

**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 17, 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, Virbhadra N. Patel, Howie Bauer, Cory Spillar

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lizbeth DeJesus

**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  
Casey Wagner, Assistant to the Business Administrator  
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq., Municipal Counsel  
Fred Rubenstein, Esq.

Councilwoman Meehan moved the adoption of the following minutes seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

Council Meeting: September 3, 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 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. (19-101)**
  
- B. 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. (19-102)**

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

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

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: At those properties are they Brownfields or contaminated or what are they going to be used for?

Council President Spillar: Two areas of Redevelopment in Avenel.

John Vrtaric: I understand, is it for the housing or is it for the commercial or what is it for?

Council President Spillar: No plans of development as of yet.

John Vrtaric: But how can we give them the abatements with the low tax cuts.

Mayor John E. McCormac: It's not housing.

Council President Spillar: It's not housing; I'm sorry two proposed warehouses.

John Vrtaric: Okay, thank you.

Councilwoman Meehan moved the public hearing closed and these Ordinances be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval, which was seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

- C. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE “NEW BRUNSWICK AVENUE NORTH: AREA I (112 NEW BRUNSWICK AVENUE AND 15 JULIETTE**

**STREET) REDEVELOPMENT PLAN”. (19-103)**

Councilwoman Meehan 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.

Councilwoman Meehan 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 AMENDING SECTION 7-38.1 HANDICAPPED PARKING TO ADD DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES – ST. JAMES AVENUE, WEST. (19-104)**

Councilwoman Meehan 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.

Councilwoman Meehan 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 AMENDING CHAPTER 22 – ENTITLED “FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION” OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE.**

Councilwoman Meehan 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 combining several authorizations of bonds into a single issue and prescribing the details and bond form thereof for \$23,400,000.00 General Improvement Bonds dated October 15, 2019.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the publication, printing and distribution of a notice of sale and the publication of a summary notice of sale and prescribing the forms thereof for \$23,400,000.000 General Improvement Bonds dated October 15, 2019 approving the preparation, distribution and execution of a preliminary and a final official statement of such bonds, undertaking to provide continuing disclosure of financial information, covenanting to comply with the internal revenue code of 1986, as amended and authorizing various matters in connection with electronic bidding for the bonds.

- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Purchaser to execute an agreement with North American Pipe for Sewer Cleaning and Televising in the amount of \$354,250.00.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby grants permission to Luba Yesinsky to temporarily close Spruce Street, Vernon Way and Haganman Street on October 19, 2019 from 12:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. for a block party.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund check from the Current Account for refund of permit fees to William McNulty in the amount of \$100.00.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund from the Developer's Review Fund Account.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of Colonia Construction Company LLC to waive the requirements for the installation of sidewalks for Block 486.02, Lots 2294.01 & 2294.02 – 5 & 9 Pennington Avenue, Colonia.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes granting the request for a waiver of the street opening moratorium to Middlesex Water Company to replace a hydrant at 30-38 Bennet Street in Woodbridge.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes granting the request for a waiver of the street opening moratorium to Middlesex Water Company to replace a water main on Regina Street in Iselin.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute and accept a Raritan River and Bay Regional Resilience Grant.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes adopting the Floodplain Management Plan Goals and Action Plan 2019 update also known as Appendix N of said plan.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Resolution to adopt the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Middlesex County, New Jersey.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters, U.B.C.J.A.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and the City of Perth Amboy for Opioid Overdose Recovery Program Services for the period March 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute

Recreational, Social and Cultural Services Agreements with various groups and organizations.

- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes that Murphy Orlando, LLC be included in the pool to provide Labor Legal Services to the Township when the need arises for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a First Addendum to the Shared Services Agreement for Custodial Services between the Township of Woodbridge and the Woodbridge Township Board of Education.
- (18) **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 John E. Bruder for professional legal services as Special Counsel for Personnel Matters at a cost of \$300.00 per hour not to exceed \$15,000.00.
- (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 Maser Consulting, P.A. for professional engineering services for Traffic Signal Improvements at Inman Avenue and Cleveland Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$38,500.00.
- (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 North American Management Corporation for professional health benefits consulting services for the Township in an amount not to exceed \$320,000.00.
- (21) **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 Sockler Realty Services Group, Inc. for professional appraisal services for various properties on Port Reading Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with DeCotiis Fitzpatrick Cole & Giblin for legal services for the Township as Redevelopment Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Genova Burns for legal services as Labor Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$145,000.00 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas for legal services as Property/Tax Appeals Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$140,000.00 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP for professional

accounting services for general accounting in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

- (26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with McManimon, Scotland & Baumann for legal services as Redevelopment Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- (27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Waters McPherson McNeil for legal services as Wastewater Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- (28) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Rogut McCarthy for legal services as Township Bond Counsel in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- (29) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Meyerson Fox Mancinelli & Conte for legal services for the Township as Insurance Commissioner Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- (30) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with the Law Offices of Wanda Chin Monahan for legal services as Environmental Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- (31) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Marc Rogoff for legal services as Planning Board Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the period July 1, 2019 through June, 30, 2020.
- (32) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Rainone, Coughlin & Minchello for legal services as Municipal Counselor for \$15,100.00 annual salary plus \$190.00 per hour in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- (33) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Rainone, Coughlin & Minchello for legal services as Rent Leveling Board Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- (34) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Russo & Casey for legal services as Zoning Board Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- (35) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and

Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with James P. Nolan & Associates for legal services as Director of Law \$15,100.00 annual salary plus \$190.00 per hour in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

- (36) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Woodbridge Veterinary Group for veterinary services in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- (37) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes execution of Change Order #1 on the contract with VMG Group increasing the contract price of \$546,000.00 by \$94,314.40 to a total of \$640,314.40 for Building Envelope Rehabilitation at The Club.
- (38) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes execution of the Final Change Order on the contract with P & A Construction, Inc. decreasing the contract price of \$288,865.00 by \$16,308.20 to a total of \$272,376.80 for Contract #2018-026 Parking Lot Improvements at the Woodbridge Avenue Pump Station.
- (39) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with CME Associates for professional engineering services for Construction Phase, Supplemental Engineering Design & Environmental Services for Cypress Park in an amount not to exceed \$391,270.00.
- (40) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with K & D Contractors LLC for the Rehabilitation of 86 Green Street in an amount not to exceed \$444,500.00.
- (41) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes execution of Final Change Order on the contract with DMR Architects increasing the adjusted contract price of \$222,250.00 by \$41,686.17 to a total of \$263,936.17 for Oak Tree Road Community Center/Oak Tree Road Elementary School #29.
- (42) **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 17, 2019, the Supplemental Bill List dated August 30, 2019 through September 13, 2019 and the Addendum to the September 17, 2019 Bill List.

Councilwoman Meehan moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC MEETING:**

Council President Spillar: We will now move into the public portion of the meeting, you can approach the microphone if you would like. State the area of the township you reside in and there is a five minute time limit.

John Vrtaric from Woodbridge spoke that at the last meeting he questioned that if an employee had a

complaint about sexual harassment who they would go to render this complaint and the Mayor stated they would go to the supervisor. Mr. Vrtaric then questioned if the complaint was against the supervisor or the department head who then would they go to and Council President Spillar replied it would be the Business Administrator. Mr. Vrtaric further questioned when the Council or Mayor would find out about this accusation and Council President Spillar replied after an investigation was made. Next Mr. Vrtaric questioned who was in charge of the Community Center and Council President Spillar replied it was run under the Recreation Department and Director Cimilluca. Then Mr. Vrtaric commented that it was a good job but the Council takes credit for the Community Center. Council President Spillar replied that the Council constantly applauds the Mayor and the Administrative and all Directors for making the Council look good. Lastly Mr. Vrtaric spoke about Councilman Anderson always talking about job openings in businesses but never mentions job openings with the township. Councilman Anderson replied that he has mentioned job opening with the township like crossing guards and there are job openings posted on the board in the Town Hall for the public.

Sue Boros from Fords spoke about the stop sign on the corner of Grace Street and New Brunswick Avenue in Fords was missing and not replaced. Councilman Bauer replied that he would forward an email in regards to that. Lastly Sue spoke about the word urban being used in many of the agency's name that the township is doing business with and since the word urban means city questioned if the township was transforming our individual towns into a city without presenting a referendum to the voters. Mayor John E. McCormac replied that the word urban is in the state law and means nothing to us, we are not urban we're suburban, and in the tax law it's called an Urban Renewal Entity which legally enters into the PILOT agreement with the township.

Council President Spillar: At this time I will call on the mayor for our biweekly Council agenda report.

Mayor John E. McCormac: It's been a busy two weeks. We've had a lot of events that almost everybody attended so I won't get into individual names but last week we had a 9-1-1 ceremony it was absolutely terrific, thirty minutes; it was very somber. The Woodbridge Choir did a great job, Assemblyman Coughlin gave a terrific speech, our clergy did a great job and a lot of the Council was there. The Senior Olympics were the weekend before that. There were over a thousand senior athletes. None of you participate which is unfortunate even though many of you are over 50 as am I but I guess the thought of competition and facing your peers in an athletic event just does not work for you; it's not your cup of tea. I have two gold, two silver and two bronze medals, just saying, none of you do that's unfortunate but many of you did attend the opening ceremonies which is as close as you can get to the Senior Olympics. Councilman Spillar was out last week at the Firefighter's Convention and unfortunately missed the great press conference we had with New Jersey Transit about additional stops at the train station. I was flabbergasted as how much press they got. Channel 2 covered it and played it over and over again. Channel 12 I expect to cover things but it was great. I'm sure you'll talk about that on your schedule. Councilman Spillar, also as did I, stopped at the Rice Program when they went to the Ernie Oros Wildlife Preserve. They were cleaning up the Butterfly Garden and the kids were getting some hands on experience which was great. Council Vice President Lizbeth DeJesus still is working on the Backpack Program; there are still some left in inventory. She is still doing her best to get them out to everybody and she attended the ribbing cutting of Dr. Jacqueline Hernandez's pediatric office in Hopelawn. Councilwoman Meehan does her usual Coffee with Debbie at the Evergreen Senior Center. There were also the police promotions. We promoted six sergeants, a lieutenant and sworn in one police officer. It was a great ceremony; many of you were there. Again just about all the Council. Debbie also joined Assemblyman Coughlin in gleaning. It's something where they go to a farm and glean crops and they get the leftovers that are not used and they donate them to area Food Banks. It was really fun according to Debbie except it's really not a good idea to wear high heels to a farm; maybe next time she

will learn and come with sneakers but she did show up to a block party in Colonia and she was a miss but she still attended the block party. She smelled like potatoes but she's not running this year so it's okay. Councilwoman Drumm was also there but she didn't go to an event right after she was at the farm for a couple of hours; it wasn't pretty. Councilwoman Drumm attended a whole bunch of grand openings as did many of the Council; the Babe Cave on Main Street, Star Wide Pediatrics in Hopelawn and the Yellow Chili Restaurant in Iselin. She also was installed as a Rotarian. She also went to the Green Team Sustainable Visioning meeting along with Councilman Ficarra. It was a terrific night; I was not able to attend but it was a great night. Councilman Anderson, in his position as a Broncos Cheer and Football League president, had a great event where the players got to go to a JFK High School game and stand next to the high school football players, the cheerleaders got to hang with the real cheerleaders and it was just a terrific event. He also joined Gregg and I announcing the Woodbridge/Colonia game. Councilman Ficarra in his role not only as a Councilman but a Housing Authority member is paying very close attention to the Stern Towers project; they are all moving to the Red Oak Center in Port Reading. It's going amazingly well; the seniors are thrilled. They are leaving downtown Woodbridge and moving to Port Reading but they are getting into first class facilities and they love it. Gregg also joined us at the Firefighter's swearing in last week, the Green Team meeting, he attended the Jazz Fest which started slow but finished strong and he did participate in the Senior Olympics in golf but his score was nothing to brag about and he probably rather I don't say it but I have to give him credit for trying. He has been the only Council person who was ever to this date competed in the Senior Olympics. Councilman Small tonight, and if you weren't here tonight you will see it on TV, spearheaded an effort to raise \$26,000.00 for Ryan Terebetsky who is the 8 year old boy from Avenel who is an autistic child diagnosed with leukemia. He has beaten it so far. He's got an amazing attitude. You should have seen him today with all the people around him he just is a natural. He gets along so well with people and Brian ran all different kinds of functions including the carnival which made over \$15,000.00. He thanked the Port Reading Fire Department, the First Aid Squad, Chubenko Funeral Home and so many other entities that helped out. Councilman Patel was also at the grand opening of Yellow Chili Restaurant. Now Yellow Chili has seventy locations in the world and this is the fifth in the country. There are three in California, one in Atlanta and one in the Iselin section of Woodbridge. That is a big deal for the Oak Tree Road shopping district. Two weeks ago we welcomed Malabar which is an international jewelry store with hundreds of locations in the world and only a few in the country; they have a location on Oak Tree Road so that's two international companies that have located there in the last couple of weeks and it's just terrific. Councilman Bauer who also was at the Fireman's Conference and missed time here attended all those other events as I mentioned. So once again it's a great two weeks for the Council. We have a very busy fall and we're looking forward to a whole lot of events including which I'm sure Nancy will mention tonight the street fair this weekend. Thank you Council President.

Council President Spillar: Thank you Mayor and once again I want to thank yourself and thank my fellow Council mates for all their hard work in the last two weeks.

Councilwoman Meehan: I just want to make one correction Nancy Drumm was at the Senior Olympics and won a gold medal.

Mayor John E. McCormac: That's right you did; nobody else showed up in your age group. Don't laugh that's how I won half of my medals. I won half the medals since I turned 50 only because no one else showed up. Okay I take that back Nancy Drumm did win a gold medal in billiards.

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

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

Council President Spillar: The township administration celebrated the Avenel Train Station with a press conference last Friday. The riders had the opportunity to be the first ones to be dropped off at Avenel at one of the new stops. On weekdays the revamped Avenel Station will now see a 40% increase in train service. There will be twenty-one stops at this station every Saturday and Sunday including holidays something we hope that will inspire residents and people to ride the New Jersey Coast Line straight to the new Performing Arts Center.

3. Woodbridge River Watch/ Oros Nature Preserve  
HOLD

Council President Spillar: I'd like to thank the volunteers at Oros Park. They're always eager to help out our schools. They took the time to accompany the students from the Rice Program last week. The students got to participate in cleaning up the park as well as participate in outdoor events and programs. Check out all the beauty Oros Park has to offer located on Omar Avenue.

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. Sycamore Senior Center/Red Oak Center  
HOLD

Council President Spillar: I'm very pleased to announce that the Red Oak Senior Complex located conveniently next to Sycamore Senior Center on Old Road is now having residents move in. For rental information interested residents can contact the Woodbridge Housing Authority at 732-634-2750. The building came out beautiful. It's located perfectly situated right next to Sycamore Senior Center and we have a new light there as well so that's going to be just a great little hub of Port Reading. They can walk down to St. Anthony's. St. Anthony's has a very large population so we're looking forward to that.

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 propertyHOLD

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. If anybody remembered what it looked like when it was the old Warden's property it was a decrepit piece of property. I want to thank again the mayor, the administration and Redevelopment for thinking outside the box and getting this project done. As I said it's set to open within two weeks. Interested residents can fill out a pre-application by visiting [www.greensatavenel@pennrose.com](mailto:www.greensatavenel@pennrose.com).

Next to the Greens at Avenel the LED Sports Hill lighting has been ordered. Installation is projected to be early November. Those are for the soccer fields.

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

**LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE/VICE PRESIDENT(ABSENT):**

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
9. Barron Arts Center  
HOLD
10. Free Public Libraries of Woodbridge  
HOLD
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, 5<sup>TH</sup> WARD COUNCILWOMAN:**

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

Councilwoman Meehan: Just a reminder the St. James Street Fair is this weekend and we also are doing the Beer Fest. It's a charity Beer Fest and our proceeds will go to a little boy in Fords who is sick so come out and enjoy the street fair and then come on over and join us.

And one concern I've been getting a lot of calls on just really be careful when you're driving out there. There are a lot of people that are going past school buses and we're really putting the kids in harm's way so please, please watch out for our little ones. Slow down, take a moment, put your phone down and just watch out for the little ones on the street during school hours and all day long.

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, 1<sup>ST</sup> 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: As Debbie said we will be splitting ourselves in half and working at the St. James Street Fair. It's an all-day event in its 30<sup>th</sup> year so downtown Main Street will be blocked off. Hopefully everyone will come out and have a nice day. If not the rain date is the following Saturday.

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 has a Lunch and Learn planned for Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon at Middlesex County College. The topic is Microsoft Excel Tips and Tricks at Crabiell Hall. It's a free event and a complimentary lunch will be served and sponsored by the college.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor's Breakfast Summit will take place on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions you can give us a call at the Chamber office.

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: I just want to Save the Date. This is probably the third or fourth year that we are doing the Woodbridge Elks Soccer Shoot. It's planned for Friday night, October 18<sup>th</sup> at Woodbridge High School, the main football field. It's a free event for children up to the age of 16. They shoot in different goals and challenges based on their ages. It goes up to age 16, they changed this year, and there are first, second and third prizes and the boys complete separately than the girls. Chick-fil-A and Sweet Berry Bowls will be in concession throughout.

17. Woodbridge Fire Department  
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: I just want to congratulate the four new recently installed Woodbridge Fire Department Career Firefighters. We thank them for choosing a career path of bravery and service for the township.

As the mayor announced earlier Councilman Ficarra and I attended the annual Green Team Environmental Commission Joint meeting. It was a really, really long meeting; it's annual. There is so much that we talked about. I asked for a little script to report back but it's quite cumbersome. I just wanted to say that Tom Flynn, our employee at Woodbridge Township who works under Mike Gelin our Township Engineer and Caroline Ehrlich our Chief of Staff had us over on the Green Team and the

Environmental Team and talked about everything that is happening. There were probably fifteen different topics that we talked about between the rating system, the infrastructure, problems like maintenance and the flood plan. There is a lot of information on the website and you can go to the website [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us) and hit Greenable Woodbridge. You'll be able to get all of that information. I just wanted to thank our administration, engineering, the DPW Department, the Environmental Commission and the Green Team Advisory Committee for all of their work. Going forward there is so much happening. I know Council President mentioned Ernie Oros Park, we talked about that. It's all good and I just wanted to publicly thank everyone involved in those efforts.

I also wanted to congratulate all the township employees and volunteers that were given Mayoral Proclamations and Awards for their excellence to our community. I had to work this evening so I wasn't able to make it so congratulations to everyone.

18. Coast Guard  
HOLD

19. Sewaren Library Programs  
HOLD

**KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:**

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

2. Job Bank  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: I do want to announce the Public Employee Fair hosted by the New Jersey Civil Service Commission will be holding some job fairs at various locations on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. at the Morristown National Guard Armory. The next one after that will be Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and that will be at the Lawrenceville National Guard Armory in Lawrenceville and then there will be two others in 2020 in April on April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Camden County College and also Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Rowan College in Burlington County. For more information on that job fair you can contact 609-777-0918 and the name is Joe Forda that you would want to reach out on that. I'll also let you know Mr. Vrtaric I did contact the person that you asked me to reach out to about their career so you are welcome.

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

Councilman Anderson: The Drive-In Movies are set for October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Woodbridge Community Center. The movies start at dusk and the kids come up and usually we have a Trunk or Trick that precedes it but the kids can come up in their pajamas like we used to do with our parents back in the day and watch the movie. The movie is to be announced.

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

15. Middlesex County College  
ADD

Councilman Anderson: There will be an Open House on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. You can register at [mccopenhouse.com](http://mccopenhouse.com). Middlesex County College is a great option for students that are looking to attend two or four year college. Their valedictorian is attending Yale now so Middlesex County College is a great option for anyone looking. There is 90 degrees in certifications that are offered. You can go there, you can meet facility staff and students and alum and it's a fantastic plus. You can stop by the Community Harvest Fest which is a free event and open to everyone. There will be pumpkin patches, pumpkin decorating, hayrides, inflatables, games, food trucks, DJ dancing and more. For more information you can go to [middlesexcc.edu](http://middlesexcc.edu).

Lastly I want to mention between October 5<sup>th</sup> and October 27<sup>th</sup> you can go to the Barron Arts Center for Settling In Woodbridge – A History of the Barron Family. There a lot of debates on the Barron Family but this exhibit drawn from the family archives of the Barron Family of Woodbridge will feature chronology of the Barron Family journey from Ireland to Massachusetts to New Jersey and behind. On a special note there will be artifacts from the life of the Barron library benefactor Thomas Barron and civil war diary of Dr. John Connor Barron and a variety of items from Maria Louisa Barron Fredericks wife of the noted 19<sup>th</sup> Century New York Photographer Charles Deforest Fredericks. Again that will be between October 5<sup>th</sup> and October 27<sup>th</sup>. The opening reception is on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00

P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Stop by and give it a listen.

**GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:**

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

Councilman Ficarra: The Woodbridge Community Center and The Club at Woodbridge both have their Fall Brochures out. I speak a lot about the Woodbridge Community Center and The Club at Woodbridge because they do a lot of tremendous things in the world of health and wellness there.

2. Youth Month – April  
HOLD
3. Senior Citizen Month – May  
HOLD
4. Mentoring Program  
HOLD
5. Mayor’s Fitness/Wellness Initiative  
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: Coming up very quickly on September 29<sup>th</sup> is the Tour de Woodbridge Bike Tour. I emphasize tour it is not a race it’s a recreational ride. To register you can go to [racerouster.com](http://racerouster.com) and put in Woodbridge Tour and it will come right up. There are some brochures around town but [racerouster.com](http://racerouster.com) is the best way to go.

I just want to mention one thing in regards to Housing. We were talking about Red Oak and Jacob’s Landing and folks that are looking into housing please understand that initially people are moving from old housing to new housing. It doesn’t necessarily mean all the new housing that we see opens up our housing stock; it’s still a little tricky. At the end as these projects continue housing should open up a bit but please understand that just because you see new housing doesn’t mean that folks that were in old housing are moving in there. But it is always good to fill out forms. Go to the Housing Authority on Bunns Lane there and Jacobs Landing and we’ll do everything we can to assist you.

The Greenway Family Success Center on New Brunswick Avenue in Fords they have a workshop coming up on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. on vaping. Vaping is a big topic right now. The City of New York is banning it. There are a lot of questions. This is just giving information. You do need to register at 732-527-3400. This is the Greenway Family Success Center and everything they do is for free.

Councilwoman Drumm and I are on the Green Team. There is some much going on with recycling. Director I know you know this better than anything but we are in a crisis for recycling right now. I don’t want to get into the political aspect but there are federal laws, federal policies, that countries are no longer accepting our recycling material. Where communities would once get money for recycling we are now paying money to recycle. So please it is not something we should casually do we need to be

committed to this. I'm going to give you one example, and I did this myself and learned it the hard way, a pizza box on the inside has a piece of paper. If that sheet of paper has a little bit of cheese melted on there it could contaminate a ton of garbage so all of that recycling material that could be used is now contaminated so that's our lesson for today. A pizza box with cheese is regular garbage not in recycle.

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

Councilman Ficarra: At The Club at Woodbridge there is a lot of reconstruction and renovations going on, all good stuff. I hear that the members are very patient and excited about the things going on but the future is very bright at The Club at Woodbridge.

**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](http://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: Just a reminder National Public Lands Day is being held on September 28<sup>th</sup>. The cleanup is from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. and then the river celebration which includes walking trails and kayak tours is from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

13. Marine Eight  
HOLD
14. Mayor Mac Café  
HOLD

Councilman Small: I’m pleased to announce Mayor Mac’s Café is going to open in the Cypress Center on October 16<sup>th</sup> and lunch will be served from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

15. Jazz Festival  
HOLD

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

Councilman Patel: My agenda is in order but there was actually a fundraiser for the school opening for the backpack campaign and there were a few good donors who came out and they donated generously so I would like to thank them.

Also last week I received a few phone calls thanking the township for actually coming out and cleaning up all the green and blue trash cans so I would also like to thank the mayor and administration and special thanks to the Sanitation Department.

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

HOLD

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

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

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

Councilman Bauer: The Fords Business Community's annual Trunk or Treat Cruise Night will be on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at Siperstein's Paints located at 372 New Brunswick Avenue in Fords.

7. Fords/Hopelawn/Keasbey Fire Companies  
HOLD

Councilman Bauer: The Fords Fire Company No. 1 annual Fire Prevention Open House will be held on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. Come out and meet your local firefighters, check out the apparatus, see live demonstrations with free giveaways and more.

8. Fords V.F.W.  
HOLD
9. Troop 53 Boy Scouts of America  
HOLD
10. Pathmark Property  
HOLD
11. Brownfields  
HOLD

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

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.

Mr. Mitch: Item 1A, 1B, 1C and 1D I still continue to work with the police department on that.

- E. Place-To-Place Transfer (Expansion of Premises) for Liquor License #1225-31-089-001, Woodbridge BPO Elks Lodge 2116, 655 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

Mr. Mitch: Item 1E is an Expansion of Premises on Rahway Avenue. That is the latest change on my agenda otherwise everything else is in order.

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: Thank you Council President my resolution for next week will be general housekeeping matters.

**POLICE:**

Director of Police Hubner: Thank you Council President I have one item and that's for the new traffic control device on Lake Avenue in Colonia.

**HEALTH:**

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

**RECREATION:**

Director Cimilluca: Nothing this evening, thank you Council President.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

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

**PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:**

Director Henry: Thank you Council President I have one item which is an Award of Contract for Sanitary Sewer Flow Monitoring.

**LEGAL:**

Mr. Coughlin: Nothing this evening Council President.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Meehan, seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously, Council President Spillar adjourned the meeting at 7:38 P.M.

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Cory S. Spillar  
Council President

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