

**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 18, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.**

Members of the Council and those willingly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President DeJesus: Please remain standing for a moment of silence to remember our troops serving our Country overseas and for all those lost to Covid-19 and their families.

Notice Requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been satisfied concerning this meeting. The Home News Tribune and The Star Ledger published the Annual Notice Schedule on December 20, 2019, Amended Annual Notice Schedule was published in The Home News Tribune and The Star Ledger on June 5, 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, Howie Bauer, Brian Small, Lizbeth DeJesus

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Nancy Drumm and Kyle Anderson

**ALSO PRESENT:** John Mitch, Municipal Clerk  
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator  
John Hagerty, Communications Director  
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator  
Fred Rubenstein, Esq.

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

Council Meeting:	August 4, 2020
Executive Session	August 4, 2020

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

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

- A. BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RENOVATION OF THE FORMER HUNGARIAN CLUB BUILDING (BEING ACQUIRED BY THE TOWNSHIP) FOR USE AS THE ACACIA YOUTH CENTER IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$400,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS. (20-61)**

Council Vice President Small 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 Bauer and carried unanimously.

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

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

- B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7- 38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO DELETE HANDICAPPED PARKING ON THORPE AVENUE. (20-62)**
- C. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7- 38.5 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO ADD TWO SPACES TO HYACINTH DRIVE AND DELETE 2 SPACES ON WISTERIA DRIVE. (20 -63)**

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

Council President DeJesus moved the public hearing to be held on these Ordinances and carried unanimously.

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

**D. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SUB-LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE AND NEW JERSEY TRANSIT FOR 430 RAHWAY AVENUE (PARKING). (20-64)**

Council Vice President Small 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 Bauer and carried unanimously.

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

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

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

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby appoints Marco Branco, Esq. to serve as Municipal Prosecutor, for the period September 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund check on a Tax Certificate erroneously issued on Block 409.05, Lot 231.
- (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 to Mark Merhom and to Kristen Salvesen in the amount of \$180.00 each for Parking Permits cancellation.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refund checks to Marcelo Mijares in the amount of \$180.00 and to Nishant Patel in the amount of \$360.00 for Parking Permits cancellation.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue refund checks of Permit Fees.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund check from Developer's Review Fund in the amount of \$92.35.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing the construction of Schember Way as a private road.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution designating

Block 415, Lot 2, 1503 St. Georges Avenue, Colonia as an Area in Need of Redevelopment (non-condemnation).

- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing the Planning Board of the Township of Woodbridge to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine if Block 913, Lot 71.01 through Lot 75; Block 914, Lots 42 through 45; Block 915, Lot 41 and Block 916, Lot 21 is an Area in Need of Redevelopment.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution designating Block 873, Lot 1, 1303 Rahway Avenue, Avenel as an Area in Need of Redevelopment (condemnation).
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution designating Block 540.13, Lot 4, and portions of Pennval Road and Woodbridge Avenue Rights-of-Way as an Area in Need of Redevelopment (condemnation).
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing and approving the Person-to-Person Transfer of Liquor License No. 1225-32-059-007 from Urban Tadka Restaurant, Inc. to Dimple Liquor, LLC, t/a Dimple's Bombay Talk Restobar.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing renewal of the Club Licenses for the 2020-2021 year.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing renewal of the Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses for the 2020-2021 license terms.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing renewal of the Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses for the 2020-2021 license terms.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the transfer of \$56,000.00 of the State Fiscal Year 2020 budget appropriations reserves.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution for Temporary Budget Emergency Appropriations.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the City of South Amboy for Emergency Medical Services in the form substantially similar to that on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves all claims and bills presented to it by the Chief Financial Officer on the Current Bill List dated August 18, 2020 and the Supplemental Bill Listed dated July 31, 2020 through August 14, 2020 and the Addendum to the August 18, 2020 Bill List.
- (21) **EXEC. SESSION** authorizes Governing Body to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and collective bargaining.
- (22) **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT** Gerard Freeman v. Marianne Horta

Mr. John Mitch: Can I get a motion to approve 20 Resolutions by consent?

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

Mr. John Mitch: Any questions or comments?

Councilman Spillar: I'd like to ask the council for their consideration and support on Resolution #8 allowing the council to name a private road Schember Way. To refresh Schember Way is the road from Rahway Avenue as proceeds up to the rear of station village. Dave was the original GC for the project and was a dear friend to the township. Anytime any resident had any concerns or questions, Dave was there to help. Sadly, Dave passed away suddenly in 2017 and did not get to see his hard work coming to fruition. After speaking to the family, they are very excited and honored to have this done for him so thank you.

Mr. Mitch: Just Council if you could look at Resolution 14 and let mem know if you are voting for the entire Resolution or if you have abstain on any item, If so, just give me the item#.

Councilman Spillar: Mr. Mitch, I don't have the item number; it will be for the Avenel Knight of Columbus.

Mr. Mitch: You'll be abstaining?

Councilman Spillar: Yes, please.

Mr. Mitch: Any other comments on #14

I would like to abstain on the Woodbridge Elks, please.

Mr. Mitch: Any other comments on #14.

Council President, DeJesus: We will now move to the public portion of the meeting, please approach the microphone in the back. If you would like, state the area of the township you live in and your name, there is a one time, five-minute time period and again, if you wish to record the meeting, you have to go in the corded blue area.

**Public Meeting:**

Mr. John Mitch: Anybody from the public, have any comments?

Charity: Spoke on the history of policing and anti-blackness and on the tactics police departments used to control black people fighting for liberation. Explained about the institutional racism in policing and why Black Lives Matter and Police Officers cannot be supported at the same time.

Kason Little, Elizabeth: Spoke about police brutality, the pain black people undergo, reminded the Council about accountability, and asked them to take an action and make sure that black people lives be valued.

Rostafa, West Orange: Spoke about his father being the first black to serve on South Orange PD and also serving in Vietnam and how Back Live Matter is not violent at all.

Mr. John Mitch: Are there any comments this evening?

Mia Banks, Avenel: Said how the Woodbridge Youth for Liberation and Equity continue to monitor the local government failures in policing, the over funded Police Department and the need to allocate more funds in social services. Congratulated Council President De Jesus for becoming the First Latina President on the Council and challenged all of the Council to mitigate the systemic racism against the black and brown Woodbridge residents.

Council President DeJesus: I am going to ask again, as I think there are people waiting outside to get in, so once you are done talking, if you could, give up your seat with somebody else to come in. I would appreciate it, thank you.

Mary Nasr, Port Reading: Spoke about how she feels towards the Council and that they would not be re-elected unless they serve and get involved with the Human Rights.

Mr. Mitch: Are there any other comments this evening?

Councilman Greg Ficarra: Can I just say something without taking anybody's time. I said it the last time and I meant it sincerely. I am not placating; I think WYLE has a big advantage because you guys have been organized from the very beginning, and you are ahead of everyone else after WYLE was established and well organized, the Township Human Rights Commission was reinstated. I know that there is another group out there that I am somewhat aware of, that is active with the School System, and I just want to say again that because of your presentation and your persistence, there is a lot of activity going on, and a lot of discussion going on. Just not in the pace that you have set and you have accomplished so far so again, I am not saying that, just to make a statement or to placate you in any way, or disrespect you in any way. I am just saying, that this is something that at some point, the administration people will be dealing with on a regular basis and will continue to because of your efforts, and some of the other efforts of groups that have been established, because of your presentations. I think the meeting is not set up in a way that we can go back and forth, but I would be happy to talk to you. Charity sent out a rather detailed email to as far as I know to Councilwoman President and myself. Some of the stuff, I could have answered right away, but others require time. It took us almost six days to answer from the last week so we are trying our best to be accurate with what we can and you know we will continue, hopefully, to catch up to your pace. I just wanted to respond to that.

Council President DeJesus: We are not going to have shouting back and forth, we have legal representation here; let us work this out, please. Let us work it out. Excuse me, we are going to be respectful of one another whether we have differences of opinions or not. I am asking everybody to be respectful. If you want to record because of your American Disabilities Act, you are saying that you have a medical issue and you don't want to wear a mask, just stay away from them. Again, if she speaks, no comments. Let's be respectful of one another and we are going to allow everybody to speak without any comments from the audience at all.

Gabrielle Jones, Woodbridge: Thanked Councilman Ficarra, and accused the entire Council of being complicit for being afraid to denounce the racist and sexist remarks performed by the other side. Spoke about how Councilman Spillar has not performed a public apology for accidentally blocking a constituent and about Council President saying that there are agitators on both sides.

Council President DeJesus: I want to say something regarding the WYLE members. I think you guys are very respectful, have spoken very well and do your research. So my comment was not meant towards one of the members because I think you guys carry yourselves very well, speak very well and you follow up. I apologize if the WYLE members take it as that, but it wasn't meant for you guys. It wasn't toward you guys. You, as the young people of this township, you have organized yourselves very well, you represent yourselves very well and you speak very well.

Fred Rubenstein.: Told Christo to maintain a safe distance from the people around him and not jeopardize them. His medical condition prevented him from wearing a mask, but he couldn't be going back and forth in the room.

Mr. Mitch: Yes sir, your name please. Where you reside?

Gebron Abdulhai, Fords: Spoke in favor of removing the blue stripe, asked the Council to act like a democratic institution and answer the needs of the black residents.

Council President DeJesus: Okay. I am asking you to refrain from going. I am going to ask each and everyone in this room to be respectful of one another. We are all grown adults so let's behave as such and be respectful of one another.

Mr. Mitch: Are there any other comments this evening?

Veronica Steves: Asking the Council to stand up and support WYLE demands and businesses and properly educate all students in our schooling system about racism.

Mr. Mitch: Are there any other comments this evening from the public?

Amber Jarrett, Woodbridge: Spoke in favor of increasing funding in preventive measurements and mentioned the visible drug abuse in our town. Said; "It appears that the Response Team obviously provides support for the victim, but as we know arrests and restraining orders are both reactionary and do not address the root or the cause of the behavior." Asked how to get a copy of public records.

Council President, DeJesus: You can file an OPRA request to get the information.

Mr. Mitch: Are there any other comments this evening?

Daniel Jimenez, Avenel: Spoke about the systemic problem in the police, how tax-payers money pay for suspended police officers. Said: "I remember you said last week you were the First Latino Councilwoman. As a Dominican male I can appreciate that but if you saw me on the street, and a person saw you on the street, we don't share the same experience."

Mr. Mitch: Are there any other comments this evening?

Council President DeJesus: If you are going to speak you have to go to the microphone over there.

Christo, Edison: Spoke about how Councilman Kyle Anderson is missing another meeting, how he is always threatened at these meetings, how he disagrees that Councilman is the champion of minorities and how Jimmy Dabrowski, is racist.

Mr. Mitch: Are there any other comments this evening?

Councilman Gregg Ficarra: Council President, two things. This is my personal opinion. Everybody is entitled to a vacation, Councilman Anderson is not here but his work is on the highest standard for everybody that he represents so I just want to make that statement. Although I don't always agree with Jimmy Dabrowski, I can attest to the fact that he is a very good teacher who cares about his students.

Dwight Glenn, Woodbridge: Asked on the status and future plans for body cams.

Director Vito Cimilluca: It is under review; we have not made any decisions.

Dwight Glenn, Woodbridge: Okay. Spoke in favor of body cams and said: "these body cams will deter a lot of bad action."

Mr. Mitch: Are there any other comments this evening from the public? And again in the event that there is people waiting to get in, please consider giving up your seats.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about American people panic with little things, how people are buying guns and how he is in favor of the need for police and told those who do not live or pay taxes in this town, but disagree with the community, may leave.

Mr. John Mitch: Are there any other comments this evening from the public?

Jimmy Dabrowski, Woodbridge: Spoke against the Anti-Black Blue Lives Matter police culture and in favor of fighting the systemic racism, creating policies for an Anti-Racist Pro Black Matter town.

Mr. John Mitch: Are there any other comments this evening from the public?

Fred Rubenstein: Spoke to the man without a mask and asked him to maintain social distance from the people on the microphone as he was not wearing a mask due to his medical condition.

Victoria Birch, Colonia: In favor of video conference meetings. Spoke on not getting answers to the list of demands given by the WYLE and how she appreciates the good work of the WYLE in conjunction with the Council and the Human Rights Council.

Mr. John Mitch: Are there any other comments this evening from the public?

Meshal Bannerman, Avenel: Spoke about his negative experiences as a child, how he speaks up now for those who are less privileged, not in favor of the blue line that divides Woodbridge Town and the lack of support and protection for black people in this town.

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

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

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

Council President, DeJesus: Before I move into our agenda portions of our meeting I would like to acknowledge that about a 100 years ago today the New Jersey Legislation voted to rectify the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment finally giving the women the right to vote. So to all the women out there let's remember to exercise should come to exercise this right in our upcoming election.

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 (9/19/20)  
HOLD

Council President DeJesus: The Hispanic Heritage Festival will be held Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 5 P.M. at Tanzman Park. Come, enjoy live music and learn about the Hispanic Culture.

9. Barron Arts Center  
HOLD

Council President DeJesus: The Barron Arts Center is hosting 2 Projects: "Pet Projects: Dogs, Cats & Everything in Between". It is an Art Exhibition on view from September 12<sup>th</sup> through October 3<sup>rd</sup> in the spirit of hope and optimism we present Pet Projects: Dogs, Cats & Everything in Between".

Our first in-house exhibit of 2020 will be evicted from Covid-19 We will limiting the number of set and pieces as well as the number of guests allowed to view the show at any given time

Barron Fest 2020 - Woodbridge 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Fine Arts and Crafts Festival will be held October 10<sup>th</sup> 2020 at the Alvin P Williams Park in Sewaren from 12 to 4:30 P.M. This will be an in-person, outdoor event, which will follow sitting and State Gardens on outdoor events and social distancing. However, for those of us who are hesitant to participate in person, an option to participate virtually will also be offered. You can contact the Barron Arts Center at 732-634-0413

10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge  
HOLD

Council President DeJesus: For Centuries, people in New Jersey have been producing a stunning variety of textiles. Join Woodbridge Library virtually by zoom and discover some historic pieces from the Museum of Early Trades and Craft's collection including quilts, woven textiles, and lace pieces on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. Again more topics for September at the Library will be programs that will include Coronavirus and Your Finances, Reducing Stress Through Meditation and even an DIY Program. Register on line by clicking on the program in the calendar homepage [www.woodbridgelibrary.org](http://www.woodbridgelibrary.org) or you can also call at 732-634-4450 ext.5. The most important school supply is the library card with access to technology innovative programming and educational resources. Our library card is for students of all ages. Visit the library in person or fill out an online application from the educator tab on our website.

11. Veteran's Tax Deduction  
HOLD

12. Green Infrastructure  
HOLD

13. Girls' Sports  
HOLD

14. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavilion and Camp (9/18/20 – 9/20/20)  
HOLD

15. Summer Fest 2020 (9/5/20)  
HOLD

16. Census 2020  
HOLD

Council President DeJesus: Please fill out your Census 2020 today. Your response is completely confidential. Remember your response means more money for schools, more jobs in our communities, and more funding for emergencies.

17. Human Rights Commission  
HOLD

Council President DeJesus: The Human Rights Commission has put out the annual notice document. It was sent to The Star Ledger and Home News Tribune to be advertised. The meeting dates will also be located on the Township website and on the bulletin board in front of the Clerk's office. The meetings will be in accordance to the statues requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act. Typical of the regularly scheduled meetings for the Human Rights Commission of the Township of Woodbridge for the year 2020. All meetings of the Municipal Council will be held in the Council Chambers or meetings of the Human Rights Commission will be held in Council Chambers in the Municipal Building at 7 P.M. unless otherwise publicized. Again, meeting will be starting August 31<sup>st</sup>, September 28<sup>th</sup>, October 26<sup>th</sup>, October 30<sup>th</sup>, December 21<sup>st</sup> and they are open to the public in compliance with all social distancing guidelines. Again the dates are going to be advertised in the Star Ledger, The Home News Tribune, and

you can find them on our website or in front of the Municipal Clerks office. Thank you.

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

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

Councilman Vice-President Small: I had the opportunity along with many people sitting here at this dais to go out to Cypress Park for the grand opening. What an incredible park. I have lived in Port Reading my whole life and to see that property across the street from the Firehouse, to see that field be built for the special needs kids in the community, it was just incredible. I want to comment that everyone that works at Cypress Park, it is just an incredible thing to see. It’s great for Port Reading, great day for Woodbridge Township.

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 (9/26/20)  
HOLD

Councilman Vice-President Small: Just a reminder on our National Public Lands Day will be held

September 26<sup>th</sup> 2020 at Oros Park on Omar Avenue in Avenel. A lot more as it gets closer.

13. Marine Eight  
HOLD.
14. Mayor Mac Café  
HOLD
15. Jazz Festival (9/12/20)  
HOLD

Councilman Vice-President Small: The Jazz Festival will be held on September 12th. I am waiting for the location. I will get that out my next meeting.

16. Concerts  
HOLD
17. Light Parade  
HOLD

Councilman Vice-President Small: And just another special announcement at Curtains Performing Arts on August 28<sup>th</sup> there is a Jazz Friday featuring Curtis Lundy and Umoja Band at 7:30 P.M. and on September 25, 2020 Danny Bacher & his All-Star Band at 7:30 P.M. at Avenel Performing Arts in Avenel. That's all I have this evening Council President. God Bless America. Thank you.

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

1. Avenel's Very Merry Holiday Lighting/Port Reading Day (10/10/20)  
HOLD
2. Avenel Arts Village/Train Station/Eric LeGrand Believe Park  
HOLD

Councilman Spillar: I am very happy to announce that the last two remaining spots at the Arts Village are now rented and we welcome Kessler Rehabilitation along with Kumon Tutoring Center Kumon Learning Center that helps students with tutoring from Kindergarten to High School. The Arts Village is now 100% rented and/or occupied.

3. Woodbridge River Watch/ Oros Nature Preserve  
HOLD
4. Port Reading Saints/ Saints Complex Improvements  
HOLD

Councilman Spillar: I would like to thank all the residents that came out last week and help support the Golden Saints at their car wash for your help they were able to raise over seven hundred dollars. So keep an eye for more car wash fundraisings in the upcoming weeks.

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) Route 1 at So. Inman Avenue
  - (D) Bud's Hut
  - (E) Big Top property
  - (F) Holiday Inn Express expansion
  - (G) Pier I Imports propertyHOLD

Councilman Spillar: I have some news to share in terms of renting property. I am very pleased to announce that the Board certified Dr. Kenneth Swan and his team at University Orthopedic Associates have signed the lease to occupy the entire vacant building just past the Firehouse located at 1040 Route 1 North over 14,000 in square footage, this will be a nice addition to the area and continues our mindset to continually improve the Route 1.

8. Avenel Fire Department  
HOLD
9. Shuttles – Warehouses/Train Station  
HOLD
10. Woodbridge Developmental Center property  
HOLD
11. Mileed Way – Army Corps of Engineers Project??  
HOLD
12. Cable Commission/Renewal  
HOLD
13. School 4 & 5  
HOLD

Councilman Spillar: The rest of my agenda is in order. Just one announcement residents on Second Avenue Port Reading, recently had the upgraded water main done by the water company you should expect to see paving within three weeks and you, as always, will be notified beforehand. Please continue to pray for all the residents that either have fallen ill or passed away, continue praying for our police, fire, EMS Emergency Services and all first responders as well as our residents and Township employees. They have to continue go to work as essential employees. Be safe, be smart. God Bless America. That's all I have to say Council President.

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

My agenda is in order. I just want to thank Public Works for their hard work helping the residents in the aftermath of the last storm. We had a lot of calls that came in for people that needed help and they worked tirelessly picking up branches, cutting trees, cleaning streams and doing whatever they could to help our residents so thank you to them and George Brew and his crew. I know we are getting ready to go back to school now and it's going to be a difficult road so I just want to thank all the teachers and administrators who have been working hard to try to figure out what is best. Best way to keep our students and our staff safe. I know there is not an easy job and there is no answer that will be perfect fit for everyone but I just want to wish everyone well and a safe start to school and just have a nice summer. Keep safe be kind to each other. That's all I have.

1. Inman Avenue Business Improvements  
HOLD
2. CBC – Colonia Business Community  
HOLD
3. Green Houses – Colonia Middle and Colonia High Schools  
HOLD
4. Evergreen Senior/Youth Center  
HOLD
5. Events: Taste of Colonia  
Have a Heart Food Drive  
Colonia Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt  
Colonia 5K/Chris Jantas Run  
Colonia Annual Whiffle Ball Tournament  
Support the Troops Rally  
Colonia Pride Day Parade  
Colonia Clean Up  
Colonia Christmas Tree Lighting  
Cookies and Can for the Troops and Food Bank  
Toys for Tots Run  
Breast Cancer Walk  
HOLD
6. Food Pantry  
HOLD
7. Reinhard Manor  
HOLD
8. Colonia Fire Department/First Aid Squad  
HOLD
9. Colonia American Legion/V.F.W./Elks  
HOLD

10. Veteran's Issues  
HOLD
11. Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority  
HOLD
12. Cpl. Kevin Reinhard Marine Corps League  
HOLD
13. Municipal Alliance + Addiction Task Force  
HOLD
14. Volunteer Directory  
HOLD
15. Domestic Violence Response Team  
HOLD
16. AED Program  
HOLD
17. Engineering Exploring Project  
HOLD

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

1. Events: Relay for Life  
Fishing Derby (10/3/20)  
Parker Press Concerts  
Woodbridge Wednesdays and Local Band Thursdays  
St. James Street Fair  
HOLD
2. (DMA) Downtown Merchant 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

**KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:**

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

HOLD

2. Job Bank

HOLD

3. Mayor's Trophy

HOLD

4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame

HOLD

5. Taste of Woodbridge  
HOLD
6. Charity Raffle  
HOLD
7. Drive-In Movies  
HOLD
8. N.A.A.C.P.  
HOLD
9. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program  
HOLD
10. Independent Club of Colonia  
HOLD
11. Tooling Around Program  
HOLD
12. Boy Scouts/Camping (**Camporee 9/18/20 – 9/20/20**)  
HOLD
13. League Consolidation  
HOLD
14. Middlesex County College  
HOLD
15. Minority Community Relations Panel  
HOLD

**GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:**

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

Councilman Ficarra: Thank you President just a couple of quick announcements over at the Club at Woodbridge they have outdoor Fitness Classes going on and their Youth Camps are full but open if you are interested stop by and check in with our Community Center. The Highland Grove Pool and Spray Park are going very well practicing social distancing. At the Community Center, the Pavilion at the top of the hill, perhaps one of the nicest places I've ever been in Woodbridge overlooking the New York Skyline is available for family gatherings, parties, even weddings. Outside activities with the Mini Golf for families and children and also the Batting Cages.

2. Youth Month – April

HOLD

3. Senior Citizen Month – May  
HOLD
4. Mentoring Program  
HOLD
5. Mayor’s Fitness/Wellness Initiative  
HOLD
6. Fireworks (9/6/20 Rain Date: 9/7/20)  
HOLD
7. Heroes & Cool Kids/Strengthening Families  
HOLD
8. Pedestrian Safeway’s/East Coast Greenway  
HOLD
9. Annual Pizza Run (Date: 6/15/20)  
HOLD
10. Jacob’s Landing  
HOLD
11. The Club at Woodbridge Upgrades  
HOLD
12. Crossroad’s Race (9/6/20)  
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: Just a quick point, at the Crossroad’s Race, which is in September 6<sup>th</sup>, traditionally the Sunday before Labor Day, there is a 10K and 5K. If you are a runner, you know what that means. This year because of the Covid and the limitations, and trying to do social distancing, we are just doing the 5K. That’s all I have Council president. Thank you. Just quickly, again. We are not moving at the pace that you would hope, but I certainly appreciate the passion and the efforts that the folks from the WYLE and everybody else that speaks out whether you are from the WYLE or some of the people that aren’t, you all have the right to speak. It is not going on deaf ears; I recognize it is not moving as quickly as possible but we do appreciate and most important, we respect the courage you have to come and speak. That’s what I wanted to say.

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

Councilman Patel: Council President my agenda is in order, thank you.

1. American Legion (T. Nulty Post)  
HOLD

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

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

Councilman Bauer: Council President, my agenda is in order, thank you. Let’s have one announcement. A letter went out to our resident in the Hopelawn Community regarding improvements in the future of Hopelawn. As you know, we announce the Grand Opening of the new Superfresh Grocery Market on New Brunswick Avenue. Secondly, we are pleased to report there is a new traffic signal and pedestrian crosswalk system to be installed at New Brunswick Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue. This will ease backups created on New Brunswick Avenue, a project in conjunction with Middlesex County. With many residents taking to the roadways with biking, we are working on installing the familiar Share the Road Bike Lanes. Recently completed construction of the East William Street entrance in Fords to the Middlesex County Greenway in partnership with the Middlesex County Recreation Department. The project, including construction of a paved bike and walk path, at the start of the Greenway and an installation of new playground equipment, at the East William Street playground and Community Park will continue to advance. Projects and initiatives that will serve to become an even and better community in Woodbridge. That’s all I have tonight. Thank you Council President.

1. Second Ward Road Projects  
HOLD
2. County Greenway  
HOLD
3. Downtown Parking on New Brunswick Avenue  
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Waterfront Park/Keasbey  
HOLD

5. Hometown Hero Banners  
HOLD
6. Fords Business Community
  - A. Cruise Night
  - B. Trunk or TreatHOLD
7. Fords/Hopelawn/Keasbey Fire Companies  
HOLD
8. Fords V.F.W.  
HOLD
9. Troop 53 Boy Scouts of America  
HOLD
10. Pathmark Property  
HOLD
11. Brownfields  
HOLD
12. Hickory Senior Center  
HOLD
13. Greenway Family Success Center  
HOLD

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

Thank you Madame President.

1. Liquor License Transfer(s)/Change of Corporate Structure:
  - A. Change of Corporate Structure for Red Chutney, LLC t/a Talli Bar & Grill, 1538 Oak Tree Road, Iselin, New Jersey 08830.
  - B. Person –To-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-32-059-003 from Urban Tadka Restaurant, Inc., to Dimple Liquor, LLC, t/a Dimple’s Bombay Talk Rest Bar, 42 Marconi Ave., Iselin, NJ 08830.
  - C. Change of Corporate Structure for Sri Balaji Enterprise, LLC t/a Balaji Wines & Liquor, 768 Rt. 1 No., Iselin, NJ 08830.

Mr. John Mitch: On letter B you took action on the transfer this evening. I expect letter C for action on the September 1<sup>st</sup>.

2. Liquor License Incident(s)/Hearing(s).

Mr. John Mitch: I anticipate signing charges within the next week or so I will work with Councilman Ficarra to set up a public hearing.

3. Liquor License Renewals.

A. 2021 Annual Retail Licensee Meeting.

Mr. John Mitch: you will continue with about two dozen renewals this evening. Thank you, more to follow.

4. Street Closings/Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals, etc.).

5. Elections.

A. 2020 Primary Election – July 7, 2020 (6 A.M. – 8 P.M.).

B. 2020 General Election – November 3, 2020 (6 A.M. – 8 P.M.).

Mr. John Mitch: I just want to make a comment on the Election. As you know the Governor announced this past Friday, that the November General Election will be very similar to the July Primary. There are changes, after I read this Executive order, but as soon as I get through them and work with the County on how the election will be conducted, I will share that with you and certainly, share it with the public.

6. Best Practices.

7. Census 2020.

Mr. John Mitch: A reminder also, we will be retiring into the Executive Session, after the Administration's Agenda. That is all I have. Thankyou.

**MAYOR:**

Mayor John E. McCormac: Absent

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:**

Business Administrator Cimilluca: I have a Refund of Tax Overpayment.  
M.O.U. #469 custodians/Supervisors Contract.

**POLICE:**

**HEALTH:**

**RECREATION:**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Business Administrator Cimilluca: I have a Refund from Current Account.

**PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:**

Business Administrator Cimilluca: I have a Final Change Order on Contract #2019-016 for a 2019 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning & Televising and a Final Change Order on Contract #2019-019 for East William Street Proposed Pathway Improvements.

**LEGAL:**

Fred Rubenstein: Nothing tonight Council President.

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

- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution to conduct an Executive Session. Whereas Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from certain circumstances in a meeting and Whereas the public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist and Therefore be it resolved by the Municipal Council of the Township of Woodbridge that the public portion of this meeting is hereby recessed for approximately fifteen (15) minutes to discuss Pending Litigation and Collective Bargaining Matters.

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

Council Vice President Small made a motion to go into Executive Session which was seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously at 7:35 P.M.

Council Vice President Small made a motion to exit the Executive Session which was seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously at 7:44 P.M.

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

- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Settlement Agreement and Release between Gerard Freeman and the Township of Woodbridge and Marianne Horta.

Council Vice President Small moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolution. The motions was seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously.

Council Vice President Small, seconded by Councilman Bauer and carried unanimously, Council President DeJesus adjourned the meeting at 7:44 P.M.

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Lizbeth DeJesus,  
Council President

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