

**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 August 17, 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 our Flag Salute and a moment of silence for our men and women serving in our military.

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, Virbhadra N. Patel, Kyle Anderson, Lizbeth DeJesus, Howie Bauer, Brian Small.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Nancy Drumm.

**ALSO PRESENT:** John E. McCormac, Mayor  
John Mitch, Municipal Clerk  
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator  
Marta Lefsky-Darden, Director of Planning and Development  
Robert Hubner, Director of Police  
John Hagerty, Communications Director  
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator  
Brian Bontempo, Esq.

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from August 3, 2021?

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

Council Meeting:

August 3, 2021

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

**A. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, BY ADDING CHAPTER 26, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM THAT CREATES AN OPTION FOR 100% REGIONALLY SOURCED RENEWABLES. (21-49)**

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.

James Debrowski, Woodbridge: Spoke in favor of this Ordinance.

Richard, East Brunswick: Expressed his support for this Ordinance.

Leigh Darden, Avenel: Expressed her support for this Ordinance.

Tom Maras, Fords: Asked for more of an explanation of what the Ordinance entails. Asked if they're going to look at the costs and asked if Ordinances can be amended in the future.

Mayor John E. McCormac: Our Engineers know the answers to those questions I do not.

Council President Small: Anything can be amended Mr. Maras, an Ordinance can be amended.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Questioned if this Ordinance gets passed, if this clean energy will now be the only source of electricity or will public service fossil fuel still be an option.

Mayor John E. McCormac: Again I can't explain the details, the goal is to use Renewable Energy Sources within the Township. I don't know the exact parameters of that, which is the goal to get toward use of all Renewable Energy. There's multiple sources for the energy; you can opt out if you don't want to be in it.

Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick; Central Jersey Organizer for Food & Water Watch: Asked if the Council will be planning on voting tonight for this. Urged Council to vote in favor of this

Ordinance. Mentioned Woodbridge had an energy aggregation program in the past, asked the Council or the Mayor to share their experience with that program. Asked why the Township decided to stop having the program.

Council President Small: Yes we are.

Mayor John E. McCormac: We don't have it anymore that should answer the question. There's no reason to discuss that further, we cancelled it we don't have it anymore.

John Chu, Edison: Spoke about how the energy will be sourced from a regional energy provider JPM. Spoke about the increase of demand for renewable energy as more municipalities implement their own programs. Spoke about the Law passed in 2003 by the State to give Municipalities the opportunity to source their energy and bulk purchase it.

Paul Lund: Hopelawn: Questioned what the market looks like in terms of expense of alternative energies compared to traditional energies and asked the Council if it's a consideration in their vote if the alternative energy will raise the resident's costs.

Council President Small: I can't give you an answer. You're able to opt out so that's up to you.

Danielle: Spoke about working with the Food & Water Watch and spoke in favor of this Ordinance.

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

**B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER IV, GENERAL LICENSING, OF THE WOODBRIDGE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES TO ADD SPECIAL EVENTS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY PERMIT ORDINANCE. (21-50)**

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.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked for more detail on what this Ordinance means.

Mr. Mitch: Mr. Vrtaric, this is an effort to have a plan and review process for special events that are being proposed for private property which could possibly have an impact on the health and welfare of the general public, it could affect traffic, it could affect police enforcement, code enforcement and zoning. Woodbridge Center Mall for example, they've had several food truck festivals and they've attracted thousands of people to attend; other big scale events like circuses, carnivals, there has not been a permitting process. This will establish that, it will allow my office

to communicate directly with the police department, the zoning officer, and the health department to make sure there's proper water facilities for culinary when food is involved, make sure the solid waste is prepared, it's disposed of properly, and collected properly. It'll also give an opportunity for the fire districts for the fire officials to weigh in as well. There's a lot of moving pieces, somebody needs to coordinate them and that's what this process is for. It's not residential property it's for commercial.

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.

**C. TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY SFY 2022 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A-4-45.14). (21-51)**

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.

Tom Maras, Fords: Asked for more details on this Ordinance. Asked if in prior years were they over or under the cap, asked what happens to that money, and asked if it goes into a general fund. Asked what the funds are used for and if it's a reserve.

Mayor John E. McCormac: This is just standard wording the real reason for this Ordinance is that if we were to go under the cap we could put the money in the bank, if we go over the cap we can take the money out of the bank. It's a standard Ordinance that we pass every year and it's something every town in the State passes. We're generally under. It goes in the bank and we can use it if we ever have to go over; no it's just a calculation of a separate bank. They sit in the bank if you don't need them to balance the next budget then they expire after 2 years. It's a reserve not to spend, it's a reserve to increase the budget if we need it.

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:**

Mr. Mitch: There are no First Reading Ordinances this evening.

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

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of Carlos de la Garza to host Circo Hermanos Vazquez Circus in the parking lot at Woodbridge Center Mall, from Friday, October 1, 2021 to Monday, October 11, 2021, from Monday–Friday, 7:30–9:30P.M. (1 Show per day) and Saturday–Sunday 2:00–10:00P.M. (3 Shows per day).
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of The Sewaren Free Public Library to temporarily close Marsh Street; West Avenue to end of Old Road from 11:00A.M. to 3:00P.M. for a Grand Opening on Saturday September 25, 2021 (rain date: October 2, 2021).
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refund checks for overpaid taxes.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refund checks for Overpaid Sewer Use Fee.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a refund check for already paid taxes for 100% Disabled Veteran, Cassandra Kirksey, in the amount of \$1,319.68.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a refund check for already paid taxes for 100% Disabled Veteran, JD Palmer, in the amount of \$215.29.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to issue refunds – Tax Court Judgements – credits against the 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. Taxes for 2021.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Woodbridge hereby declares September 12<sup>th</sup> through September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as “Direct Support Professional Recognition Week” in the Township of Woodbridge.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the application for a grant for approximately \$1,000,000 from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to enhance the Acacia Youth Center.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund check from the Developer’s Review Fund.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute a Tri-Party Agreement for the sale of 522 Vesper Avenue, Woodbridge.

- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby awards a contract without competitive bidding to P & A Construction for repairs to the collapsed sanitary sewer manhole near 176 Main Street on an emergency basis in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.
- (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 of four (4) new Ford F-250 4x4 R/C from United Ford LLC, through ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System, in an amount not to exceed \$129,413.60.
- (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 four (4) new Ford F-250 4x4 S/C Extended Cab from United Ford LLC, through ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System, in an amount not to exceed \$138,231.48.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of Change Order #1 on the contract with Hall Building Corporation for The Club at Woodbridge Indoor Ice Rink, increasing the contract amount of \$6,373,000.00 by \$64,238.27 to a total of \$6,437,238.27.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes an additional \$7,500.00 for the engagement of services with Susan K.O'Connor Esq. (Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas, LLP) to represent Patrolman Robert Bartko in a lawsuit entitled Brady vs. Woodbridge Township Police Department.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes an additional \$15,000.00 for the engagement of services with Susan K.O'Connor Esq. (Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas, LLP) to represent Lt. Edward Barrett in a lawsuit entitled Hodges vs. Woodbridge Township Police Department.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes an additional \$5,000.00 for the engagement of services with Lori Dvorak, Esq. to represent Police Detective Sean Grogan in a lawsuit entitled Brady vs. Woodbridge Township Police Department.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes an additional \$5,000.00 for the engagement of services with Lori Dvorak, Esq. to represent Police Lieutenant Brian Murphy in a lawsuit entitled Brady vs. Woodbridge Township Police Department.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to make emergency temporary budget appropriations in the 2022 Marina Utility Temporary Budget.

(21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves all claims and bills presented to it by the Chief Financial Officer of the Current Bill List dated August 17, 2021, and the Supplemental Bill List dated July 30, 2021 through August 13, 2021.

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

**Public Meeting:**

Council President Small: At this time we'll go into our public session. Just a reminder you have a five minute one time period to speak, please give your name and your address thank you.

Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick: Thanked the Council for adopting the Ordinance, asked about the next steps; asked if the Mayor is planning on signing it and asked if he doesn't sign it does it get put on the ballot.

Mr. Mitch: I will submit it to the Mayor as required by law tomorrow and then I will wait to see if the Mayor returns it to me signed or not.

Council President Small: Mayor?

Mayor John E. McCormac: Council President I have every intention on signing it.

Paul Lund, Hopelawn: Questioned the new luxury apartments going up if it's possible they won't be filled with commuters going into the city like anticipated; mentioned the new steakhouse being put on Main Street. Asked if they are able to open up their apartments, so they could be fully occupied, with section 8 housing if they fail to attract enough luxury apartment dwellers who can afford to pay for those luxury apartments.

Council President Small: Mr. Lund there is a new steakhouse going into downtown Main Street, and just because you live in a luxury apartment doesn't mean that you wouldn't go there to eat. I live in Port Reading you live in Hopelawn, you would probably go to eat there, I'm going to go eat there, and we're pretty confident that our apartment complex is going to be successful.

Mayor John E. McCormac: Any person who owns any property anywhere in town or any town in the state of New Jersey can open up that property to section 8 housing, it doesn't have to be apartments it can be the luxury housing in the estate section of Colonia, it can be your own house on Judy Drive in Keasbey, it can be an average house in Port Reading or Fords. Anybody can rent to a section 8 tenant. They would make that decision on their own. I would hope they wouldn't do that but anybody can do that at any time and if they want to take less rent they're welcome to do that.

Leigh Darden, Avenel: Thanked the Council for passing the Ordinance.

Tom Maras, Fords: Spoke about the questions he asked in an OPRA request regarding the Woodbridge Arts Alliance and Avenel Arts Center. Mentioned he didn't receive back responsive documents for all of his questions, only one question. Asked why no money has been paid back,

what is the total amount they owe, and when do they intend to honor their agreement to start making payments.

Mayor John E. McCormac: The Woodbridge Arts Alliance is a non-profit entity, the theater and the Curtain's Restaurant have not made any money, they were open for just short of two years and were starting to turn the corner in the last several months and then COVID hit. It was a startup company, very few startup companies make money in the first two years. This didn't, then COVID hit and clearly that has destroyed the operation we just opened several months ago in part and we're still not fully open. They haven't paid us anything back, they probably won't pay us the rest of the year and I'm pretty sure they won't pay us anything back in 2022. Whatever they owe us, they owe us. You have to look at the history of the project; this is a 9 million dollar asset that we own, where the County paid \$6 million toward it, the developer paid \$1 million toward it, and we paid \$2 million toward it; so we own a 9 million dollar asset that we paid \$2 million for, so we are way ahead of the game on this one. It has led to amazing amount of development around Avenel; Feed Ya Soul Restaurant, Barros Barbeque, Jersey Boys Pizza, that's just three restaurants that opened up within walking distance there since Curtain's Restaurant and the theater have opened. It's done enormous things for Avenel's reputation, it's been tremendous on the property values; for years before COVID all the realtors told us Avenel was going up at 4% a year and the rest of Woodbridge was going up at 2% a year. We made 3 million dollars already in taxes even though people like to say that the downtown housing projects and all the PILOTS don't produce taxes- they produce a lot of taxes. We've collected over three million dollars so far from that project, we're going to collect 50 million dollars from that project for the next 25 years. We have a brand new school being built, again its done wonders for Avenel, look at Route 1 Cambria Hotel knocking down the City Motel in the Spot Restaurant. We've got University Orthopedics and a major dental practice taking over the Big Top Contracting site which was an eyesore. We have all the restaurants I've mentioned, we've got two buildings being built on the Buds Hut site. You've had Dunkin' Donuts open, Holiday Inn, Wawa; you can name a whole host of things and Cory can probably tell you better than I can but there's been a real resurgence of Avenel; the train station has gotten a major upgrade from New Jersey Transit and from the development. All these things together are just amazing for the Town's finances. Do they owe us money? Yes. Are they going to pay us back? Yes. Are they going to pay us back soon? No. We're okay with that; with the money we've made so far on the building, the money we've made so far in taxes, and what this has done to the reputation of Avenel and Woodbridge Township, we are fine with the relationship we have with the Woodbridge Arts Alliance. They're a startup business, they hit hard times in COVID, theaters were shut, and restaurants were shut. I don't know why anybody would expect that they would've paid us back anything by now, I certainly don't and I'm okay with that.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about the energy power plants. Asked the Mayor who are paying the bills of the Avenel Arts Center if they aren't making any money. Spoke about the Woodbridge Fire Department and the 7.4 million dollar bond they want to raise to buy new equipment and a new truck.

Mayor John E. McCormac: They're paying the bills with money advanced by us.

Richard, East Brunswick: Thanked the Council for passing the Ordinance and thanked the Mayor for planning on signing it.

John Masculin, Port Reading: Spoke about the upcoming schedule of the Avenel Arts Center and asked the Council to show the ticket sales, asked how much they're bringing in, and asked if they could show the numbers of past shows.

Council President Small: No we don't have the ticket sales on hand and how much money is being brought in.

Mayor John E. McCormac: 7 shows in September is pretty good, 10 shows in October is pretty good. We haven't finished this winter planning yet but those are very good numbers. Certainly August you can't count because there's not much going on in July and August and no we don't have those numbers, the money comes into the Woodbridge Arts Alliance. We don't collect the money it's collected by the Woodbridge Arts Alliance. We will keep track of it when we need to, as I said this operation has been going and it was a startup company and then got by COVID, we know they owe us money; our system does not track receivables by New Jersey accounting laws. We're not allowed to have a receivable on the books of the Township from the Woodbridge Arts Alliance. We expense everything as we go according to New Jersey rules. At the time when we think they're able to pay us some money back we will reconcile our records and we will bill them the appropriate amount but there's no point now when we're not going to get money at least until 2023.

Councilman Spillar: Council President I'm sorry, just to correct Mr. Masculin's statement where he referenced the one show, it's My Big Gay Italian Funeral not a gay show, if you're going to mention something at least have the wherewithal to do the proper research to know what you're talking about. Thank you.

James Debrowski, Woodbridge: Spoke about a food truck flying the Blue Lives Matter Flag during one of the concerts at Woodbridge High School and his encounter with the owner of the food truck.

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**

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

Council President Small: Thank you Mr. Mitch. At this time we're going to the agendas portion of our meeting. Number 5 Bikes; I'm happy to announce I'll be adding five more bike racks for the public. Hickory Senior Center in Fords, Evergreen in Colonia, the YMCA in Avenel, School 9 in Port Reading, and Menlo Park Firehouse in Menlo Park Terrace. That's five more we're up to eight, it's been a huge success I want to thank the Mayor and the Administration for moving it forward. I see a lot of people riding their bikes out there it's really nice to see.

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

Council President Small: Our summer concerts are starting to wind down so if you haven't been able to make it out to them please make an effort. They're a great time everyone seems to really be enjoying themselves so get out there if you can.

17. Light Parade.  
HOLD

Council President Small: Number 17 our light show, just a reminder we'll get into more of it when it gets closer. Mr. Mitch sent out all the invitations; reminder mark your calendar November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6P.M. will be the light show.

18. Human Rights Commission  
HOLD

19. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.  
HOLD

Council President Small: Number 19 American Irish. September 19<sup>th</sup> at Woodbridge High School halfway to St. Pat's party from 1 P.M. to 5 P.M., come on out I'm sure it's going to be a great time. I have one announcement; the Woodbridge Community Charity Foundation; this is the shopping spree raffle that the town does every year with the Community Charity Fund. Holiday Shopping Spree first prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$2,000, and third prize is \$1,000. Woodbridge Township charitable 501 C3 Organizations are eligible to buy the tickets for the charity fund; not limited to school sponsored PTOs, Music Theater, sports organizations and clubs, Township sports organizations and leagues, churches civic and community non-profit associations and organizations. Tickets are on sale Monday through Friday from 9A.M. to 4P.M. The Mayor's office on Main Street third floor the phone number is 732-602-6015 you can contact Geraldine Mazurek she's overseeing it. Loretta Dowd is also another contact for the tickets and the raffle is going to go off November 24<sup>th</sup>, the deadline of the tournament is November 15<sup>th</sup>. That's all I have, God Bless our police department, our emergency responders, God Bless America. Vice President Bauer.

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

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

Council Vice President Bauer: Thank you Council President. Item number 9 Boy Scouts of America. Congratulations are in order for Austin Demayo and Daniel Atkin of Boy Scout Troop 53 in Fords for attending the rank of Eagle Scout. Fords pack 53 Cub Scouts and pack 26 girls are recruiting now for new members. For the boys go to [pack53cs@gmail.com](mailto:pack53cs@gmail.com) and for the girls go to [allgirl.pack@gmail.com](mailto:allgirl.pack@gmail.com) for more information. I have one announcement – Fords Clara Barton Baseball League 2021 full baseball registration is now open until August 31<sup>st</sup> visit their website at [www.fcbb.com](http://www.fcbb.com) for more information. That’s all I have tonight thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman DeJesus.

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

**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

Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you Council President Item number 5 Police Community Relations. I would just like to congratulate our police department and especially our community affairs; they did a magnificent job for our first National Night Out. There was not one person that attended that didn't have a good time. The kids enjoyed going in the police cars and all the first responders cars; again job well done.

6. Youth Employment/Job Fair.  
HOLD
7. Township Parks and Playgrounds.  
HOLD
8. Hispanic Heritage Month.  
HOLD
9. Barron Arts Center.  
HOLD
10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.  
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Item number 10 Free Public Library of Woodbridge. Registration has begun for in-person computer classes at the Main Library. The library will hold full programs live with an option to attend by zoom on the topic of Cover New Jersey, the Healthcare

Marketplace for Affordable Health Insurance, Wills and Estate Administration, How to protect yourself from scammers, Book Clubs and reading programs for all ages. Visit the library online at [www.woodbridgelibrary.org](http://www.woodbridgelibrary.org) or call 732-634-4450.

11. Veteran's Tax Deduction.  
HOLD
12. Green Infrastructure.  
HOLD
13. Girl Sports.  
HOLD
14. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavilion and Camp; E. William St. Park.  
HOLD
15. Census 2020.  
HOLD
16. Youth Leadership Council.  
HOLD
17. Community Backpacks.  
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Item number 17 Community Backpacks. I'm really happy to announce that this year we will be having a backpack event at Jacob's Landing in Hopelawn and in Keasbey.

That is all from my Agenda and if you allow me I have some announcements from Councilwoman Drumm. Please be advised that the County Department of Transportation and Office of Public Works will begin in milling and resurfacing on the bridge deck to Woodbridge Avenue this project will begin weather permitting on or about August 26<sup>th</sup> through September 9<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Friday 7A.M. to 3:30P.M. The Sewaren Free Public Library will have its Grand Opening on September 25<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The St. James 31<sup>st</sup> Street Fair will take place on downtown Main Street on Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in being a vendor you may email [stjamesf@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesf@gmail.com). Come support St. James Parish. The Downtown Measures Association will have a Car Cruise on Main Street. They ask that you come on down and join them and stop at our local businesses for dinner and treats. The Car Cruise is tomorrow night Wednesday and it begins at 6P.M. there is another Car Cruise scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>. Main Street SID please visit the website, Twitter, and Facebook pages for what's happening with our local Main Street businesses. Facebook page is Downtown Woodbridge, Twitter is @Woodbridgetown and their website [www.downtownwoodbridge.com](http://www.downtownwoodbridge.com). Chamber of Commerce has planned two exciting networking events in September. Please visit the website [www.woodbridgechambers.com](http://www.woodbridgechambers.com) for the details and join in on the fun. Woodbridge Fire Department; there is a special election for renovation and additions to the existing administration building on Green Street. To purchase a

new garage and purchase a new ladder truck. The special election will take place tomorrow Wednesday at the Woodbridge Fire House 418 School Street, for Woodbridge Proper Residents and for Sewaren Residents at the Sewaren Library located at 546 West Avenue. Both times to cast your vote from 2-9P.M. and that is all that I have from both of us thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Spillar.

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

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

Councilman Spillar: Thank you Council President Small, Item number 2 Curtains at Avenel Arts Village. This Saturday from 2-5P.M. outside the big stage at Curtains a very popular Bruce Springsteen cover band The B Street Band will be performing. The outdoor concerts have been incredible in attendance and The B Street Band always brings a good following. Come on down bring a chair and while you're at it get some refreshments and food.

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

Councilman Spillar: Item number 7 Route 1 Redevelopment. A number of residents have reached out and asked me what's going on at the former Buds Hut property. It was approved for two structures, up to three restaurant uses. The two shell structures are up; there are no tenants as of now, there's negotiations that's between landlord and prospective tenants. They find a lot of times it's easier to get tenants in sooner once the building is up, so hopefully things will be

moving along now. That's all from my agenda this evening Council President just a couple of announcements. Port Reading Avenue and West Avenue in Port Reading is scheduled to be milled and paved by the County. Port Reading Avenue from Railway Avenue to Lee Street weather permitting the milling is projected to start August 23<sup>rd</sup> and the paving is projected August 31<sup>st</sup>, striping September 7<sup>th</sup>. And Councilwoman DeJesus it's West Avenue from the bridge deck to Woodbridge Avenue. That will start in Port Reading behind the firehouse and obviously go to Councilwoman Drumm's thank you for sharing that information. That is scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup> for milling, paving on September 7<sup>th</sup>, and then striping on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all our emergency responders, fire, EMS, our Woodbridge Police Department, CERT, and all of our Public Works and Township employees and the great job you do. God Bless America, thank you Council President Small that's all I have.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman Meehan.

8. Avenel Fire Department.  
HOLD
9. Social Clubs Avenel Knights of Columbus/Columbian Club, Avenel V.F.W.  
HOLD
10. Woodbridge Developmental Center property.  
HOLD
11. Cable Commission/Renewal.  
HOLD
12. School 4 & 5.  
HOLD
13. Mileed Way Army Corps of Engineers project.  
HOLD
14. Maple Tree Senior Center.  
HOLD

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

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you Council President I just have one announcement tonight just to save the date. We will be doing our September 11<sup>th</sup> services this year on Friday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. We're holding it up on the stage at Woodbridge High School, that's 1 Samuel Lupo Place. This year it'll be a salute to our Woodbridge Township First Responder Community, Woodbridge Police Department, Woodbridge Township Fire Departments, Woodbridge Township First Aids, Woodbridge Township Office of Emergency Management and CERT, and of course to all of our residents that we lost on 9/11 here in Woodbridge Township. We encourage you to come out and just give thanks and support to all our First Responders and remember our residents that we lost. Again that'll be Friday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. behind

Woodbridge High School. That's all I have this evening thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Anderson.

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
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

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

1. Events: Relay for Life.  
Fishing Derby.  
Parker Press Concerts.  
Woodbridge Wednesdays and Local Band Thursdays.  
Saint James Street Fair.  
HOLD
2. (DMA) Downtown Merchants Association.  
HOLD
3. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).  
HOLD
4. Chamber of Commerce.  
HOLD
5. Buy Local Program.  
HOLD
6. Transit Village.  
HOLD
7. Blue Acres/F.E.M.A.  
HOLD
8. Main Street and Route 9.  
HOLD
9. Animal Shelter.  
HOLD

10. Dog Park.  
HOLD
11. Arts.  
(A) Woodbridge Train Station Mural Project.  
(B) Woodbridge Artisan Guild.  
HOLD
12. PACE.  
HOLD
13. Woodbridge Elks Lodge 2116.  
HOLD
14. Woodbridge Fire Department.  
HOLD
15. Coast Guard.  
HOLD
16. Sewaren Library Programs.  
HOLD
17. Acacia Center.  
HOLD
18. RISE Program.  
HOLD
19. Sewaren Marina.  
HOLD

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

Councilman Anderson: Thank you Council President. First I'd like to congratulate my partner here on the dais Councilman Patel on his successful Indian Day Parade, had a great time and a very good turnout considering the COVID conditions that we're living in, and also congratulations to IBA and the Indian Business Association. I do want to acknowledge Extreme Bikes; I think I mentioned it a few months ago that I was on a long line of waiting for bicycles and Rob over at Extreme Bikes on Main Street came through and communicated with us all the way and my boys were very happy to get their bicycles. It was a very hot day when we got them and I couldn't fit them in the car so I said "you got to ride back to Colonia" so that was great. Also right next door is Holy Cow Ice Cream; I put it on Facebook the other day and I was surprised there were a lot of people that didn't realize they were open so hopefully that'll get them some really nice customers. It's a really nice walk-up window type environment there and the nice young ladies that have been working inside there have been very customer service

oriented. I just wanted to congratulate those two businesses and wish Holy Cow a lot of luck. I'm going off of my agenda; the high school football games are about to start and Woodbridge High School is playing in the Battle of the Beach in what they consider Week 0 and that's on August 29<sup>th</sup> down at Ocean City High School. If you've ever been down there their football field literally is right next to the boardwalk. It's a great scene if you want to come down. You do have to buy tickets in advance, so you have to go to [gofan.com](http://gofan.com); they'll be playing Winslow Township High School and that's actually on a Sunday which is not a typical day for high school football. And then the following week they will open up against Colonia High School at Woodbridge and that's always a great battle. And I do want to acknowledge JFK athlete football player Isaiah Cherry for earning a full scholarship to University of Delaware. It's probably been about 25 years since a football player from JFK has earned a scholarship to a Division I college. I do want to commend Coach Tarig Holman; as we know he has a lot of contacts being a former NFL player himself; but it's nice to see a local young man to get a scholarship and I will give my brother a little plug because he was the last University of Delaware football player from JFK High School. So congratulations to JFK High School and their football program.

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

Councilman Anderson: I'm moving down to Job Banks. We're really looking for crossing guards as you know we're still planning for in-person attendance in school. As everyone knows and I know there are a lot of opinions on this but going into the school year all students will be required to wear a mask going into the school year this year. But we're looking for crossing guards; it's a great part-time job, all you have to be is 18 years or older. The phone number to call is 732-634-4500 Ext 6408 or you can contact Eunice Jackson at 732-634-4500 Ext 2125. Also Dimi Delivery is looking for drivers \$17.50/hour part-time and full-time. They are looking for drivers to be 21 years of age or older and have a valid driver's license; call 551-404-5130 or email [dimidelivers@gmail.com](mailto:dimidelivers@gmail.com). You can apply to Amazon and they're offering a \$1,000 bonus for a sign on so that's a great incentive. You can get all of this information on our employment opportunity center; if you go into the Township website and just type in 'employment opportunity center' and just continue to click on the links and you will find your way into all of those jobs.

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

Councilman Anderson: I do want to move over to Middlesex College; they will be having the State of the College on Monday August 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. and the summer sessions end on August 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a welcome back night which is going to be virtual for Middlesex College, that's on August 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 P.M. and you can go on [www.middlesexcc.edu](http://www.middlesexcc.edu), and the first day of the fall semester at Middlesex this year is September 7<sup>th</sup>. That's all I have thank you very much. I just have one more thing; our former commissioner for Middlesex County Ken Armwood who was a great friend to us all, who unexpectedly passed away back in March, he was a former football player at Piscataway High School and on September 17<sup>th</sup> the Piscataway High School Board have voted unanimously to name their football stadium after him, so I just want to acknowledge that if you're available, it'd be nice to have a big crowd there. That's where he had his funeral and that was his home, so just want to acknowledge that and a job well done by Piscataway Board of Ed.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Ficarra.

15. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change.  
HOLD

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

1. WCC (Woodbridge Community Center).

- (A) Senior Recreation and programming.
  - (B) Youth Recreation and programming.
- HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: Thank you Council President. At the Community Center there's still a lot of activities outside with the Skyline Mini Golf and Batting Cages they're open up every day Monday through Sunday. Inside we just started our ice skating, roller skating, and inline skating lessons and they're available if you head over to their website [www.njwcc.com](http://www.njwcc.com). Also for the remainder of the month if you stop by and take a tour you can get a 5-Day pass to the Community Center. Moving to the senior opportunities; by now we all know the New Jersey Senior Olympics are September 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>; this is our 14<sup>th</sup> year of hosting it in Woodbridge Township. The deadline for registration is August 27<sup>th</sup>, remember Woodbridge Township residents can get into three events for \$5 which is a \$25 saving and the best way to register is through their website [www.njseniorolympics.com](http://www.njseniorolympics.com).

- 2. Youth Month – April.  
Senior Month – May.  
HOLD
- 3. Mentoring Programs.  
HOLD
- 4. Mayor's Fitness / Wellness Initiatives.  
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: On Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> is the Tour De Woodbridge that's the 14<sup>th</sup> year that we hosted that. Councilman Anderson, Rob over at Extreme Bikes is the sponsor of that bike tour and he actually provides the mechanical end for it; we have a truck that follows the riders if somebody gets a flat or if something happens they're right there to fix them and get them back in the run. Rob is a good community partner so I'm glad that you did business with him. Council President that's all I have thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Patel.

- 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

Councilman Ficarra: Also just to mention coming up in Wellness and Fitness on Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> is the Crossroad's 5K, that's a 9:00 A.M. start, registration starts earlier that's all online. You can just google New Jersey Crossroad's Woodbridge Township and that will come up.

12. Mental Health / Wellness.

HOLD

13. COVID-19 efforts.

HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: Moving down further on my agenda I just wanted to give an update on our Health Center and the COVID vaccine status. There have been 73 clinics held so far and there have been 9,831 vaccines administered. Clinics coming up for this Thursday, also on August 26<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 P.M. Walk-ups are allowed and you can come at any time. There are other opportunities for vaccines and also there are new guidelines from the CDC so you should keep up on that. We will be capable of administering the third dose when they become available. Those are for immunocompromised folks and you should check with your doctors to see if that's in your best interest to get that.

**(VIRU) VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4<sup>th</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN**

Councilman Patel: Thank you Council President. My agenda is also in order I just wanted to say thanks. The Indian Parade was on Sunday August 8<sup>th</sup> and it was a really grand success parade and everything went very well. I would like to thank the police department, fire department, sanitation, department of recreation, and EMS for doing an exceptional job and also IBA for arranging; they had to do a lot of hard work to do the whole parade so I'd like to thank them. That's all for tonight thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Mr. Mitch.

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

**JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK**

1. Liquor License Transfer(s) / Change of Corporate Structure:
  - A. Person-To-Person and Place-To-Place Transfer of Liquor License # # 1225-33-022-008 from Francesco R. Curatolo, Executor / Estate of Anthony L. Curatolo to Wick Wholesalers, Inc., 106 Main St., Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

Mr. Mitch: Thank you Mr. President just a couple comments under 1A. I continue to communicate with the state on some minor issues with regards to that transfer. Just prior to the meeting they reached out again so it looks like we should be able to move this in September. I'll be noting that hopefully soon.

2. Liquor License Incident(s) / Hearing(s).
3. Liquor License Renewals.
  - A. 2021 Annual Retail Licensee Meeting.
4. Street Closings / Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals, etc.).
5. Elections.
  - A. 2021 General Election: November 2, 2021

Mr. Mitch: Dropping down to elections; we're in the early planning stages but we will be having early voting for the General Election in November and we will be using the Acacia Center in the Port Reading section of town to do so and that'll be open to all registered voters in Woodbridge and Middlesex County who want to take an opportunity to vote before election day.

6. Initiative Petition Update – Aggregation Program.

Mr. Mitch: And then I'll be deleting number 6 tonight from my agenda. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Director Hubner.

**MAYOR:**

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:**

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Thank you Council President. I have a Shared Service Agreement with East Brunswick for Animal Control Services and I have a Resolution adopting Sustainability Visioning Goals & Objectives.

**POLICE:**

Police Director Hubner: Thank you Council President I just have my normal Traffic Ordinance Amendments.

Council President Small: Thank you. Director Darden.

**HEALTH:**

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Under Health I have a Childhood Lead Poisoning Sub-grant Agreement. Thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Legal.

**RECREATION:**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Director of Planning and Development Marta Lefsky-Darden: Thank you Council President nothing this evening.

Council President Small: Thank you. Business Administrator Cimilluca.

**PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:**

**LEGAL:**

Brian Bontempo, Esq.: Nothing this evening Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you.

On a motion made by Council Vice President Bauer seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously, Council President Small adjourned the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

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Brian Small,  
Council President

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