

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 May 3, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

Council President, Howie Bauer: Please rise for our Pledge to the Flag and remain standing for a moment of silence for all our Military personnel serving here and abroad.

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

Notice Requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been satisfied concerning this meeting. The Home News Tribune and The Star Ledger published the Annual Notice Schedule on December 10, 2021. A copy of the Schedule was posted on the Municipal bulletin board. It should be so noted in the minutes of this meeting.

The Municipal Clerk took the Municipal Council attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cory Spillar, Kyle Anderson, Brian Small, Sharon McAuliffe, Gregg Ficarra, Howie Bauer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lizbeth DeJesus, Debbie Meehan, Virbhadra N. Patel

ALSO PRESENT: John E. McCormac, Mayor
John Mitch, Municipal Clerk
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator
Marta Lefsky-Darden, Director of Planning and Development
George Brew, Director of Public Works
Casey Wagner, Assistant Business Administrator
Joseph Nisky, Deputy Director of Police
Eric Lange, Esq.

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from April 5, 2022 and April 19, 2022?

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

Council Meeting & Board of Health Meeting: April 5, 2022

Council Meeting: April 19, 2022

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

- A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-14 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO DELETE – BUNNS LANE; TO ADD – BUNNS LANE. (2022-25)**

- B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO ADD – MAY STREET. (2022-26)**

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Beginning with the Second Reading of the Ordinances. We’ll take Letters A and B by consent. Can I get a motion that these Ordinances be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

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

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

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously.

- C. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE AMENDED “METROPARK WOOD AVENUE SOUTH REDEVELOPMENT PLAN” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (2022-27)**

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter C is an Ordinance amending the MetroPark Wood Avenue South Redevelopment Plan. Can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the Public Hearing be opened?

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

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

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously.

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

- D. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO ADD – S. CHARLES STREET.**
- E. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION AT RAHWAY AVENUE (CR 514) AND GREEN STREET/EAST GREEN STREET, WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.**
- F. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO CREATE NEW SECTION 7-44 ENTITLED “ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES AND DIRT BIKES”.**
- G. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WOODBRIDGE COLUMBIAN CLUB.**
- H. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 ENTITLED “BUILDING AND HOUSING”, SECTION 17-1 STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE ENFORCING AGENCY.**

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading, to be published in the Home News Tribune on Friday, May 6, 2022 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on May 17, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent.

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Court hereby approves of the Adoption of the Corrective Action Plan for the 2021 Audit.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the appointment of Casey Wagner to serve as a member of the Main Street Special Improvement District for a three (3) year term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2024.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the appointment of Ricardo Viteri to serve as a member of the Woodbridge Township Environmental Commission for a three (3) year term commencing May 3, 2022 and terminating May 2, 2025.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Design, Construction and Construction Administration Agreement with Middlesex County for an Intersection Improvement Project at Rahway Avenue and Omar Avenue.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute an Indemnification Agreement with the New Jersey Turnpike Authority for a flag permit agreement for the Ford Avenue Bridge.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute a Hold Harmless Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and Iselin Fire Prevention Bureau #11.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement with PSE&G.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a contract with Triad Associates for professional Community Development Block Program Consulting services for Technical Assistance.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a contract Agreement with Triad Associates for professional Community Development Block Program Consulting services for preparation of a Workable Relocation Assistance Plan and Relocation Case Management Services.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Environmental

Connection, Inc. for professional environmental consulting services for asbestos abatement at 270 Old Road in an amount not to exceed \$3,685.00.

- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into Agreement with Environmental Connection, Inc. for professional environmental consulting services for asbestos abatement at 31 Marconi Avenue, Iselin in an amount not to exceed \$5,620.00.
- (12) **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 and installation of Utility Body and Plow and Sander for one (1) new F-450s for Equipment Repair from A & K Equipment Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$50,522.00.
- (13) **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 and installation of Plows and Sanders for three (3) new F-250s for Roads and Parks from A & K Equipment Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$48,924.00.
- (14) **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 two (2) 2022 Ford F-450 Regular Cab/Chassis 4X4 DRW from Flemington Ford in an amount not to exceed \$83,980.00.
- (15) **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 three (3) 2022 Ford F-250 Regular Cab 4X4 Pick-Up Trucks from Flemington Ford, in an amount not to exceed \$98,694.00.
- (16) **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 two (2) 2022 Ford F-550 Regular ab/Chassis 4X4 DRW from Flemington Ford in an amount not to exceed \$88,316.00.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Bid from Allied Oil for a term of 24 months with an optional 12 month renewal for Gas/Diesel Fuel.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Purchasing Agent to reject all bids received on May 3, 2022 for the 2022 Milling and Resurfacing Program and is authorized and directed to re-bid the contract.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the adoption of **Resolution No. 12** adopted on May 18, 2021 regarding Liquor License #1225-33- 104-004 be amended to reflect the correct entity as **Rare Beverages of Woodbridge, LLC**.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the transfer of the State Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Appropriations.

(21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Bill List.

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

Public Meeting:

Council President Bauer: At this time we'll go to the public portion of our meeting. Please state your name, part of the Township or State that you are from. You have a one time, five minute time period. All videotaping must be taken within a designated area in the rear of the room and there will be no shouting out from your seats. Please respect each other and please make sure all signs or posters are not blocking walkways or aisles. Thank you.

James Debrowski, Woodbridge: Spoke about Earth Day, the Keasbey Power Plant and the pollution and detriment that it will bring to our immediate environment and implored the community leaders to support the NAACP Perth Amboy division in standing against building the Keasbey Power Plant and to cease new fossil fuel projects. Also commended the Township on acting so quickly on the Colonia High School situation. Announced that the NAACP Perth Amboy division will be hosting a public education forum on May 14, 2022 with more information on the Food and Water Watch New Jersey Facebook page.

Council Vice President Ficarra: Council President, back a few months ago prior to Christmas, when the gentleman came here and made a presentation on the power plant and we voted, I did follow up with the Department of Environmental Protection. I told them that I voted yes on it, not that we really had any choice because we weren't necessarily part of the technical, they were within the boundaries of their construction. I did express the concern and shared with them the paperwork that was shared with us. I can get you the name of the person I spoke to.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about the latest Planning Board meeting regarding the new apartment building proposals in Menlo Park Terrace, Ross Street and Fulton Street and will any of them be tax exempt and are any of them PILOT programs. Spoke about the Colonia High School incidents and that every school should be tested and taken seriously and it's being downplayed, kids are afraid to go to school because of this. Also asked what the plan is for Route 9 and Main Street.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: The people in Menlo Park Terrace project have applied as a PILOT. I didn't understand what your second one was. We don't have an application on Main and Fulton. Nobody in this Administration is downplaying it. We are all taking it very very seriously. We acted quick, tested quickly, we are talking to the State regularly and the Board regularly. No one in this Administration is downplaying it. Route 9 and Main Street is getting

an intersection improvement. Both the entrance from Main Street to Route 9 North and the entrance from Route 9 South. It's all being done in conjunction with the State, which owns Route 9 and the County which owns Main Street and it's all being funded by them.

Resident, Colonia: Asked how the Department of Health of Woodbridge is playing a part in the Colonia High School investigation. Asked who is collecting the data on cancer cases. Believes that the state should have collected the data before the town spent money on testing.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: The Township hired T&M Associates who prepared an action plan for us and we went over that with our Health Department, the State agencies, Federal agencies and everybody concurred that was the right course of action to take. We approved that at our April 5th meeting, when the Council authorized \$450,000 in spending and then \$221,353.00 contract with T&M Associates and subcontract with Cabrera Associates. They began testing on April 9th and they finished testing inside the building on April 25th, they finished testing outside the building on April 30th, and right now we are waiting for the results. Our health department is in constant contact with us. Right now no one is collecting the data regarding the cancer cases aside from the private individual but I'm glad you asked that because I was going to talk about it later. We talked to the Department of Health and stressed to them the need to work with their Cancer registry and to find a way for all of the people that are involved that are victims or the family of a victim to go on to that portal with a special link that can connect them to a way for a medical professional to enter everything they have about them such as how many cancers they've had, family history and other data about them. Right now all we are working with is the list, it's a scary list because the numbers are high, but it has not been validated or verified in any way shape or form. The only people that can do that are the people at the State Department of Health and they are working with us on how they should design that portal to collect that information because if it is connected to Colonia High School, there has to be a way for people to enter that they went there. Right now that is not in the registry where you went to high school. And if we waited for the data to be collected and verified by the state it could take months. And I don't think we should wait because everybody seems to agree that radiation is a source of brain cancer and brain tumors. It makes common sense in our opinion to start testing for radiation. So we test inside with the radon detectors and we test outside with the gamma ray meters that go all over the grounds of the school. It would be inappropriate to wait. There is now a two week period that we have to wait for results. I am happy to explain to you what we are doing at the end of the meeting.

Paul Lund, Hopelawn: Expressed his condolences to Mr. Mitch on the passing of his mother. Spoke about a community choice aggregation plan and how can he opt out of the alternative energy plan.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: We did this several years ago. Frankly we don't like the law that says you have to opt out. I think the law should be you should opt in and if you want it, you get it. The communication was not clear, it didn't look like an official envelope and it didn't look

like something you had to answer and people just threw it out including my mother. Then all of a sudden they are in a system for energy that we didn't want to be in and I don't like that. It didn't work out and we dropped it and vowed never to do it again. But there was a petition prepared last summer and we had to act on it because it had the required amount of signatures. We could have passed an Ordinance and worked on a new energy aggregation plan or we could have put it to the voters. We decided to put it in to two ordinances and we passed it and now we're working on putting that out. We don't have the answer to your questions yet because we have yet to bid, but we are working on possibly joining other towns because they are in the same boat as we are and maybe pooling with other towns we can get a better deal. We still have some time left on that Ordinance before we have to do something. I would be happy to share the answer once we know what we are going to do.

Tom Maras, Fords: Spoke about the Ross Street parking lot and his concern about the traffic, the power plant causing more harm than good from a health stand point. Spoke about how the tax payers should not be paying for the Vito Mazza parking garage spaces. Also asked if we will allow a recreational marijuana shop to operate on Main Street or anywhere in Woodbridge.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Council President, Vito Mazza is paying for his share of the parking deck and we passed an Ordinance that does not allow any recreational marijuana in town other than the medical marijuana facility on Route 1 in Woodbridge. That is automatically grandfathered by the State of New Jersey and is not up to us whether we allow it or not.

Howie Bauer, Council President: I sat out there a few days on Amboy Avenue right across from the 7-11 and watched how many kids actually walk to school nowadays. When we were young we all walked to school. Now kids are driven and within that 45 minute time I saw about six kids being walked to school by their parents. Most kids are dropped off by their parents so I don't think there is going to be a safety issue. And if there is a going to be a safety issue, I think we would have crossing guards out there which are there now and also provide a police officer.

Linda Seguine, M.P.T. – Asked if the residents pay taxes on the new parking garage or is there a 30 year or do they pay the minute they start the project? Spoke about how the outlook of our town is changing and may not look like a suburb anymore and it's starting to feel more like a city in many ways. Concerned about the project in Menlo Park Terrace.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Everybody pays taxes. If it's a residential unit, they pay taxes from the moment they collect rent. If it's commercial, in terms of a power plant, retail space or a warehouse, they start paying at milestones that they complete the project and then they pay for the next 30 years in the PILOT payment and they pay taxes the rest of their lives like everybody else. They get a very slight discount, somewhere between 10% and 15%. But as I said, many times the PILOT program works. We keep 95% of whatever they pay which is say 85% of normal taxes. So any day of the week I'll take 95% of 85% instead of 25% of 100%. And plus the 25% of 100% comes into the pot of revenues which is restricted as to how much it can grow.

PILOTS have no restrictions. The PILOTS on Main Street are paying for Ross Street School and Woodbridge Middle School. And those two things have had a phenomenal impact on property values in the area. A brand new school and a practically brand new middle school are amazing for property values. The same thing is happening throughout the town with all the school, parks, and playground improvements. All of the money that we collect gets put back into the community. Every single entity in the community, except for nonprofit, pays taxes.

Ricki, Colonia: Spoke about a letter she received regarding Colonia High School stating that at this time there is no health concern. Asked on what basis was it concluded that there is no health concern at this time and is there any Woodbridge personnel assigned to the Colonia High School matter.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: The basis is that we don't know that there is a health concern so we can't say that there is. We tested and we have to wait for the results. There may be, hopefully there won't be, but we can't say that there is a health concern because we have no evidence that there is one. Right now there is only a list from Facebook and no health professional, environmental, state or federal official is going to act on a Facebook list. They're going to wait for us to get the results and they're going to wait for the Department of Health to do a study and really dig into it before anybody acts. Nobody is acting off of a list that came from social media. I don't mean to degrade Al Lupiano and the job that he has done. He has done a terrific job seeking people out and advertising and saying tell me your issues and get on that list if it's appropriate. A wonderful effort and wonderful person but it still needs to be verified. The Department of Health at the State level is handling this. We are not equipped with experts or computer programs, we don't run a cancer registry like the State Department of Health does. I personally talked to the Commissioner of Health twice in the last two weeks. They are aware of the issue and are working on the issue and it's going to take time. Having worked in state government for four years, I can assure you there is not enough people to move fast. We moved very fast but the state doesn't move fast. I don't want to say they are going answer to a cancer registry any time soon. But they are aware of it and they have to be the ones to do it, our health department is not equipped.

Frank Trombattore, Woodbridge: Spoke about being challenged by a Councilman Anderson at the last Council meeting regarding what is being taught to the children in school, parents are sending him messages and they are angry. Referred to an article that there are children that identify as non-binary in Kinnelon. Commented that there are radical activist teachers that don't pay attention to their parameters and will do anything to children and twist their minds. Wants an apology from Councilman Anderson as he is a taxpayer. Called for Councilman Anderson to resign.

Kyle Anderson, Councilman at Large: I don't know what news source you got this from. The standards don't start at 5 years old sir. A lot is a very general term sir. What school and what age group? You are wrong and do not know when standards start. The districts have been instructed

by the Governor that they are supposed to sit down with their constituents and stake holders and they are going to decide the best way to deliver the standards. But they don't start at five years old. You came in here and you made a statement and said a teacher was teaching a sex act to a five year old. Go back and watch the recording. You were wrong. If you are wrong in your information, I am going to correct you.

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

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

HOWIE BAUER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT / 2nd WARD COUNCILMAN:

Council President Bauer: At this time we'll go to into our Agendas. My agenda is in order. I have a few announcements.

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.
HOLD
 - A. Cruise Night.
 - B. Trunk or Treat.
7. Fords/Hopelawn/Keasbey Fire Companies.
HOLD
8. Fords V.F.W.

- HOLD
9. Troop 53 Boy Scouts of America.
HOLD
 10. Pathmark Property.
HOLD
 11. Brownfields.
HOLD
 12. Hickory Senior Center.
HOLD
 13. Greenway Family Success Center.
HOLD
 14. Highland Grove Swim Pool.
HOLD
 15. Little Libraries.
HOLD
 16. Human Rights Commission.
HOLD
 17. Concerts.
HOLD

Woodbridge Summerfest 2022 will be held on June 4th at Merrill Park starting at noon. It will be a fun filled day of great food, music, children's activities, beer garden and musical bands. Woodbridge Annual Fireworks will be held on July 1st and the rain date will be July 2nd at Alvin B. Williams Park. The park opens at 4 p.m. Musical guest will be A M Gold. May is Support Your Military Month so Woodbridge Township is supporting our troops in rally which will be on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 6 p.m. at George Frederick Plaza at the monument between Woodbridge Main library and Woodbridge High School. The rain location for that day will be the Woodbridge High School Auditorium. Your support helps show our local military families that have sacrificed in defense of our freedom have not been forgotten. If you know of any Woodbridge residents in the military, please contact the Fifth Ward Councilwoman, Debbie Meehan at coloniacorner@comcast.net. This Saturday the Woodbridge Community Center will be the 10th Annual Emergency Services Cup. The first game will be the Woodbridge Warriors Sled Hockey Team at 4:15 p.m. versus the Woodbridge Police Department. And at 5:45 p.m. is the Woodbridge Fire and EMS versus the Woodbridge Police. Tickets are \$10 for a donation and all the money we raise will go to Make a Wish Foundation so please come out and support

your local first responders for a good cause. Also Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers out there. Enjoy your day. That's all I have. Council Vice President Ficarra.

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

Council Vice President Ficarra: Thank you Council President.

1. WCC (Woodbridge Community Center).
HOLD
All the rage now is pickleball and pickleball is part of our community center. If you are a member, it isn't part of your membership. Also our miniature golf and batting cages are open Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
2. Youth Month – April.
Senior Month – May.
HOLD
3. Mayor's Fitness/Wellness Initiatives.
HOLD
4. Fireworks.
HOLD
5. Heroes & Cool Kids/Strengthening Families.
HOLD
6. Pedestrian Safeway's /East Coast Greenway.
HOLD
7. Annual Pizza Run.
HOLD
8. Jacob's Landing.
HOLD
9. The Club at Woodbridge Upgrades.
HOLD
Spring and Summer Camp Programs a lot of good things going on.
10. Crossroad's Race.
HOLD
11. Mental Health/Wellness.
HOLD
12. COVID-19 Efforts.
HOLD

13. Mobile Health Unit.
HOLD
14. Senior Services Directory.
HOLD

The Woodbridge Youth and Health Services are modeling an event after Shark Tank. It is a wellness initiative for students 9th – 12th grade. Participants can apply individually or as a team of up to five members. A student can only participate in one application. The competition is open to the public. Private and home schooled students are encouraged to apply. There is no fee to enter. All applications must be original ideas that can be implemented. Applications initiated must not be based on concepts that are illegal, unethical or offensive. There are awards for this and a number of rules. First place will receive \$700 cash to initiate their program, they will also receive guidance and support. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$300 all with guidance. Application deadlines close May 21, 2022 and the finalists will be noticed on May 27, 2022.

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilman Small.
Councilman Small: Thank you Council President.

1. Woodbridge News.
HOLD
2. Mac-E.
HOLD
3. Port Reading Fire and Township First Aid Squads.
HOLD
The Annual Mother’s Day Flower Sale is this Friday, Saturday and Sunday across the street from the Port Reading Fire House.
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 at Cypress Recreation Center/Our House.
HOLD
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 (9/24/22).
HOLD
13. Marine Eight.
HOLD
14. Mayor Mac Café.
HOLD
Mayor Mac’s Café Located at 881 West Avenue in Port Reading is open from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.
15. Jazz Festival.
HOLD
16. Light Parade (11/26/22).
HOLD
17. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.
HOLD
18. Woodbridge B.P.O.E. Elks 2166.
HOLD
On May 7, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. is the Cinco de Mayo celebration open to Elks and guests. It benefits Special Olympics. On May 21, 2022 from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., the Elks are holding a pig roast fundraiser for Jessica Baretta. She was high school student that was injured in a motor vehicle accident. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.
If you are interested you can contact Scott Schroeder 908-514-0516.

I have a few announcements. I remind the public that May 15, 2022 – May 21, 2022 is National Police Week. Please have thoughts and prayers for the people of Ukraine, please support all of our First Responders and God Bless America. That is all I have. Thank you.

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE

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
11. Veteran's Tax Deduction.
HOLD
12. Girls' Sports.
HOLD
13. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavillion and Camp; E. William Street Park.
HOLD
14. Youth Leadership Council.
HOLD
15. Community Backpacks.
HOLD
16. Donation of Winter Coats for School Students.
HOLD

17. Safe Place.
HOLD
18. Women's Month.
HOLD
19. Mentoring Programs.
HOLD

CORY S. SPILLAR, 3rd WARD COUNCILMAN

Council President Bauer: Councilwoman Dejesus is not here tonight. Councilman Spillar.
Councilman Spillar: Thank Council President Bauer.

1. Avenel's Very Merry Holiday Lighting (11/27/22) / Port Reading Day (TBD).
HOLD
2. Avenel Arts Village/Train Station /Eric LeGrand Believe Park.
HOLD
Eric LeGrand Believe Park now has the bicycles as part of the bicycle share program. The bikes are free to use from dawn to dusk. Bikers will need to download the MOVATIC application on their iphone or android phone.
3. Woodbridge River Watch/Oros Nature Preserve.
HOLD
4. Port Reading Saints/Saints Complex Improvements.
HOLD
The Saints are currently conducting free cheer clinics for grades K – 7 on Wednesdays in May from 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Please wear sneakers. For more information, email eboard@goldensaints.org. Clinics are held at Cypress center at 881 West Avenue, Port Reading.
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.
HOLD
 - 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 1 Imports property.

I am pleased to announce that the Redevelopment Agency has named Wick Companies as the redeveloper for Area 14 which is the property where the old Pier 1 Imports was located. The redevelopment area will now be called Cloverleaf Center.

The Township has embarked on a program to visit and inspect the various businesses and retail outlets along the Route 1 corridor in order to make certain that they are in compliance with Township regulations and to ensure that visitors and clientele enjoy a safe and healthy experience. Inspectors from various Township departments from Health, Planning, and Public Works as well as the Police Department have issued complaints targeting junk and debris, unpermitted signage, failure to maintain landscaping, sanitation, violation of health codes and fire codes. I'm pleased to report that the vast majority of businesses along the Route 1 corridor are in compliance and those few businesses that have issues have agreed to come in to initiative. I would like to thank the Mayor and the Administration and various departments who are involved in this.

- 8. Avenel Fire Department.

HOLD

I would like to congratulate the Firefighters from Avenel Fire Department as well as Colonia and Woodbridge who received proclamations this evening before the Council meeting. On February 16, 2022, the firefighters searched and found a female victim that was unconscious in a dwelling that was fully involved. It was their swift actions that the victim is alive today. As a matter of fact I believe she just got discharged from St. Barnabas a few days ago.

- 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

- 14. Maple Tree Senior Center.

HOLD

Councilman Spillar: The rest of my agenda is in order Council President just a few announcements. The Rahway Avenue Railroad Crossing will be closed this Friday, May 6, 2022, weather permitting, from approximately 6 p.m. – Saturday, May 7, 2022 at approximately 6 p.m. I want to thank and acknowledge all of the correction officers as this week is National Correction Officer Week. And also National Police week starts May 15, 2022. Remember all the fallen officers that have made the ultimate sacrifice. Thank you to all of our Emergency Responders, Fire, EMS, Woodbridge Police Department, CERT, all of our Public Works and Township employees. Happy Mother’s Day to all of our moms out there and moms on the Council. God Bless America. Thank you Council President Bauer.

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

1. Inman Avenue Business District Improvements.
HOLD
2. Green Houses – Colonia Middle and Colonia High Schools.
HOLD
3. Evergreen Senior and Youth Centers/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
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. Volunteer Directory.
HOLD
13. Domestic Violence Response Team.
HOLD
14. AED Program.
HOLD
15. Springwood.
HOLD

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Council President Bauer: Thank you Councilman Spillar. Councilwoman Meehan is excused, Councilman Anderson: Thank you Council President.

1. W.T.Y.R.C.
HOLD
Springwood Swim Club in person registration is May 13, 2022- May 15, 2022 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and May 20, 2022-May 22, 2022 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Registration is at the Springwood Swim Club at 150 McKinley Avenue, Colonia.
2. Job Bank.
HOLD
Disabled Veteran and Veteran business summit is on May 10, 2022 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 2600 Woodbridge Avenue, Edison in the college center at Middlesex College, building parking lot number three. You will meet certified Disabled Veteran owned businesses to help you meet New Jersey mandated DVOB goals. Talk one on one with these Veteran businesses to assess their capabilities and discuss partnering with them on upcoming project events. For more information you may contact info@njveteranschamber.com. There will also be a construction industry career day on May 31, 2022 and June 1, 2022 at the New Jersey Convention and Expo Center in Edison and June 1, 2022 is open to

high school groups only. NJ Transit has a hiring link on the Township website. If you are a teen or college student looking for an entry level internship, training and employment, please text 'workforce' to 56512 or go to www.middlesexcountynj.gov. and search for the youth one stop center. Also we are looking for substitute teachers. If you have acquired 30 college credits and you are presently enrolled as a part time or full time as a student, you qualify to be a substitute teacher. If you have acquired 60 college credits, you do not need to be enrolled as a student and you also qualify to be a substitute teacher. Please follow the link on the Township website. There is also a link for the Civil Service Commission.

3. Mayor's Trophy.

HOLD

4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame.

HOLD

The Woodbridge Hall of Fame is meeting again since COVID and is hoping to put a class in the Hall of Fame very soon.

5. Taste of Woodbridge.

HOLD

6. Charity Raffle.

HOLD

7. Drive-in Movie.

HOLD

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

HOLD

9. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program.

HOLD

10. Independent Club of Colonia.

HOLD

11. Tooling Around Program.

HOLD

12. Boy Scouts/Camping.

HOLD

13. League Consolidation.

HOLD

14. Middlesex College.

HOLD

15. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change.

HOLD

Councilman Anderson: Over the weekend I attended two events. I just wanted to congratulate Councilwoman Meehan for a very successful event for the fundraiser for P.J. who was in a very severe car accident. I spent about three or four hours there. It was like an Iselin reunion. I really enjoyed myself and it was all for a good cause. There were great relationships that were there that day and I even won a prize. It was nice to go there and do something nice for a young man who's done some nice things around our Township.

Tooling around town the Township, which took place this past weekend, we had over 13 location including 12 homes and one Iselin Library-The Certified Garden for the Blind. We had over 100 volunteers come out and help at various locations. Whether it was helping to build a wheel chair ramp or cleaning up a yard. It's nice to see that Woodbridge Township kicked in.

Lastly, I'm sorry I just want to address Mr. Trombattore's comments. Yes, I did correct Mr. Trombattore and tell him he was wrong because he did not have the standards correct. He quoted things that happened in middle school. There is sex education in middle schools. There's sex education in high schools. The standards have been addressed. The Governor has made sure that our districts know that they have to work within their towns and within their constituents and all of their stake holders on how they are going to deliver sex education. The standards are the standards and teachers do have to get those standards in but they're going to work within their districts and their communities on how they're going to deliver them. At the last meeting he made some comments about teachers teaching a five year old a certain sex act that was very extreme, from whatever news source that he got it from. But he got the age wrong and it was not factual so that is why I corrected him and tonight obviously he was offended by me correcting him. If you're going to come up and you're just going to state anything and there are people that have information that says that your information is incorrect I don't think it's responsible to go out and to the public and just spew out incorrect information. That's all I have to say on that. Thank you very much.

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

1. American Legion (T. Nulty Post).
HOLD
2. Oak Tree Road Special Improvement District (SID).
HOLD
3. JFK High School Field and Building Improvements.
HOLD

4. Sucker's Brook Bank Stabilization.
HOLD
5. 4th Ward Road Projects.
HOLD
6. Magnolia/Willow/Walnut Area Commuter Parking.
HOLD
7. Sign Ordinance.
HOLD
8. Cooper Field.
HOLD

SHARON MCAULIFFE, 1st WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Council President Bauer: Thank you Councilman Anderson. Councilman Patel is excused, Councilwoman McAuliffe.

Councilwoman McAuliffe: Thank you Council President.

1. Events:
Relay For Life.
Fishing Derby.
Parker Press Concerts.
Woodbridge Wednesdays and Local Band Thursdays.
Saint James Street Fair.
HOLD
2. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).
HOLD
3. Chamber of Commerce.
HOLD
4. Buy Local Program.
HOLD
5. Transit Village.
HOLD
6. Blue acres/F.E.M.A.
HOLD

7. Main Street & Route 9.
HOLD
8. Animal Shelter.
HOLD
9. Arts.
HOLD
10. PACE.
HOLD
11. Woodbridge Fire Department.
HOLD
12. Coast Guard.
HOLD
13. Sewaren Library Programs.
HOLD
14. Acacia Center.
HOLD
15. RISE Program.
HOLD
16. Sewaren Marina.
HOLD
17. First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge.
HOLD
18. Earth Day Event.
HOLD
19. Green Infrastructure.
HOLD

My agenda is in order. I have a couple of announcements to make. Tomorrow we are having a Relay for Life fundraiser at Woodbridge High School. The Woodbridge PBA will play basketball at 6 p.m. against the Woodbridge High School teachers. There is a five dollar

entrance fee and the money will get donated to Relay for Life. The Chamber of Commerce is having an after-hours at Roosevelt's Deli at 684 King Georges Road in Fords from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. This a great event for Woodbridge businesses to get themselves out there and they are encouraged to come out and mingle with other businesses and learn how the Chamber can benefit your business. Next Saturday, May 14, 2022 is a busy day for Downtown Woodbridge. There is a lot of stuff going on so make sure that you mark your calendars. First, St. James is having its Tiki Time Spring Auction from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is \$20 and you can get your tickets by calling 732-634 0500 ext. 105. Also the Chamber of Commerce will be having their street fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Main Street. Finally, Eric LeGrand coffee shop will be opening on Saturday, May 14, 2022 located at 10 Green Street in the new Avenue and Green development. The opening event starts at 10 a.m. with a ribbon cutting at 11 a.m. The Downtown Dollars are still available and you can go to downtownwoodbridge.com to purchase your downtown gift cards. This is a great gift for Mother's Day and there are 30 participating retailers on downtown Main Street that are in this program.

I would like to thank Alex who is a 10 year old author of The Adventures of Muffin Man. Alex had a book signing at the Woodbridge Community Center last Saturday and it was an amazing turn out. He is an autistic child and he wrote and illustrated the book. Alex donated all the money for all the books that he sold that day to the P.A.C.E. program for Woodbridge. That was a very commendable thing. I just like to say Happy Mother's Day to my fellow Council mates, Administration and all the residents of Woodbridge Township. Have a very blessed Mother's Day.

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Council Vice President Ficarra.

Council Vice President Ficarra: Councilwoman McAuliffe and I were over at Red Oak Senior Center and there was a little mishap there with the candle and it set off the fire water suppression system. Ten rooms got wet. The EMS system in general, the fire department, police department, and the way they reacted and the passion that they exhibited toward the seniors and people with disabilities, the officer at the front door was there did a great job in trying to gather information while bedlam was going on. And thank God everyone is okay and there is just some water damage. A good compassionate job by our EMS so thank you.

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK

Council President Bauer: Thank you Councilwoman McAuliffe. Mr. Mitch.

Mr. Mitch: Thank you, Mr. President.

1. Liquor License Transfer(s)/Change of Corporate Structure.
 - A. Change of Corporate Structure of Liquor License #1225-33-064-005 Viswasha Foods LLC, t/a The Yellow Chili, 1477 Oak Tree Road, Iselin, NJ 08830.
 - B. Application for a “New” Club ‘31’ Type Liquor License for American Irish Association of Woodbridge, Inc.
 - C. Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-068-011 Parascondola License, Inc., to Ari and Gio, LLC, t/a Casa Giuseppe, 487 Route 27, Iselin, NJ 08830
 - D. Person-To Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-015-007 from WB Dining LLC t/a Tio Juan’s Margarita’s to DIA Foods, LLC t/a Tio Juan’s Margarita’s Restaurant, 53 Route 1 South, Metuchen (MPT), NJ 08840.
2. Liquor License Incident (s)/Hearing(s).
3. Liquor License Renewals.
 - A. Annual Retail Licensee Meeting. (**Virtual: May 26, 2022**).
4. Street Closings/Special Events (Block Parties, Street Fairs, Carnivals, Etc.).
5. Elections.
 - A. 2022 Primary: (**6/7/22**) Early Voting: (**6/3/22 – 6/5/22**).
 - B. 2022 General Election: (**11/8/22**) Early Voting: (**10/29/22 – 11/6/22**).

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Generally speaking, my Agenda is in order. You will be seeing that I added on a new liquor license transfer that just came in today and also we have our

mandatory retail licensee training for May 26th, 2022. As as I mentioned at a prior meeting, it is online this year again. That’s all I have. Thank you.

MAYOR:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Mayor McCormac.
John E. McCormac, Mayor: I’m good. Thank you Council President.

POLICE:

Council President Bauer: Deputy Director Nisky.

Deputy Director Nisky: Thank you Council President. I have a few items on my agenda. Two traffic and parking ordinance proposals and one handicapped parking space addition.

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Darden.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

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

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Brew.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

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

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Business Administrator Cimilluca.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Thank you Council President. For Administration and Finance I have an Agreement for the Fourth of July Fireworks Display. I have a proposal for USA Architects for a lift platform and staircase for the Acacia Youth center. I also have a proposal for Peak Environmental for environmental services for the Mount Carmel Parish. I have a few additions tonight Council President. I have a Shared Service Agreement between the Board of Education and Tech 2000, I have a renewal for Evergreen Center lease with the Board of

Education, I have a renewal for a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the Board of Education and I have a Shared Services Agreement with the Board of Education for the cable television. I have number five a T&M proposal for the Club Café and entryway renovations. Thank you, Council President.

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Legal.

LEGAL:

Craig Coughlin, Municipal Counselor: Thank you Council President, nothing tonight.

Council President Bauer: Thank you.

RECREATION:

HEALTH:

Council President Howie Bauer: A motion for adjournment.

On a motion made by Council Vice President Ficarra seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously, Council President Bauer adjourned the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

