

Woodbridge, New Jersey – September 3, 2019

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 September 3, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

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

Council President Spillar: Please remain standing for a moment of silence for all our military personnel serving overseas.

Notice Requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been satisfied concerning this meeting. The Home News Tribune and The Star Ledger published the Annual Notice Schedule on December 21, 2018. 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: Kyle Anderson, Gregg Ficarra, Nancy Drumm, Brian Small, Debbie Meehan, Howie Bauer, Lizbeth DeJesus, Cory Spillar

MEMBERS ABSENT: Virbhadra N. Patel

ALSO PRESENT: John E. McCormac, Mayor
John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk
John Bennett, Business Administrator
Marta Darden, Director of Planning and Development
Robert Hubner, Director of Police
Dennis Henry, Director of Public Works
Dennis Green, Health Director
Michael Gelin, Municipal Engineer
Vito Cimilluca, Recreation Director
John Hagerty, Communications Director
Casey Wagner, Assistant to the Business Administrator
James P. Nolan, Esq., Law Director
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq., Municipal Counsel (Arrived 7:20 P.M.)

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

Council Meeting:	August 20, 2019
Public Hearing – Adoption of FY 2020 Municipal Budget:	August 27, 2019

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

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

A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-38.5 TO ADD HANDICAPPED PARKING AT THE CROSSINGS AT ONE WISTERIA DRIVE. (19-97)

Council Vice President DeJesus 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 Small and carried unanimously.

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

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

B. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE “CUTTERS DOCK ROAD REDEVELOPMENT PLAN” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 ET SEQ. (19-98)

Council Vice President DeJesus 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 Small and carried unanimously.

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

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

C. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE REVERSIONARY INTEREST HELD ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 105 AVENEL STREET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A: 12-13 (b) (1). (19-99)

Council Vice President DeJesus 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 Small and carried unanimously.

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

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

D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT TITLE AND POSSESSION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BE ACQUIRED BY PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION. (19-100)

Council Vice President DeJesus 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 Small and carried unanimously.

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

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

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

E. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH BTC III PADDOCK DC URBAN RENEWAL, LLC.

F. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH IPT AVENEL DC URBAN RENEWAL, LLC.

G. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE “NEW BRUNSWICK AVENUE NORTH: AREA I (112 NEW BRUNSWICK AVENUE AND 15 JULIETTE STREET) REDEVELOPMENT PLAN”.

H. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-38.1 HANDICAPPED PARKING TO ADD DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES – ST. JAMES AVENUE, WEST.

Council Vice President DeJesus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading to be published in The Home News Tribune on Friday, September 6th, 2019 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, September 17th, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent:

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Purchaser to execute an agreement with Rapid Pump & Meter Service for Homestead Avenue Pump Station Upgrades.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Purchaser to execute an agreement with Cambria Truck Center for (2) Single Axle Dump Bodies.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of Carlos de la Garza to host their (11-day) Circo Hermanos Vazquez Circus from Thursday, October 11, 2019 to Sunday, October 21, 2019 from Monday to Friday 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. (1 Show per day) and Saturday and Sunday 2:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. (3 Shows per day) in the parking lot at Woodbridge Center Mall.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of the Recreation Department to hold a Veteran’s Parade on Sunday, November 10, 2019 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of the Recreation Department to hold a Holiday Stroll on Saturday, November 30, 2019 from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of the Recreation Department to hold their Holiday Parade on Sunday, December 1, 2019 from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refund checks for Overpaid Taxes.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby grants a waiver of the street opening moratorium on Holly Road in the Iselin section of the Township to Mr. Bhatt so Middlesex Water Company can install a new service line for the home at 45 Holly Road and expands the required maintenance period to include the remainder of the moratorium plus an additional one-year thereby ensuring that the Township’s recently paved streets remain in good condition.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby grants a waiver of the street opening moratorium on Hornsby Street in the Fords section of the Township to Middlesex Water Company so they can install a new service line and meter pit for the home at 45 Hornsby Street and expands the required maintenance period to include the remainder of the moratorium plus an additional one-year thereby ensuring that the Township’s recently paved streets remain in good condition.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to release the Performance Guarantee Paper Bond in the amount of \$57,462.00 from Bond No. 800005259 and return to Green Oaks, LLC.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to release the Sidewalk Permit Fee in the amount of \$50.00 from the Current Account #248001521 and return to Lochiatto Paving, Inc.

- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to submit a Local Freight Impact Fund grant application and to execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Blair Road Improvement (Milling and Resurfacing) Project.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution referring the “New Brunswick Avenue North: Area 1 (112 New Brunswick Avenue & 105 Juliette Street) Redevelopment Plan” to the Township Planning Board for its review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Purchasing Agent to negotiate a contract for Rehabilitation of 86 Green Street.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute any all documents necessary for the purchase of (1) one new Elgin Pelican Series P Street Sweeper in the amount of \$223,853.70.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute and all documents necessary for the purchase of (2) two new Z Turn Mowers in the amount of \$39,606.84.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to award a contract to Rebecca Schwartzstein & Kimberly Zadigan to paint a mural in the Township in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 (\$5,000.00 each).
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute an Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the American Legion NJ Post 87.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with T & M Associates for professional engineering services for the Town Hall Parking Deck in an amount not to exceed \$16,750.00.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Najarian Associates for professional engineering services for Wall Reconstruction at the Woodbridge Firearms Training Facility in an amount not to exceed \$72,221.00.
- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Richard A. Alaimo Engineering Company for Township of Woodbridge/Borough of Carteret/City of Perth Amboy Engineering Support for Capital Improvement Plans and Arbitration Procedures in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with T & M Associates for Construction Stakeout at the Scout Pavilion in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.

- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes execution of Change Order #1 on the contract with T & M Associates for the Woodbridge Community Center Emergency Generator increasing the contract amount of \$68,700.00 to a total of \$68,997.74.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Final Change Order on the contract with Michael J. Malpere Company for exterior Moisture Repairs at the Woodbridge Community Center decreasing the contract amount of \$130,700.00 by \$700.00 to a final contract total of \$130,000.00.
- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the State Fiscal Year 2019 Budget appropriation reserves.
- (26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves all claims and bills presented to it by the Municipal Comptroller of the Current Bill List dated September 3, 2019, the Supplemental Bill List dated August 16, 2019 through August 30, 2019 and the Addendum to the September 3, 2019 Bill List.
- (27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes 12:39 Special Ruling for the 2019-2020 License Term for Liquor License No. 1225-33-064-005 – Vishwasha Foods LLC.

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

PUBLIC MEETING:

Council President Spillar: At this time we will move to the public portion of the meeting. Please approach the microphone if you would like, state the area of the township you live in and there is a five minute limit.

John Vrtaric from Woodbridge spoke about questioning at the June 11, 2019 Council Meeting if there were any sexual harassment cases brought up by any employees in the township and that the Mayor and Council stated that they had no knowledge of it. Next Mr. Vrtaric questioned if there was an occasion that if something like this would happen who would the employees go to; would they go to their Supervisor or Department Head to make such a complaint or would they go to the Council. Mayor John E. McCormac replied that they would go to their supervisor. Then Mr. Vrtaric questioned what the Supervisor would do and Mayor John E. McCormac replied that the Supervisor would handle it and if the Supervisor couldn't handle it they would go to the Administrator. Next Mr. Vrtaric asked if it was a big political head involved who would they go to and Mayor John E. McCormac replied that they don't handle politics in Town Hall. Mr. Nolan further replied that a political position was not a township position and that they are two separate entities so if someone is an official of the Middlesex County Democratic Organization they would have to bring that to them not the township. Mr. Vrtaric then replied that he was speaking about an elected official and Mr. Nolan replied that then it would go to the Business Administrator. Lastly Mr. Vrtaric questioned that at what point would it come to the police department. Mr. Nolan replied that if it were criminal in nature then it would go to the police department and that sexual harassment is not necessarily a crime but sexual assault is a crime.

Council President Spillar: Mayor if you would please give your biweekly Council agenda report.

Mayor John E. McCormac: Thank you Council President. First I have one thing I want to talk about

based on the last meeting where Tom Maras basically called me a liar and I'd like to supply the information to prove that I have not lied to him and by the way I've never lied to the people of Woodbridge Township ever. Mr. Maras said and I quote, "when I've asked for the records how much has been spent we don't have any records and we're not keeping records" as if that was my response. That wasn't my response because we obviously keep records. My response was that you just got about thirteen hundred pages in emails, actually the number is just over twelve hundred pages, and it was sent in eleven different emails. Mr. Maras then said, "How many times did it take me to ask and how many times did I have to ask specifically every entity I can think of to get that information so now" and I said "you got it the first time you asked"; he did get it the first time he asked. On July 24th and number eight of his twelve part request for information Mr. Maras requested the record of the expenses the township has incurred related to legal services, construction and/or building modifications of the property located at 150 Avenel Street, Avenel for the period of January 1st, 2011 through July 23rd, 2019 inclusive. On August 1st, 2019 within the precise time frame Mr. Maras got the report that he asked for that listed exactly what he asked for. Then on August 7th he asked for additional information by saying "please refer to the attached" and using it as the point of reference proving he had it "provide copies of the records and support of each item expense or payment so indicated in the document in accordance with OPRA and the Right of Common Access". On August 15th Mr. Maras then received the aforementioned emails with twelve hundred pages of support for all of the expenses on the list that he had obtained previously. He even acknowledged that when he said, "If I had more time I would love to sit here and go through all of them". So as I said, "you got it the first time you asked". He said, "yeah the fourth time" and I repeated "no the first time". Mr. Maras said he had the records to prove that but I just gave you the timeline of these requests and our responses. He asked for documents and in the required time frame he got them. He said, "One of us is the liar and it ain't me" meaning him. Now I don't know if Mr. Maras is lying or not but I know I am not. It just must be difficult keeping track of his countless number of requests for information that cost our taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars a year to respond to. He asks for hundreds of thousands of documents and then forgets what he asks for and readily admitted that he didn't have time to go through them. Calling someone a liar is pretty serious and it should not be taken lightly. Everything I just said is documented and provable and we will continue to meet our obligations to provide any public record to anyone that asks for it. Thank you Council President.

And now on the lighter side of the news I'd like to give the Council report for the past two weeks. Council President Cory Spillar attended several events and programs including the Artist of the Year reception for Stephen Kager at the Barron Arts Center who I understand is your former teacher and so is his wife or something.

Council President Spillar: He is a former coach and Mrs. Kager was my 2nd Grade teacher.

Mayor John E. McCormac: Okay and Steve used to run the Barron Arts Center for us. Also Council President Spillar attended the Grand Reopening of Sorrento's Restaurant on Avenel Street and the annual VFW Labor Day Picnic. Council Vice President DeJesus coordinated the distribution of several hundred fully stocked backpacks with school supplies to Keasbey elementary students returning to school this week. This was an amazing event from 12 Noon to 2:00 P.M. at Clinton Park. Lizbeth worked on this with Dan Harris from the Board of Education I don't know how many hours. She picked up packets from Staples, Big Shots, the Delta Hotel and I don't know how many other places, she'll probably give you a report, but I tell you she just did a marvelous job and stayed there the whole time. She said her kids were dreaming about pencils and erasers and glue sticks because they were helping her out the whole time and of course her husband was a DJ there. It was from 12 Noon to 2:00 P.M. and at 1:45 P.M. the kids were still coming up. The new principal of School 25 came and Monica from the

Library came. It just was an amazing event and Lizbeth and Dan deserve a tremendous amount of credit for what they accomplished.

I'm also very pleased to report that Councilwoman Debbie Meehan today received word that she's been appointed by the Governor's Office to serve on the Commission for Catastrophic Illness and Children's Relief Fund. The appointment, coordinated by Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, represents one of Debbie's passions getting involved with and helping families with children who are suffering devastating and often times terminal illnesses. The Governor's Commission will assist families with finances and services so that they don't become bankrupt taking care of their children and more importantly so they don't lose services and benefits that they are entitled to. It's a perfect assignment; congratulations to Councilwoman Meehan. Councilwoman Nancy Drumm returned from a well-deserved vacation to attend a tour of the Red Oaks Senior Housing Facility in Sewaren and I've not gone there but I am going this week and I have heard it is unbelievable. Red Oaks is very near receiving their Certificate of Occupancy and we expect to begin the process of moving senior residents from Stern Towers to their new home at Red Oak in the near future. Nancy also stopped by the last downtown Car Cruise of the summer on Main Street sponsored by the Downtown Business Association and also attended the Barron Artist of the Year reception. Councilman Kyle Anderson was active with helping the Lions Club with their upcoming Pancake Breakfast fundraiser which he will talk about. He also successfully opened the third season of the Woodbridge Broncos Football and Cheer Program and perhaps reluctantly will serve as a coach for the 5 and 6 year old Flag Team. I think you'd rather be coaching your 12 year old sons but nobody was there to coach the Flag Team so Kyle is doing it. I say this all the time but when the Colonia Patriots and the Iselin Giants merged there was every opportunity for egos to take over and ruin that merger and Kyle and Ken Conklin, Kyle is the president of the Giants and Ken is the president of the Patriots, just checked their egos at the door, did the right things for the kids and now they have instead of two average organizations with missing teams at different age levels they have one incredibly strong organization for Cheer and for Football and it was an amazing ceremony that night. They had a whole lot of kids and a whole lot of coaches and it was really great so Kyle and Ken should be congratulated. Kyle met and spent time with a young boy from the Sikh community in Carteret that lost his mother, father and sister in a crash in Virginia. The boy is from Carteret but will soon be adopted by a loving family from Colonia so we're glad that somebody from Woodbridge is chipping in to help out there. Councilman Gregg Ficarra also attended the Open House and Tour of Red Oaks as part of his role of a member in the Housing Authority and assisted in the coronation of the annual Crossroads 5K, 10K and Fun Run. I heard it was great; I didn't make it myself. Councilman Ficarra also was there for the Back to School Backpack Event. Councilman Small attended the grand opening events for the new and returning businesses in Woodbridge, Rosy's Tex Mex Restaurant on Main Street and Sorrento's in Avenel. Councilman Viru Patel also attended the various grand opening events including Jimmy the Barber in Fords and also the grand opening of Malabar Jewelers on Oak Tree Road and he also raised more than \$1,600.00 to purchase back to school backpacks for Councilwoman DeJesus's annual event. Councilman Howie Bauer was also at the Keasbey Back to School Backpack Event on Sunday and coming back from vacation. So what normally is a quiet two weeks at the end of the summer but not for the Town Council and not for Woodbridge. There are a whole lot of things happening so we're very, very proud of the job that everybody has done. Thank you very much.

Council President Spillar: Thank you mayor. I just want to thank my fellow Council mates on all their activities and also I want to thank you mayor for once again clarifying resident's statements.

CORY SPILLAR/ 3RD WARD COUNCILMAN/PRESIDENT:

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

Council President Spillar: Congratulations to Anna Rose, a Colonia High School graduate and lifelong Avenel resident. I presented her last week with the 2019 Earl and Marge Runkel Avenel Community Day Avenel Very Merry Holiday Lighting Scholarship. Anna Rose, who begins college this week at FDU, will concentrate her studies in biochemistry and minor in pharmacy. She's a member of six honor societies, for the longest time I thought there was one honor society so that's pretty good, and also a most wonderful volunteer in community service. She was a varsity athlete and student Council representative for all four years so very well deserved and good luck on your next chapter.

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

Council President Spillar: This is very exciting for the township but especially Avenel. New Jersey Transit responded to the customer's request to add stops at the Avenel Station. Weekend service will be available for the first time starting September 8th and weekday service will be soon added. The new weekend service will include twenty-one stops each day on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Weekday service will also be increased from twenty-seven to thirty-eight stops primarily during mid-day and late evening. The added service is being implemented with the regular New Jersey Transit quarterly schedule adjustments on Sunday, September 8th. For a complete West New York/New Jersey Coastline schedule including the new stops visit www.njtransit.com or you can download the New Jersey Transit app on your phone. I'd like to thank the mayor, the administration and Redevelopment who has been working on it a long time. They basically said if you build the Arts Village we will come; we built the Arts Village. The theatre is great and the restaurant is great and we were hoping for this so thank you.

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/Senior Center
HOLD
7. Cypress Recreation Center/Facility
HOLD
8. Route 1 Redevelopment
 - (A) Star/City Motels
 - (B) Americana/Avenel Motels
 - (C) Quick Chek
 - (D) Bud's Hut
 - (E) Big Top property
 - (F) Holiday Inn Express expansion
 - (G) Pier I Imports property

HOLD

9. Avenel Fire Department
HOLD
10. Shuttles – Warehouses/Train Station
HOLD
11. Woodbridge Developmental Center property
HOLD
12. The Greens at Avenel – Rahway Avenue
HOLD

Council President Spillar: The Greens at Avenel located at 1450 Rahway Avenue are very close to taking occupancy. We're also set to open in the next two weeks. Interested residents can fill out a free application by visiting www.greensatavenel@penrose.com. Minimum of twenty-five apartments have been designated for people with special needs and those individuals with have access to onsite support services and the township will be looking to offer their remaining units to residents with special needs.

You should always drive safely and be slow but our school is starting tomorrow so I'd like to wish all the children a great school year and just you know take some time, wake up a couple of minutes early and be cognitive of your surroundings while on the road especially during this time.

13. Cable Commission/Renewal
HOLD
14. School 4 & 5
HOLD
15. Concerts
HOLD

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE/VICE PRESIDENT:

1. Housing Authority
HOLD
2. Affordable Housing Corporation
HOLD
3. Youth and Government Day (5/21/19)
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

Council Vice President DeJesus: The festival for Hispanic Heritage Month will be on Saturday, October 5th at Parker Press here in Woodbridge. Come and enjoy some music, food and get some information about our local departments and services that we offer in our township.

9. Barron Arts Center
HOLD
10. Free Public Libraries of Woodbridge
HOLD

Council Vice President DeJesus: The Main Library winter hours will begin this week and includes Sundays from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and evenings Monday through Thursday. Visit woodbridgelifrary.org for hours at all of the locations. They are also offering a ten week citizenship exam preparation class which will be held at the Fords Branch Library on Saturdays beginning September 14th at 10:00 A.M. where registration will also take place. For more information please call Enna at 862-704-2283. ESL class and conversation groups will be held in all of our library locations. Register in person. Main Library will be tomorrow from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Iselin Branch will be September 5th from 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., the Fords Branch will be September 16th from 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. and the Inman Branch Colonia will be September 24th from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. For more information about ESL opportunities please call Melissa at 732-906-5456.

We did hold our 4th Keasbey Block Party this Sunday in the Keasbey section of Woodbridge. We handed out fifty backpacks with over one hundred bags of school supplies to the children there. It was great, it has grown every year, and I'm happy to announce that this I'm meeting my goal and delivering ten backpacks to each of our nine Title One schools and that to me is a big accomplishment. I'm very grateful to the Delta Hotel they collected school supplies for us, the Woodbridge Center collected school supplies for us as well as Big Shots and Staples gave a great donation. Our Councilman Viru Patel collected some money which came in handy and AJ came to the party with fifty backpacks so we handed out those first fifty backpacks to the first fifty kids there and then added another hundred backpacks with school supplies. I'm deeply, deeply grateful for the contributions and Councilman Ficarra was there and worked very closely with Howie in that section and Dan Harris from the Board of Ed who has been with me from Day One and we went shopping together and my family, my daughters and my husband where with me until 2:00 A.M. stuffing backpacks so I'm just very grateful to Woodbridge Township, our community, when we say we that care we deeply mean it and we follow through. Again thank you to everyone that participated.

I'd like to thank the Woodbridge Public Library's director who showed up at the Keasbey Block Party and she by herself registered fifty kids and gave out fifty new library cards so I'm deeply grateful so for showing up on a Sunday on Labor Day weekend she was there the whole time and did that for us. There

was also a young man that works at the library, Kevin, and he had his own backpack drive and donated them to us so I'm very grateful to them.

11. Greenway Family Success Center
HOLD
12. Veteran's Tax Deduction
HOLD
13. Green Infrastructure
HOLD
14. Girls' Sports
HOLD
15. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavilion and Camp
HOLD
16. Summer Fest 2020
HOLD

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN:

Councilwoman Meehan: I just want to thank the administration for getting our light turned on, on Lancaster and Jordan. It was a long while that it took to do that and the residents were very grateful. I'd like to thank you very much for your hard work, we really appreciate it. It was very dangerous and we had it done before school so that's really important.

And we have a little delay on the Inman and Delaware light but we're hoping to get that done also.

I just want to wish all the students a great school year and all our educators and drive safe.

1. Inman Avenue Business District Improvements
HOLD
2. CBC – Colonia Business Community
HOLD
3. Green Houses – Colonia Middle and Colonia High Schools
HOLD
4. Evergreen Senior/Youth Center
HOLD
5. Events: Taste of Colonia
Have a Heart Food Drive
Colonia Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt
Colonia 5K/Chris Jantas Run
Colonia Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament

Support the Troops Rally
Colonia Pride Day Parade
Colonia Clean Up
Colonia Christmas Tree Lighting
Cookies and Can for the Troops and Food Bank
Toys for Tots Run
Breast Cancer Walk

HOLD

6. Food Pantry
HOLD
7. Reinhard Manor
HOLD
8. Colonia Fire Department/First Aid Squad
HOLD
9. Colonia American Legion/V.F.W./Elks
HOLD
10. Veteran's Issues
HOLD
11. Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority
HOLD
12. Cpl. Kevin Reinhard Marine Corps League
HOLD
13. Municipal Alliance + Addiction Task Force
HOLD
14. Volunteer Directory
HOLD
15. Domestic Violence Response Team
HOLD
16. AED Program
HOLD
17. Engineering Exploring Project
HOLD
18. Lake & Lancaster/Inman & Delaware Traffic Signals
HOLD

NANCY DRUMM, 1ST WARD COUNCILWOMAN:

1. (A.B.C.) Anything But Cars
HOLD

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

Councilwoman Drumm: The St. James 30th Annual Street Fair is on Saturday, September 21st with a rain date the following Saturday. For vendor information contact stjamesf@gmail.com; looking forward to a great day on downtown Main Street. We'll have live entertain, food and lots of family fun.

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

Councilwoman Drumm: The Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with the Woodbridge Center Mall, have planned an Expo Day in center court where they will be showcasing their businesses from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 P.M. this coming Saturday, September 7th.

6. Buy Local Program
HOLD
7. Transit Village
HOLD
8. Blue Acres/F.E.M.A.
HOLD
9. Main Street and Route 9
HOLD
10. Youth Leadership Council
HOLD
11. Animal Shelter
HOLD
12. Dog Park
HOLD

13. Arts
(A) Woodbridge Train Station Mural Project
(B) Woodbridge Artisan Guild
HOLD
14. PACE
HOLD
15. Sustainable Jersey Solar Challenge
HOLD
16. Woodbridge Elks Lodge 2116
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: The Woodbridge Elks breakfasts are starting up again. Sunday, September 15th is the first one. If any sports organization or any non-profit is looking to do a fundraiser at the Elks breakfast, they are very good to the community and a great organization and community based, please let me know and I'll send it to the right person.

17. Woodbridge Fire Department
HOLD
18. Coast Guard
HOLD
19. Sewaren Library Programs
HOLD

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:

Councilman Anderson: On September 29th the Lions Club will be holding their Pancake Breakfast over at Holy Trinity Church here in Woodbridge on Rahway Avenue. It begins at 7:30 A.M. It's a fundraiser for the organization. As you know the Lions Club International is for helping people with vision either providing corrective lens for them or even doing tests to see if you have certain conditions that will be corrected but have to be detected with the very specific piece of equipment. The prices for the Pancake Breakfast are \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors and \$4.00 for children so I hope you can come out and support the Lions Club International at the next Pancake Breakfast.

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

Councilman Anderson: I want to make mention, as the Mayor had mentioned, about our program me coaching flag. I do want to commend the fathers that I have been training to take over that team so our volunteers are stepping up but on our flag level there were some coaches that were new but I do want to commend the fathers that have stepped up. They are quickly pushing me out and they're taking over the team so that's the way it's supposed to be. You know new dads come into the program and they spend time with their kids and they coach so it's been very positive. I encourage you to come out and support our three youth football and cheer programs, the Fords Bearcats, the Port Reading Saints and the Woodbridge Broncos. There are a lot of volunteers out there that don't get credit for all the time and

effort that they put in to running these program and providing a great place and keeping the kids off the streets in an activity so thank you to all the volunteers that do that.

2. Job Bank
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: I just want to draw your attention to Career Tools on the Employment Opportunity Center. As our children are going back to school there are some people that are looking to go back to work so go into your local Employment Opportunity Centers and go into Career Tools. There are resume writing tips, there is also a link in there for the Department of Labor and the Workforce Development and tips on choosing and changing your career paths and if you are in the job hunt things to look out for and what you should do and not do. We also have some great companies right now that are hiring. CPV, a power plant in town, is hiring, Chicken Galore up the street are looking, BASF in Iselin, also Chick Fil A and we have many other companies that are hiring for various positions so please take a look on your Employment Opportunity Center if you are out of work. It's a great search engine to look.

3. Real Estate Database
HOLD
4. Mayor's Trophy
HOLD
5. Woodbridge Hall of Fame
HOLD
6. Taste of Woodbridge
HOLD
7. Charity Raffle
HOLD
8. Drive-In Movies
HOLD
9. N.A.A.C.P.
HOLD
10. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program
HOLD
11. Independent Club of Colonia
HOLD
12. Tooling Around Program
HOLD
13. Boy Scouts/Camping
HOLD

14. League Consolidation
HOLD

GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:

Councilman Ficarra: I'd like to congratulate and mention again that Councilman Anderson is being honored by the Boy Scouts of America Patriots Council for his work with the youth not only in our community but around Central New Jersey. That is on September 25th at The Armory and everybody is invited; congratulations to Councilman Anderson.

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

Councilman Ficarra: I'm going to lump the Community Center and The Club at Woodbridge together. Over at the Community Center just to highlight a few things the Skyline Mini Golf and Batting Cages are open until October, weather permitting. On a nice night like tonight there is nothing like a little mini golf back there. Roller and Ice Hockey Skating Birthdays are very popular but the timeframe is moving quickly so if you are interested in that you might want to check in. Assistant Director Molnar sent me some cool stuff. We having beginning ballet for youth, Tai Quon do and we even have an acting class there. There are all types of activities at the Community Center. Just visit njwcc.com representing newjerseywoodbridgecommunitycenter.com.

Not to be outdone, across the street at The Club there are still some spots in their Preschool Academy for ages 3, 4 and 5. They are launching their Les Mills program on October 5th with October 6th as a rain date. Both The Club and the Community Center's programs will be coming out shortly.

The New Jersey Senior Olympics are finally here. They start this weekend. They actually start on Friday. Opening ceremonies are Saturday at 10:00 A.M.

The Tour de Woodbridge which is our annual bike tour is the last Sunday in September which is Sunday, September 29th. That's a 30 mile and a 15 mile bike ride; it is not a race it's a tour. The police guide it and follow it but you do have to follow the rules of the road.

We had our Crossroads Race, as Mayor McCormac announced, this past Sunday. We had nearly I think two hundred and fifty runners in a 10 K and 5K which anybody that runs that's not an easy task; you're running two races simultaneously. Congratulations and much thanks goes out to Eileen Caggiano from the Recreation Department and Brian Molnar for their organization. The director of our police department was very sharp out there. They allowed people to move around when there was crazy traffic. The MAC Group, the Mayor Advisory Council, was excellent. So it was a good day of physical fitness down by the water and much appreciation for all those groups that helped make that possible.

2. Youth Month – April
HOLD
3. Senior Citizen Month – May
HOLD

4. Mentoring Program
HOLD
5. Mayor's Fitness/Wellness Initiative
HOLD
6. Fireworks (2019)
HOLD
7. Heroes & Cool Kids/Strengthening Families
HOLD
8. Pedestrian Safeway's/East Coast Greenway
HOLD
9. Annual Pizza Run (2019)
HOLD
10. Jacob's Landing
HOLD
11. The Club at Woodbridge Upgrades
HOLD

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:

1. Woodbridge News
HOLD
2. Mayor's Advisory Council on Education (Mac-E)
HOLD
3. Port Reading 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. Senior Transportation (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 search for “Property Alert” to Register)
HOLD
11. Inspections at Hotels/Motels
HOLD
12. National Public Lands Day
HOLD

Councilman Small: National Public Lands Day is Saturday, September 28th. The cleanup is from 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. The celebration will take place from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Ernie Oros Wildlife Sanctuary located on Omar Avenue in Avenel. For information to volunteer or help with the cleanup you can call Eileen Caggiano at the Woodbridge Recreation Department and the phone number is 732-596-4047.

I have one announcement the Woodbridge Jazz Fest 2019 will take place at Parker Press from 12 Noon to 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 14th rain or shine. This is a free event. The lineup includes The Danny Mixon Quartet featuring Antoinette Montague from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M., David Ostwald’s Louis Armstrong Eternity Band from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M., Anderson Brothers Quintet from 2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. and Danny Tobias and Friends from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Also there will be craft vendors and food for purchase.

13. Marine Eight
HOLD
14. Mayor Mac Café
HOLD

VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4TH WARD COUNCILMAN(ABSENT):

Councilwoman Drumm: Councilman Patel has asked me to mention that the Ganesh Festival began yesterday and will conclude on September 8th. It will take place in the Woodbridge Center Mall parking lot. Weekday hours are 5:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. and this Saturday is 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. This festival is celebrated by Hindus across the world. There will be continued prayers for all five days there. It is a humble effort by the organizers to keep the 2nd and 3rd generations of Indian Americans interested in religious festivals in cultural heritage.

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

HOWIE BAUER, 2ND WARD COUNCILMAN:

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. Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
 - B. Summer Jigsaw Street FairHOLD
7. Fords/Hopelawn/Keasbey Fire Companies
HOLD
8. Fords V.F.W.
HOLD

Councilman Bauer: Fords V.F.W. Post 69 is having their annual picnic on Saturday, September 21st from 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance. For more information you can contact 732-738-7538.

9. Troop 53 Boy Scouts of America
HOLD
10. Pathmark Property
HOLD
11. Brownfields
HOLD

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK:

Mr. Mitch: My agenda is in order, thank you.

1. Liquor License Transfer(s)/Change of Corporate Structure:
 - A. Change of Corporate Structure for BL Restaurant Operations, LLC t/a Bar Louie, 675 U.S. Hwy. 1 South, Iselin, New Jersey 08830.
 - B. Change of Corporate Structure for Red Chutney, LLC t/a Talli Bar & Grill, 1538 Oak Tree Road, Iselin, New Jersey 08830.
 - C. Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-32-007-008 from Birchfield Ventures, t/a Joe Canal's to Woodbridge Wine & Liquor, LLC, 489 U.S. Route 1 South, Iselin, New Jersey 08830.
 - D. Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-015-006 from Famous Dave's Ribs, Inc. to WB Dining LLC, t/a Tio Juan's Margarita, 53 U.S. Highway 1, Metuchen, New Jersey 08840.
2. Liquor License Incident(s)/Hearing(s).
3. Liquor License Renewals.
 - A. 2019 Annual Retail Licensee Meeting.
4. Street Closings/Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals etc.).
5. Elections.
 - A. 2020 Primary Election:
 - B. 2019 General Election – November 5, 2019.
6. Best Practices.
7. Census 2020.

MAYOR:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Senator Bennett: For the next meeting we will be asking for Resolution approval of a bid for the Sewer TV Cleaning and we will be putting forth a number of resolutions for the Professional Service Contracts.

POLICE:

Director of Police Hubner: Nothing tonight, thank you.

HEALTH:

Director Green: I don't have anything tonight, thank you Council President.

RECREATION:

Director Cimilluca: I will have for you at the next meeting Change Order #2 for the roof project at the Community Center not to exceed mandatory purchases.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Director Darden: Thank you Council President, just our standard biweekly refund requests.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

Director Henry: Thank you Council President, we have a Renewal Agreement with Northeast Regional Carpenters, a Resolution authorizing the final Change Order on Contract 2018-026 Ordinance amending Chapter 22 Flood Damage Prevention of Revised Ordinances, Resolution to adopt All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update with Middlesex County and a Resolution to amend Appendix N of TOW Floodplain Management Plan.

LEGAL:

Mr. Coughlin: Nothing this evening Council President.

On a motion made by Council Vice President DeJesus, seconded by Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously, Council President Spillar adjourned the meeting at 7:49 P.M.

Cory S. Spillar
Council President

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