting for the Police Department as they go out on their details and their shifts to review the aspects of the crisis intervention training.

Moving over in the world of legislation. As we know the marijuana legislation has been stipulated that in some cases, minors must receive treatment. If they are caught, there is a discussion now between the PD and Dr. Nolan's department on the proper way to go through that. We have a 10 new certified peer recovery specialists through a grant so that just widens the scope of our program.

And then finally, I just wanted to share a story that I was made aware of because of my involvement in the YMCA. Not this week that we are in, but last week, our Police Department received a call to go out to an area where it appeared to be someone living in the car. It turned out to be a mother and some children going through some difficult times and the mom had just gotten a job, I believe with Amazon. The Police Department went out of their way to make sure that this woman was safe at that time with her family. Actually, went out of their way to get them a room to stay in because this happen on a Wednesday, and their appointment through the YMCA was on Friday, so there was that gap there. The PD took it upon themselves to get this woman into some help until she got into the family service system which she did, and things are moving in the right direction. I can't say that it is perfect right now, but it is moving in the right direction. All because the police took the time to do that extra step. Thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you for sharing that.

Councilman Ficarra: You don't hear that in the news too much, that's why I wanted to take the time to do that. And of course, nobody on the PD Department will tell me who the officers are, but I would think that that is a regular thing for our guys.

Council President Small: Very good. Thank you.

13. COVID-19 efforts.  
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: Moving down to the update on the Covid-19 clinic here at Woodbridge. From the last time we met from February 14th to the 28th, there were (4) four clinics, and administered 852 doses. To date we have 21 clinics, we are just shy of 3,200 doses. I want to point out that the State has a state senior hotline for those people that are 75 years or older to help them schedule an appointment; the phone number is 856-249-7007. Again this is for seniors 75 and older for some assistance through the State program 856-249-7007. We know by most of our media outlets that the governor has announced expansion of eligibility starting March 15, educators and those involved around education throughout has access if they haven't already along with a series of other people including public safety workers, migrant farm workers, tribal communities, and the list will go on as it expands. The last that I just mentioned, they don't go into effect until March 29.

**(VIRU) VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4<sup>th</sup> 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. 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Road Projects.  
HOLD
6. Magnolia/Willow/Walnut Area Commuter Parking.  
HOLD
7. Sign Ordinance.  
HOLD

8. Cooper Field.

HOLD

+Councilman Patel: I'd like just to make a couple of announcements. Woodbridge Schools have started from yesterday on a hybrid instruction. I would like to thank the superintendent, all qualified members, and schools' staff members for opening the schools. I think they were almost closed for 12 months. Also I'd like to have a reminder for the parents and students to take all appropriate measures to stop or control the spread of the Covid viruses. Also Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> there is going to be a daylight savings time, so please don't forget to change your time. Also in two weeks we have St. Patrick's Day coming so I would like to wish everyone in advance a Happy Saint Patrick's Day. That's all for tonight. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Mr. Mitch.

**JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK**

Mr. Mitch: Thank you Mr. President. Just 2 items.

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).

Mr. Mitch: At our last meeting I indicated that we were reviewing possible charges against the licensee and I'll get back to you. We still continue to work with the Police, the Prosecutor, and Health Department on that. So more details will follow in the next couple of weeks.

3. Liquor License Renewals.

- A. 2021 Annual Retail Licensee Meeting.

Mr. Mitch: One other comment in regards with the Annual Licensing Training for retail liquor license holders. Due to Covid restrictions, I'll likely not be holding it here this year. However, I talked to the State and we might be partnering on a virtual venture for all our businesses. So I'll keep you posted on how we are going to handle that. That's all I have. Thank you.

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: Thank you Council President Small. I have two items under administration. I have a 100% Disabled Veteran Tax.

**POLICE:**

Business Administrator Cimilluca: And under Police I have Traffic Ordinance Amendments. Thank you.

**HEALTH:**

**RECREATION:**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

**PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:**

**LEGAL:**

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

On a motion made by Councilman Bauer seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously, Council President Small adjourned the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

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Brian Small,  
Council President

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