

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 14, 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: Gregg Ficarra, Debbie Meehan, Virbhadra N. Patel, Kyle Anderson, Lizbeth DeJesus, Howie Bauer, Brian Small.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cory Spillar, 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
George Brew, Director of Public Works
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq.
Fred Rubenstein, Esq.

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from August 31, 2021?

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

Council Meeting:

August 31, 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 ESTABLISHING SALARY RANGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (21-52)

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 if this Ordinance affects all Township employees, if it was raised for this year, and by how much.

Council President Small: Mr. Maras this is done every year with Civil Service titles and salaries. Basically cleaning up every year to stay in order with the salaries and the job titles. Mayor?

Mayor John E. McCormac: Yes. It all depends. Sometimes when the employees' raises that are contractually negotiated and the Civil Service title jobs take them above the range, we just have to adjust the range to cover that. So there's a wide variety of increases that happen.

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 7 ENTITLED "TRAFFIC", SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (21-53)

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

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

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

C. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A RAPID FLASHING PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL AT PORT READING AVENUE AND DANIEL STREET, WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. (21-54)

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

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

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

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

D. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-26 ENTITLED “TURN PROHIBITIONS” OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE.

E. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF A CERTAIN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1994, BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK AND THE RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY, THE BOROUGHS OF GARWOOD, KENILWORTH AND ROSELLE PARK, THE CITY OF RAHWAY, THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD AND THE TOWNSHIPS OF CRANFORD, SPRINGFIELD, AND WOODBRIDGE.

F. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES OF THE RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY.

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading, to be published in the Home News Tribune on Friday, September 17, 2021 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on October 5, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent.

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a refund check for already paid taxes for 100% Disabled Veteran, Sunday Elias Auda, in the amount of \$1,272.97.
- (2) **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, Norbert Mertens, in the amount of \$5,524.93.
- (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 approves the request of the Fords Business Community to temporarily close South Brook Street; New Brunswick Avenue to end of South Brook Street from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., for a Cruise Night on Monday, November 1, 2021 (rain date November 15, 2021).
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Township of Woodbridge to install memorial street markers at S. Harrison Avenue, Iselin in memory of Joseph Lewis, and Brown Avenue, Iselin in memory of Alvin P. Williams.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the Mayor's reappointment of Gregg Ficarra to serve as a member of the Woodbridge Township Housing Authority for a five (5) year term, commencing October 4, 2021 and terminating October 3, 2026.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes that pursuant to Mayor's Executive Order No. 02-2021, all construction permit fees associated with any Tropical Storm Ida storm-related damages caused by flooding on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 and Thursday, September 2, 2021 are hereby waived.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Woodbridge hereby approves the Renewal of Liquor License No. 1225-33-022-008 (Frank Curatolo Industries, LLC) based on 33:1-12:18 Special Ruling for the 2020-2021 License Term.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Renewal of Liquor License No. 1225-33-022-008 (Frank Curatolo Industries, LLC) for the 2021-2022 License Term.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and approves the Person-To-Person/Place-To-Place transfer of Liquor License No. 1225-33-022-008 from Frank Curatolo Industries, LLC to Wick Wholesalers, Inc. (Trade Name to be determined).
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute an MOU with the County of Middlesex in connection with an Engineering Study for Improvements at the Pistol Range.

- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement for the services of a part-time grant writer between the Township of Woodbridge and the Woodbridge Township Board of Education for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute and submit a 2021-2022 Childhood Lead Poisoning Sub-Grant Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the County of Middlesex.
- (14) **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 Tooling Around the Township, Inc.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of a contract modification on the contract with RSC Architects for professional architectural services for a Feasibility Assessment of Woodbridge Township DPW Facility in an amount not to exceed \$126,200.00.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute to execute a contract with Hi Quality Contracting LLC, for home improvement repairs at the home located on Block 1054.06 Lot 25 in an amount not to exceed \$20,500.00.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby awards a contract without competitive bidding to P & A Construction for the repairs to the stream bed along Route 27 in Colonia on an emergency basis in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby awards a contract without competitive bidding to P & A Construction for the repairs to the culvert on Clayton Court on an emergency basis in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.00.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor, Municipal Clerk, and Municipal Purchaser to execute any and all documents that may be necessary for the award of Bid to CHA Consulting, Inc. for the Town Center Distributed Energy Resource Microgrid to a 30% Level of Design in an amount not to exceed \$296,950.00.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes an additional \$2,500.00 for the engagement of services with Anthony J. Pope Jr. Esq. to represent Sergeant Walt Bukowski in a lawsuit entitled Brady vs. Woodbridge Township Police Department.

- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Partial Assignment and Assumption of the Financial Agreement with SAMTD Acquisitions Woodbridge urban Renewal, LLC.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the donation of police vehicles no longer needed for public use to the Township of North Brunswick in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(2).
- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby supports and authorizes the application for New Jersey Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School 2022 Program.
- (24) **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 September 14, 2021, and the Supplemental Bill List dated August 27, 2021 through September 10, 2021.

Council President Small: Mr. Mitch I have a few comments. Number 7 the Resolution waiving construction fee permits associated with any Tropical Storm Ida storm-related damages caused by flooding on Wednesday September 1, 2021 and Thursday September 2, 2021. I want to thank the Mayor, my fellow Council-mates, and the Administration for realizing a lot of people suffered a lot of damage and it's going to be crucial for them to get electric, plumbing, and whatnot, and have to go pay the permit fees so I thank you for recognizing that, it's greatly appreciated. Number 20 I'm going to abstain. Number 22 a Resolution authorizing the donation of police vehicles no longer needed for public service in Woodbridge Township to use in North Brunswick. North Brunswick Police Department lost 38 vehicles in the flood from Ida, we're donating 3. I appreciate the Administration and Director Hubner for making this donation, these cars would've been going to auction and no longer used in our fleet. That's all I have, thank you.

Mr. Mitch: Any other comments?

Councilman Anderson: Mr. Mitch. Thank you Council President. I just wanted to thank the Council from last Council meeting, I missed the opportunity to thank the Council for a Resolution approving the appointment of Ms. Qiana Davis to the Library Board. She's a local author and teacher and I thought that she was an excellent choice, a very logical choice for the Library Board. And also there was a donation made to the Woodbridge Broncos after they had the spring season after cancelling their fall season due to COVID and they need the money for refurbishing their equipment for this fall so thank you very much to the Council for that.

Mr. Mitch: Any other comments on the Resolutions?

Councilman Ficarra: Council President I'm going to abstain from Resolution 6 please. Thank you.

Council President Small: Mr. Mitch I'm sorry I have to abstain from Resolution 20 please.

Mr. Mitch: Any other comments?

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: Thank you. We'll now go into our public comment session. Please state your name, your residence address, and you have a five minute one time period to speak.

Scott, Freddie Avenue, Avenel: Spoke about the flood damage at the Ideal Mobile Home Park. Spoke about Lakeshore Management who recently took over ownership of the Ideal Mobile Home Park and how they aren't helping out the residents.

Mayor John E. McCormac: Sir you're absolutely right in that you should be treated the same as anybody else regardless of where you live you're still a tax paying resident of Woodbridge Township. We have been down there a lot talking with people about FEMA which we have some control over. There's not much control we have over the behavior of the owner of the land but you brought up a couple points that might mean that our Health Department can potentially take some action if you don't have some of the basic amenities that you need. I'll catch you on the way out to get your number. I know I haven't talked to North Shore, I've been down there several times I've not run into them. So I personally haven't talked to them but I know some of our people have. So let me get your number and I'll report back to you.

Andrew, Ideal Mobile Home: Spoke about the row of the Woodbridge River needing to be re-dredged, mentioned it hasn't been done since Hurricane Sandy. Spoke about constant flooding in front of their homes. Mentioned they've contacted the city multiple times about getting the river re-dredged and the city claiming it's not in their budget. Spoke about the flood damage caused by Tropical Storm Ida.

Ed McGuinn, Port Reading: Asked who was in charge of the emergency evacuation bringing the residents of the Ideal Mobile Home Park to the Woodbridge Community Center. Mentioned the day after the storm the residents from the trailer park, one of them being his mother, were told to leave the Community Center and go back to their homes, but there was still 3-4 feet of water surrounding their homes when they returned. Mentioned his mother got a gash on her leg from walking through that waist high water. Asked Council President Small and the Council to take a look into this.

Mayor John E. McCormac: Emergency Management was involved, the community emergency response team was involved.

Council President Small: Mr. McGuinn this is the first that I am personally hearing of this and we will look into it. You have my word we will look into that.

Nancy Kearney, Colonia: Asked about the Pumpkin Patch Brook Project, if there will be a future project to stabilize the banks, and why wasn't it included in the first project. Talked about old concrete that's broken and cracked, eroded property, and dead tree limbs overhanging behind Hawthorne Ave which will become future debris in future storms.

Mayor John E. McCormac: I think the best thing to do is have our engineer talk to you directly, he knows the issue much better than we do. Before the storm was even on our radar we had a project to clean the entire Pumpkin Patch behind Amherst, Beekman, Jordan up that way. That is

ongoing, and I think the results of that will determine what the next step is. We can't go to phase two until we finish phase one and get a handle on what might be needed to do phase two. So before you leave give us your name and number I'll make sure Mike Gelin reaches out to you because he can explain things much better than I can.

Deb McGuinn, Port Reading: Spoke about the flooding at the Ideal Mobile Home Park and the residents that were told to return to their homes the day after the storm when there was still waist high water surrounding their homes. Spoke about her mother-in-law getting a gash on her leg from walking through that flooded water trying to get to her home. Asked the Council to look into the emergency personal who were in charge of this.

Michele, Christina Drive, Avenel: Spoke about living in the Ideal Mobile Home Park and how they get ankle deep flooding with normal rain storms. Mentioned they need help with the water condition and the ground. Asked the Council to look into putting sidewalks along Rahway Avenue and along where the new developments are being built going towards Blair Road; mentions there's a lot of kids walking in the street.

Council President Small: We'll look into it, thank you.

Steve Elek, Avenel: Spoke about the flooding at the Ideal Mobile Home Park. Spoke not in favor of the 5% rent increase this year and him getting a rent increase every year. Mentioned he's a 100% Disabled Veteran and his income from the VA doesn't match the rent increase. Spoke about his daughter who lives in the back of the trailer park and this being the third time her home was flooded inside and her flood insurance doesn't want to pay and told her to raise the trailer.

Council President Small: We're going to do something about it sir. I don't have an answer for you it's going to go through the engineers and through the Administration. Sir all I could say is that I don't know the new ownership regarding the trailer park but I was familiar with the Zullo family and I know they had an impeccable reputation to work with.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about flooding all over Woodbridge Township caused by Tropical Storm Ida. Mentioned Resolution 7 waiving the permits caused by flooding due to Tropical Storm Ida, asked if that was only for construction or also for hot water heaters and things like that.

Council President Small: Mr. Vrtaric that's all included. That's all included, hot water heaters, everything you brought up.

John Masculin, Port Reading: Spoke about the flooding caused by Tropical Storm Ida. Mentioned driving around Avenel and Port Reading after the storm passed to see the damage that was done. Spoke not in favor of Councilman Spillar and mentioned Councilman Spillar not returning any of his phone calls. Mentioned running against Councilman Spillar in the upcoming election for 3rd Ward Councilman.

Tom Maras, Fords: Spoke about the flooding caused by Tropical Storm Ida. Asked the Council when the Energy Aggregation Program will be implemented. Asked the Council when the FY22

Budget will be adopted. Asked if anyone in the McCormac Administration has been contacted by any Federal or State Authority in regard to relocating illegal aliens and/or afghan refugees to Woodbridge Township Area and if so what was said. Spoke about the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony and the symbolism of the “Thin Blue Line” and what it stands for.

James Debrowski, Woodbridge: Spoke about the flooding caused by Tropical Storm Ida. Spoke about the controversial yearly Columbus Day Celebration and Flag Raising Ceremony. Mentions a page on the Smithsonian website for the National Museum of the American Indian titled “Unlearning Columbus Day Myths Celebrating Indigenous People’s Day” and reads a portion of it. Asked if Woodbridge will be having a Columbus Day Celebration this year, mentions he didn’t see it on the upcoming calendar. Asked the Mayor if there will be a proclamation presented to the Knights of Columbus and if there will be someone dressed as Columbus and Queen Isabella. Asked the Mayor if he will consider Indigenous People’s Day.

Mayor John E. McCormac: We are having Italian Heritage Day on the 2nd Sunday of October at 10:00 A.M. here. I don’t know we didn’t plan the agenda yet. We do not have any plans right now to do that. Mr. Debrowski we have Italian American Heritage Day we have not scheduled any other day that you described, when we do you’ll find out about it.

Charles Kratovil, New Brunswick: Spoke about the flooding caused by Tropical Storm Ida and how Climate Change is effecting our community; mentioned the world’s leading scientist are telling everyone that we need to get off of fossil fuels, stop polluting our air & water, and transition to renewable energy. Spoke about the Renewable Energy Ordinance passed due to the petition from Woodbridge residents. Spoke not in favor of the new gas power plant being put in the Keasbey section of Woodbridge Township. Asked for clarification by the Mayor for his comment at a prior meeting stating “I’m not an environmentalist” and asked the Mayor if his mind is open or closed to the possibility that climate change is causing these problems. Encouraged the Mayor and Council to change their decision on putting up another power plant.

Mayor John E. McCormac: I do not believe I said I’m not an environmentalist. If I did I said it wrong. I am not an environmental expert that’s what I think I said. I don’t think I said I’m not an environmentalist. As to my personal opinions they’ll stay within me, I don’t have to share my personal opinions on any issues with you. I’ll lead the town and do the right thing for the residents of Woodbridge Township.

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

Council President Small: Thank you. At this time we're going to the agendas portion of our meeting. Number 3 on my Agenda is Port Reading Day which is going to be held on October 9th at the Port Reading Firehouse at 12 Noon.

4. Website E-Government.
HOLD
5. Bicycle Lanes/ Bicycle Share/ Bicycle Paths.
HOLD
6. Electric Vehicle Car Share/ Car Charging Stations.
HOLD
7. School Projects.
HOLD
8. S.T.O.W. (Register @ 732-726-2394 for Client Transport ID#).
HOLD
9. Level Playing Field @ Cypress Recreation Center/Our House.
HOLD
10. Property Fraud (www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov 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: Second thing on my Agenda is number 16. I want to thank the

Recreation Department, Brian Molnar, Paul Losik, Eileen, and Brianne for an incredible summer concert series. Once again they outdid themselves, we had so many enjoyable concerts for our residents to see so I want to compliment them.

17. Light Parade.
HOLD

Council President Small: Our Light Parade is November 27th at 6P.M. it's going to go down Main Street. We'll get more about that when we get closer.

18. Human Rights Commission
HOLD

19. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.
HOLD

Council President Small: American Irish Association halfway to St. Patrick's Day September 19th Woodbridge High School and that's from 1-5 P.M. And I just want to announce the Grand Opening of the Maple Tree Senior Center, its 109 Avenel Street, it's going to be held from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M., ribbon cutting at 12 P.M. on the 22nd of September. And I want to say to the residents that got flooded, this town is going to get behind you, support you in whatever way we can. The Mayor and some Council people have walked areas, Mr. Cimilluca and the Administration has walked areas and spoken to a lot of residents. We're going to do everything we can in our power to help our residents of course because that's what we're here for. With that, God Bless America, God Bless all our First Responders. Council Vice President Bauer.

HOWIE BAUER, COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT / 2nd WARD COUNCILMAN

Council Vice President Bauer: Thank you Council President my agenda is in order. Being an essential worker myself I was out there in the height of the storm and there was a lot of disaster. The Administration's behind our residents waiving the fees for the construction fee and I said we're always looking to help those in need so reach out to us. If we don't know about it we can't help you. A special thanks to our Department of Public Works for their hard work during and after the Hurricane. To our First Responders Essential Workers are working hard to provide safety services to our tax residents during these times. Like I said, if you have any issues please reach out, we're easy to find, email us, call us direct. We're here for you, if we don't know about it we can't help you so please reach out to us. Thank you very much, that's all I have tonight Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman DeJesus.

1. 2nd Ward Road Projects.
HOLD
2. County Greenway.

HOLD

3. Downtown Parking on New Brunswick Avenue.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Waterfront Park/Keasbey.
HOLD
5. Hometown Hero Banners.
HOLD
6. Fords Business Community.
 - 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
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
6. Youth Employment/Job Fair.
HOLD
7. Township Parks and Playgrounds.
HOLD
8. Hispanic Heritage Month.
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you Council President. Item number 8 Hispanic Heritage. I'm proud to announce that tomorrow September 15th will be the beginning of our month celebrating Hispanic American Heritage here in the United States. Please join me in celebrating Saturday September 18th at Tanzman Park. There will be a live band, music, and food. The event is from 12–3 P.M.

9. Barron Arts Center.
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Item number 9 the Barron Arts Center has an exhibit on display until September 26th, title African Accents Modern Designs for Traditional Textiles. The presenter is writer, designer, and educator Lisa Shepard. Also Woodbridge's 14th Annual Fine Arts and Crafts Festival will be October 9th from 12-4:30 P.M. at Alvin P. Williams Memorial Park in Sewaren. For more information call the Barron Arts Center for these two events at 732-634-0413.

10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.
HOLD

Councilwoman DeJesus: Item number 10 the Library; the friends of the library book sale will begin Friday the 24th through the 26th of September on the ground floor of the Main Library. A

special preview will be on Thursday September 23rd for friend members. The Henry Inman Branch was damaged during Tropical Storm Ida and it will be closed for 2-4 months. Fines and fees for late returns will be waived, please visit the other branches. The Main Library will now be open on Sunday's from 1-5 P.M. That is all that I have thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman Meehan.

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

CORY S. SPILLAR, 3rd WARD COUNCILMAN (ABSENT)

1. Avenel's Very Merry Holiday Lighting (11/28/21) / Port Reading Day (TBD).
HOLD
2. Avenel Arts Village/Train Station/Eric LeGrand Believe Park.
HOLD
3. Woodbridge River Watch/ Oros Nature Preserve.
HOLD
4. Port Reading Saints/ Saints Complex Improvements.
HOLD
5. Avenel Middle School Community Service Club and School Improvements.
HOLD
6. Port Reading Knights/Sycamore Senior Center/Red Oak.

HOLD

7. Route 1 Redevelopment.
 - a. Star / City Motels.
 - b. Americana / Avenel Motels.
 - c. Rt. 1 @ So. Inman Ave.
 - d. Bud's Hut.
 - e. Big Top property.
 - f. Holiday Inn Express expansion.
 - g. Pier I Imports property.

HOLD

8. Avenel Fire Department.

HOLD

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, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Councilwoman Meehan: Going to my Agenda. I just want to thank Julie Hildebrand; tonight we raised the flag for childhood cancer. Julie was here 3 years ago, she had a feeding tube in, she couldn't talk, and this year she raised her flag she's in remission now. It's just important to always bring attention to September as Childhood Awareness Month and just in honor of these brave little warriors.

1. Inman Avenue Business District Improvements.

HOLD

2. Green Houses – Colonia Middle and Colonia High Schools.

HOLD

3. Evergreen Senior/Youth Center / Senior Services.

HOLD

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

HOLD

Councilwoman Meehan: Going down to my Agenda the Breast Cancer Walk. The 6th Annual Breast Cancer Walk will take place on Saturday October 16th. We'll leave Colonia Middle School at 11A.M. and walk down Inman Avenue to Charles Shaughnessy Park where we will be serving hamburgers and hotdogs. The cost is \$15 per walker, all proceeds will be donated to a Colonia mom battling cancer. Pre-registration is not required so grab your family and friends and join us to walk for those lost, those who have won, and those who continue to fight. I know we're talking a lot about the storm and I know myself I've been to a lot of homes in Colonia and the devastation of these families and I've seen a lot of tears, a lot of anger, and a lot of emotion and it's been really rough. But there's one thing that really the community came together in this time and I'd just like to thank our Public Works Department under the direction of George Brew, especially our sanitation workers. These men and women worked tirelessly during Hurricane Ida and during the many days that followed after to help our residents with many issues, especially the cleanup of garbage from flooded areas. Thank you to Pat Kenny, CERT, and all our First Responders who were out during the storm helping people to safety. I'd like to especially thank the Colonia Fire Department whose calls went on throughout the night in Colonia. Whether they were turning off gas, pushing cars, pumping water out of people's homes, rescuing people from their homes, thank you for all you did. I'd also like to thank the residents that donated gift cards to give to other residents to help them buy needed supplies or simply give them a hot meal during this time. Thank you to Pastor Leslie Samuel from Evangel Church in Iselin who put together a crew of workers that helped residents clean out their homes. And lastly I'd like to thank Barry Moskov head of Community Outreach at the Home Depot who graciously donated over 100 Home Depot buckets filled with cleaning supplies that were given out to residents who were affected by the storm. Once again in our community neighbors helped neighbors, strangers helped strangers, and because of each other's kindness they were able to weather the storm together and bring out the best in each other during this difficult time. So thank you for everybody that helped and thank you to our First Responders. That's all I have.

Council President Small: Thank you. Not to go unnoticed Councilwoman Meehan thanks for all you did with collecting gift cards and helping families. We know that's your MO and you have a heart of gold and we appreciate everything you do. Councilman Anderson.

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, 1st WARD COUNCILWOMAN (ABSENT)

- 1. Events: Relay for Life.
Fishing Derby.
Parker Press Concerts.
Woodbridge Wednesdays and Local Band Thursdays.
Saint James Street Fair.

HOLD

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you. I’m going to read Councilwoman Drumm’s first. So first, the Annual Fishing Derby is planned for October 2nd at Woodbridge Park. This is a free and always a fun family event. Registration is required and you can go to the Woodbridge Recreation Facebook page for more details. The 31st Annual Saint James Fair is planned for Saturday September 18th with a rain date for Saturday September 25th. This will take place in downtown Main Street. Please come out and check out all of the vendors, food crafters, and support our

local businesses.

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

Councilwoman Meehan: The Chamber of Commerce will be recognizing outstanding citizens, local businesses, and business owners who go above and beyond serving Woodbridge Metro Area at its 57th Annual Chairman’s Award Dinner. It’s planned for October 20th at the Lake Chateau. The following people will be honored: David Hutt – Citizen of the Year, Lisa Rosario of Excellent Urgent Care – Corporate Citizen of the Year, Shoumo Ganguly – Chamber Member of the Year, Michael Castro of Roosevelt’s Deli – Small Business of the Year, Patrick Kenny of Woodbridge Township – Frank G. Pelzman Community Service Award, Dennis Green of our Health Department – Carol Hila Humanitarian Award, Woodbridge Junior Police Academy – Business Education Partnership Champion. See the Chamber website for more information or ticket sales or you can call 732-636-4040.

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

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

Councilman Anderson: Thank you Council President going on to my Agenda. I want to acknowledge that St. Peter's Health Care System is hiring, they will be having a job fair on September 23rd from 4:30–7:00 P.M. You can register online and walk-ins are welcome. It will be at 245 Easton Avenue in the parking lot and that's the corner of Easton Avenue and Richardson Street in New Brunswick. They're hiring environmental services, housekeeping, facilities in engineering, food service, medical clinical assistants, nursing assistants, patient observers, and nursing unit secretaries, clerical positions, and more. Please bring a mask, a positive attitude, and your résumé. The Raritan Bay YMCA is also hiring and you can contact 732-442-3632 or go to www.rbaymca.org. They have all sorts of positions that they're hiring from administrative to after school program counselor, site coordinators, aquatics instructor, aquatic director, and after school program instructor. They're also looking for community health ambassadors, custodians, group exercise instructor, lifeguards, and all sorts of positions. This is our neighboring Raritan Bay YMCA in Perth Amboy but they are hiring. As well as our own YMCA is hiring as well. I do want to acknowledge that on Sunday September 26th the Iselin Volunteer Fire Company Number One District Nine, Councilman Viru Patel asked me to read this he's got a lot on his plate today. The Firehouse will be dedicating, in honor of former Mayor Phil M. Cerria who is from Iselin, Sunday September 26th at 2 P.M. all Menlo Park Terrace

families and friends are welcome, the address is 100 West Kelly Street, Menlo Park Terrance. I'd also like to congratulate Woodbridge football team on going 3-0 and raising their ranking to 12th in the state and Colonia High School had a very nice victory last week against Edison who was ranked 4th on the County and Colonia was ranked 9th in the County at that time. We're waiting on Kennedy but I'm sure their first victory is right around the corner for them. Regarding the flood itself I want to thank the Iselin Fire Department. I myself and my sons were caught up in the storm and we had to bail out of our car in waist high water. But I do want to acknowledge as Councilwoman Meehan pointed out the generosity of a very nice family, the Marques family on Sterling Avenue. They took us into their home, myself, my boys, and another family that were also stranded out of their car, had warm towels, coffee for us, and we stayed in their garage for over 3 hours until our family could come pick us up. My heart goes out to all of the families that suffered devastation and I drove by every day when I would come home down Jordan Street, and see all of the belongings of everyone's basement and first floor out on their front lawn waiting for our Public Works. Hats go off to our Public Works for the job that they've done and Mr. Brew is here. Mr. Brew please thank them, your men and women on behalf me and the rest of the Council that worked there they did a phenomenal job and there was no job that was too large or too small for them. Thank you very much and that's all I have.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Ficarra.

3. Mayor's Trophy.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame.
HOLD
5. Taste of Woodbridge.
HOLD
6. Charity Raffle.
HOLD
7. Drive-In Movies.
HOLD
8. N.A.A.C.P. (*NAACP.org*)
HOLD
9. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program.
HOLD
10. Independent Club of Colonia.
HOLD
11. Tooling Around Program.
HOLD

12. Boy Scouts/Camping.
HOLD
13. League Consolidation.
HOLD
14. Middlesex College.
HOLD
15. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change.
HOLD

GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilman Ficarra: Thank you Council President. Mr. Brew I know it was a rough night tonight because people were expressing some passion and a lot of sorrow but the effort put forth by your team was monumental and I know that you continue to fight that fight every day. So together I think we'll be able to help the best that we can. On my agenda at this point after the meeting tonight it seems so trivial because everything is happy stuff but I'll go through it anyway.

1. WCC (Woodbridge Community Center).
 - (A) Senior Recreation and programming.
 - (B) Youth Recreation and programming.HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: The Community Center has a new membership event going on. You can tour the facility and receive a gift. For those of you that are looking they have Ice Hockey Leagues; the evaluation period is September 19th. There's Adult Leagues and there's a Learn to Play Hockey Program that's partnered with the New Jersey Devils. There's also roller and ice skating lessons and swim lessons. The Community Center is njwcc.com and The Club is theclub.org. We successfully ran the 14th Annual New Jersey Senior Olympics. I'm going to name a couple of the big hitters there; of course Pat Trombetta and Frank St. Marie, Mike Garamella and Kelly Irizarry. Megan Kushpa helping out with the volunteers and organizing the volunteers. Brian Molnar and his department, our CERT team, our PD, and all the volunteers made that happen and it was a pleasant event for all the seniors that participated. An announcement coming up. The Tour De Woodbridge is on September 26th which is always the last Sunday in September. The start is at the Woodbridge Community Center at 8:00 A.M. and you can go to Race Roster; if you google Race Roster and put in Tour De Woodbridge you can register for that. It's a 30 mile and a 15 mile bike tour not a race. It is escorted by the police but you have to follow the rules of the road.

2. Youth Month – April.
Senior Month – May.
HOLD
3. Mentoring Programs.
HOLD

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

Councilman Ficarra: Over at The Club at Woodbridge they have that simulator golf den and there's new prices for that as we go into the winter. Basketball and drama classes are starting now and also swim lessons and sports classes. They have full and half-day Preschool, and they also have a beautiful indoor turf facility that can be rented for various engagements and events.

11. Crossroad's Race.
HOLD
12. Mental Health / Wellness.
HOLD
13. COVID-19 Efforts.
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: Just a quick look at some upcoming clinics for the COVID vaccines at our Health Center this coming Thursday 3-6 P.M. walk-ins are accepted. Next Thursday the 23rd also 3-6 P.M walk-in accepted. They are starting this weekend on Saturday the 18th and also Sunday the 26th 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. they are giving out the vaccine and walk-ins are accepted at all clinics. The vaccination clinic will offer the Pfizer vaccine which is available to children now 12-17 years old. As well as the Moderna and J&J for adults. We also offer the third dose which is now available to anyone that has immune deficiencies. Thank you Council President that is all I have.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Patel.

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

Councilman Patel: Thank you Council President. My agenda is also in order but I have a few announcements. I would like to thank Kyle for doing that announcement for me. First, Hurricane Ida struck Woodbridge Township on September 1st in addition to the physical damage the storm caused lives have also been tragically lost. On that night, a 56 year old Iselin resident Mrs. Sunanda Upadhye passed on from drowning in the floods of Gill Lane. We pray for her and express our heartfelt condolences to the family. Her husband Mr. Sunil Upadhye expresses sincere gratitude to the Woodbridge Community Charity Fund, Inc. and especially our Mayor McCormac for their donations and support. When Mayor personally went to visit Mr. Upadhye to bestow financial and emotional support, his actions express Mayor McCormac's deep care and kindness for our residents. Mayor we thank you again. We also thank all of the Township Heads and Departments that were involved in the rescue efforts and who further cleared the wrecks and damages. Our town is in the process of healing from this devastation because of you. I have received a big time thank you for our State Speaker Craig Coughlin from Mr. Mahendra Patel, the Regional Director of AHOA Mid-Atlantic Regions. For those of you who may not know, the AHOA stands for Asian American Hotel Owners Association and comprises of about 20,000 members nationwide who own about half of the motels in America. The organization held their conference and trade show at the Crown Plaza of Cherry Hill on Tuesday September 7th. Speaker Coughlin attended the conference and trade show and addressed the attendees. Last Friday was the Indian Celebration of Lord Ganesh who is the God of Good Luck. Normally the Woodbridge Indian Community has celebrated this festival by posting a large idol of Lord Ganesh in the parking lot of Woodbridge Mall which attracts thousands of worshipers. Due to the current health crisis this year's festival was cancelled. Nevertheless we wish everyone a Happy Ganesh Chaturthi and a lot of good fortune. Lastly Woodbridge Townships opening an additional Senior Center in Iselin at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 571 Route 27 named Oak Tree Senior Center. Registration has begun and response has been great. If you are a resident of Woodbridge Township and 60 years or older, or a member of any Senior Center, you may join Oak Tree Senior Center. The facility is open from 8:30 A.M.–4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday. You may contact Ms. Bhumika Patel 732-726-2394 for further information. The Mayor and I also invite you all to attend the Center's Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony which is going to be held on next Monday September 20th, 2021 from 11 A.M.–2:00 P.M. That's all for tonight and thank you all for your time. Thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Director Hubner.

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

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK

1. Liquor License Transfer(s) / Change of Corporate Structure.
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
 - B. Early Voting:

Acacia Youth Center 95 Port Reading Ave., Woodbridge (former Hungarian Manor)
October 23 – October 31 (Mon – Sat 10 a – 8 p and Sun 10 a – 6 p) Electronic Poll Books to be used.
Recommend registered voters to bring their sample ballot so it can be scanned into the voting machine which will save the voter a few steps on the screen.

MAYOR:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: I have two Resolutions tonight. I have a Proposal for an Energy Consultant and I have a Change Order for the Firearms Training Facility. Thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Legal.

POLICE:

Police Director Hubner: Thank you Council President I have three Traffic Ordinances that address handicap parking. That's it, thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Director Hubner on behalf of the Council please pass on our gratitude to the men and women of the department that worked during storm Ida. We both know what it is to work during storms and it takes a toll on you but thank you. Director Darden.

HEALTH:

RECREATION:

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

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

Council President Small: Thank you. Director Brew.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

Public Works Director Brew: Thank you Council President. We have one order for Resolution, it's out of our Recycling Enhancement Grant and it's for a purchase of a Foam Recycling Machine. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you Director Brew. And also our gratitude to you and your leadership and the men and women of Public Works that still to this day are cleaning up from the storm. We appreciate everything, great job. Business Administrator Cimilluca.

LEGAL:

Craig J. Coughlin, 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 7:16 P.M.

Brian Small,
Council President

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