

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 October 18, 2022 at 6 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.

Howie Bauer, Council President: Please remain standing for a moment of silence for all of our military personnel serving here and abroad.

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 10, 2021. A copy of the Schedule was posted on the Municipal bulletin board. It should be so noted in the minutes of this meeting.

The Municipal Clerk took the Municipal Council attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cory Spillar, Debbie Meehan, Virbhadra N. Patel, Lizbeth DeJesus, Brian Small, Sharon McAuliffe, Gregg Ficarra, Howie Bauer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kyle Anderson

ALSO PRESENT: John E. McCormac, Mayor
John Mitch, Municipal Clerk
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator
Marta Darden, Director of Planning and Development
Robert Hubner, Director of Police
George Brew, Director of Public Works
Phil Bujalski, Director of Department of Health & Human Services
John Hagerty, Communications Director
Craig Coughlin, Esq.
Fred Rubenstein, Esq.

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from October 3, 2022?

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

Council Meeting:

October 3, 2022

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

- A. A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$13,060,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS. (2022-67)**

- B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO ADD – HANDICAPPED PARKING – PIPER AVENUE. (2022-68)**

- C. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AUCTION OF FIVE ANNUAL TAXI/AUTOCAB OWNER’S LICENSES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (2022-69)**

**D. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, OF THE
WOODBIDGE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES – PARADES. (2022-70)**

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Beginning with the Second Reading of Ordinances this evening, we will take Letter A listed before you which is a Bond Ordinance in the amount of \$13,060,000. Can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: The public hearing is now open on Letter A.

Tom Maras, Fords: Asked if this bond ordinance was an annual reoccurrence.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Yes.

Tom Maras, Fords: Since the last time, what are the changes in the bond rates and what are we facing with financing these bonds?

John E. McCormac, Mayor: No change in our rating. We have no idea what the bonds will cost until we evaluate the market.

Tom Maras, Fords: What is the current market? You should have some idea on that.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: I don't know.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked if it is absolutely necessary to buy the equipment.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: If you'd like, you can get a list of what is in there and tell us what you think is not necessary. But obviously you think it is because we put it up for a vote before Council. We believe it's necessary and that is why we put it before the Council for a vote. And, if you want to get a copy of what is in this Ordinance and tell us what you think is not necessary, please go ahead. This is a constant replacement of equipment. There is \$6,000,000 for roads, money for parts, computers and a lot of different things. We don't wait for something to break to buy a new one.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked what is done with the old stuff when replaced with the new stuff.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: We try to use it and if we can't, it gets auctioned off.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked if there is double equipment at the same time.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: It all depends on what piece of equipment you are talking about. We try to keep equipment going as long as we can. We auction it off if we don't need it anymore.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Any other comments on Letter A? Hearing no comment from the public, can I get a motion that the public comment portion be closed, the Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval as required by law?

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: We'll take Letter B, which is an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 regarding handicapped parking on Piper Avenue in Avenel. Can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: The public hearing is now open on Letter B.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Hearing no comment from the public, can I get a motion that the public comment portion be closed, the Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval as required by law?

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: We'll take Letter C which is an Ordinance providing for five new taxi cab licenses in the Township of Woodbridge. Can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: The public hearing is now open on Letter C.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Hearing no comment from the public, can I get a motion that the public comment portion be closed, the Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval as required by law?

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter D is an Ordinance amending Chapter 7 with regards to the parades. With that said, can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: The public hearing is now open on Letter D.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Hearing no comment from the public, can I get a motion that the public comment portion be closed, the Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval as required by law?

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

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

- E. BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE SEWER UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,638,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

- F. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-12 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO ADD PARKING TIME LIMITED – GROVE STREET.**

- G. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.5 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO ADD HANDICAPPED PARKING – LAFAYETTE ROAD.**

- H. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBDIVISION OF LOT 55 WITHIN BLOCK 545 INTO LOT 55.01 AND 55.02 AND THE SALE OF NEWLY CREATED LOT 55.01 WITHIN BLOCK 545 TO THE**

WOODBIDGE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

- I. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE “ROUTE 1 AREA 22 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A.40A:12A-1 et seq.**

Councilwoman Sharon McAuliffe abstained from Letter H.

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading, to be published in the Home News Tribune on Friday, October 21, 2022 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on November 1, 2022 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 tax refund for 100 % Disabled Veteran, Ruben Velazquez, 189 Campbell Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.
- (2) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a tax refund for 100 % Disabled Veteran, Bianca Rosado, 1055 Thayer Avenue, Avenel, NJ 07001.
- (3) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves that all fees for the rental of the Township’s portable stage for North Brunswick’s Annual Heritage Day, scheduled for October 15, 2022 are hereby waived.
- (4) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the waiver of license fees for any and all vending machines, food machines, concession stands, and amusement games operated by Player One Amusement Group and the Recreation Utility for the year 2023 and does not preclude the Township for having proper inspections and stickers and/or certificates of approval from the Health Department and the Municipal Clerk’s Office and/or any other relevant Division required by law to make inspections.
- (5) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the waiver of license fees for any and all vending machines, food machines, concession stands, and amusement games operated by the Woodbridge Community Center and the Recreation Utility for the year 2023 and does not preclude the Township for having proper inspections and stickers

and/or certificates of approval from the Health Department and the Municipal Clerk's Office and/or any other relevant Division required by law to make inspections.

- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the application for a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$1,500,000.00 to carry out a project to dredge the waterway at the Sewaren Marina waterfront.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2023 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge in the amount of \$181,095.24 for the 2023 Clean Communities Grant.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2023 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge in the amount of \$274,735.00 for the NJDOH Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Grant.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2023 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the COVID-19 Vaccination Supplemental Funding.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the hiring of police officers following the alternative process set forth in N.J.S.A 11A:4-1.3 (the "Alternate Process").
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute an Agreement for various services between the Township of Woodbridge and the Sewaren Public Library for a two (2) year period commencing November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2024.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the contract awarded to P & A Construction for emergency sewer repair, specifically the replacement of the basin and installation of 108 lf of 16" Ductile Iron Pipe and restoration of the roadway at Mileed way in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves of the BID from K&D Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$818,000.00 and hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Purchaser to execute any and all documents necessary with K&D Contractors, LLC for the Woodbridge Community Center Dehumidification Unit Replacement.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves of the BID from Pepsi Cola for a 24 month contract with an optional 12 month renewal for the Woodbridge Community Center and Various locations within Woodbridge Township and hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Purchaser to execute any and all documents necessary for the making of and the completion of the contract.

- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves of the BID made by American Wear, Inc. for mop rental services in the amount of \$23,000.00 per year for a 24 month period with an optional 12 month renewal and hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Purchaser to execute any and all documents necessary for the making of and completion of the contract.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves of the BID made by The Ambient Group, LLC. in the amount of \$399,850.00 for the Up Smiths Creek Community Complex Underground Storage Tank removal and Soil Remediation Project and hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Purchaser to execute any and all documents necessary for the making of and completion of the contract.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of Change Order #2 on the contract with P & A Construction, Inc. for the Contract 2022-001, 2022 Milling & Resurfacing Program, Area 1,2,3,4 & 5 in the amount of \$26,771.67 increasing the contract amount of \$5,415,574.15 to a total of \$5,442,345.82.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the referral of the “Route 1 Area 22” Redevelopment Plan to the Township Planning Board for its review and comment pursuant to the Local and Redevelopment and Housing Law.
- (19) **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 October 18, 2022 and the Supplemental Bill List dated October 1, 2022 through October 14, 2022.

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

Public Meeting:

Council President Bauer: At this time we’ll go to the public portion of our meeting. When you approach the microphone, please state your name, part of the Township or state you are from, you have a one time, five minute time period. All videotaping must be taken within a designated area in the rear of the room and there will be no shouting from your seats. Please respect each other and please make sure no signs or posters are blocking the walkway or aisles. Thank you.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any comments from the public this evening?

Kathy Kuchie, Woodbridge: Spoke about problems with truck traffic on Cutters Dock Road, things are getting worse, here at the meeting tonight to follow up on her inquiries from the last Council meeting. Stated that Councilwoman McAuliffe and Councilman Ficarra responded to her but it was not to her satisfaction. Believes someone is leasing property over the bridge and

asked where all of the Amazon trucks are coming from. Asked that a cop car park in the area every once in a while to monitor the comings and goings of all the truck traffic and if what is happening is legal.

Howie Bauer, Council President: Administration, do we have any updates on this?

John E. McCormac, Mayor: We are not aware of anything going on across the bridge that would be illegal. As long as they are not breaking any laws and they are legitimate commercial businesses in a legitimate commercial zone which is what that is, on a street that is probably less than half residential and more than half commercial and the street leads into a 100 acre industrial park. As long as there is no illegal activity, we can't stop people from being in business when they are legally allowed to be there. If there is any illegal activity that you have evidence of, I am sure we can take a look and if there are problems with speeding, we can deal with that. But if they are just existing as commercial businesses in a legitimate zone, we are very limited on what we can do.

Kathy Kuchie, Woodbridge: They can run 24 hours a day and wake up the neighbors at 4 a.m. parked outside idling?

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Yes they can. The idling is different. There is potential illegal activity there that we can act on. But we can't act on volume. Knowing how many trucks there are doesn't matter because it's a commercial road. There can be trucks. We can't control the volume. We can't say 10 trucks can go through but the 11th can't. If it's speeding, we can deal with it, if it's volume, we can't.

Patricia Enid Radzyck, Woodbridge: Spoke about an increase in noise even being just up the street from Cutters Dock Road, trucks are also passing by her house, notices trucks on South Fulton Road as well. Referred to Mayor saying that there is nothing that can be done because it is a County road.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: I said we can't do anything about volume. We can do something about speed and illegal idling but we can't do anything about volume.

Paul Lund, Hopelawn: Spoke about attending a rally for parental rights in Hamilton Township, Megan Kana and Megan's Law and mentioned that Megan's father, Richard Kanka is on the Board of Education for the last 16 years, children were being sexualized in Hamilton Township. Believes that the new Physical Education standards should not include radical sex education by grade 8 or gender identity confusion by grade 2. Stated that another gentleman in attendance voiced to Mr. Kanka that he was also against radical sex education and he wrote the Governor and the New Jersey State Board months ago and has yet to receive a response. Voiced that he will continue to educate people and execute free speech. Questioned the Mayor asking if he had anything to do with the Arch Dioceses pulling the rug from the meeting that was scheduled for 6 weeks at St. James Church. Commented on the fact that Council was wearing pink shirts for breast cancer awareness month and assumes that in the future pink will not be associated with breast cancer awareness as it is a gender stereotype.

Tom Maras, Fords: Repeated Paul Lund's question in asking if the Mayor had anything to do with the cancellation of the venue at St. James Church recently. Asked if truck traffic is banned on Main Street between Rahway Avenue coming up from Route 9.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: No, I have no idea what you are talking about. It's banned from Rahway Avenue to Main Street. I don't know if goes all the way to Route 9 but it's definitely banned from Rahway Avenue to Main Street.

Tom Maras, Fords: If you ban it there, why can't you ban it where these ladies live?

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Main Street is a retail zone and that's an industrial zone.

Tom Maras, Fords: Has the State withdrawn funding for the proposed exit and entrance ramps that they were going to put along Route 9 going down to Main Street or thereabouts?

John E. McCormac, Mayor: No.

Tom Maras, Fords: When is that project scheduled to go ahead?

John E. McCormac, Mayor: It's moving ahead. It's in the design phase.

Tom Maras, Fords: Come on, can you be a little bit more specific or the State can't?

John E. McCormac, Mayor: No, I can't. It's being run through us but I don't know when it will be done because we have not finished the plan yet. I am not giving you an estimate so you can come back and say May and it happened in June. I am not giving you an estimate.

Tom Maras, Fords: Asked if the Redevelopment Agency has declared the Sewaren area where the new apartments may be going, as an area in need of redevelopment.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Marta would know. I don't think we did.

Tom Maras, Fords: Commented that there are developers that want to go before the board on November 10th for variances and they have always been denied in the past.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: I have no evidence that they have been denied before. Just because one person is denied doesn't mean the other person will be. And they still have the constitutional right to proceed with an application.

Tom Maras, Fords: They may be friends of yours.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: No, Mr. Maras, that is not true.

Tom Maras, Fords: Asked when the County will repave the road by Antares Drive just past Route 9, repair the potholes and install traffic lights.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: It is part of the State project, which you asked about before. They are patching the road as much as they can because it does not make any sense to do a complete reconstruction of a road knowing you're going to put three traffic lights or actually put one in and fix two, on the whole strip. It makes no sense to pave it and fix it all now. It will all be done with the project. The State is funding it. It was never a County project. The State is funding it, but it is a Township project. It is a County road and the County is involved in our agreements. But it's being run by us and funded by the State.

Paul Lund, Hopelawn: Asked the Mayor if he knew anything about the anonymous tip that was called in to the Arch Diocese stating that Mr. Lund's group was a political group and the event at St. James church was cancelled. Stated that the Father at the parish screened him to make sure they weren't a political group when they are in face a nonprofit 501c3, which means they are not political. They were told that someone in the Administration told them that I was running for office and that we were fundraising at this event which is entirely untrue.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Mr. Lund, I know you are not running for office. I have no idea if you are fundraising or not. I don't know what you do and I'm not concerned about that whatsoever.

Paul Lund, Hopelawn: I'm glad to hear that. If I want to use the Acacia Youth Center for our next rally, there should be no problem.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: You have been told multiple times that you cannot use the Acacia Youth Center. We allow people to use it for community organizations connecting with our schools or our leagues directly related to the Township and yours is not that. You were told multiple times that you can't use it and there are plenty of other buildings you can use. We don't give Acacia to private citizens for events like that. As I said we give it to school events or little leagues or PTO's.

Paul Lund, Hopelawn: Despite your suppression word is getting out.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: I am not suppressing anything. We don't rent it out. We just don't. It is in our policy. We don't rent it out. We don't have a written policy, we just don't rent it out. Why can't you understand that?

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about living on Fulton Street, a few meetings ago there were problems about warehouses and train tracks, he took a ride over there and said it is a disaster. Addressed Councilwoman McAuliffe as part of the McCormac team asking what the problem was with not opening her business back up. Asked if she was unable to get permits.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: That's ridiculous Mr. Vrtaric. Have you heard about COVID? Have you heard about inflation? Have you heard about supply chain issues? Do you know she can't get a refrigerator and can't get a stove? Did you know all that? Did you miss COVID?

Sharon McCauliffe, Councilwoman-First Ward: My store was closed down. COVID came and for over one year nothing happened at all because of COVID. Everybody that I tried to deal with

has nothing to do with the Town, it has to do with the SBA and getting our funding from the SBA. After that happened we started our construction. When we started doing construction, we ran into some complications that had nothing to do with the Town. We are putting an addition on the back of the building which is all legal. The soil had an issue and we had to get engineering things done. That's why. Now the project is moving along and if you go by and look behind there you will see people working and everything is moving along just fine. But it is true that materials are delayed, it's very difficult as a small business owner just to get people to come to work today. Right now my air conditioning units are 28 weeks out and that's unheard of. So it's not that I am being held up by anything in Town it's just the commercial construction industry right now is holding up my project. I want to be open more than anybody else. I even get my inspections from another Town because I am a council person. Woodbridge doesn't even do my inspections just so you know.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Concerned that there are 10 to 15 empty stores on Main Street for years. Stated that Perth Amboy doesn't seem to have these problems.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: You think there are 10 or 15 empty stores on Main Street?

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: I don't know.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: You don't know? You just said 10 or 15 stores are empty on Main Street and now you say you don't know. One or the other. You put a number out there and now you can't defend it. You made up the number. It's way less! It's low single digits. It's way less. You made up the number and now you can't defend it.

Frank Trombattore, Woodbridge: Spoke about the history and formation of Columbus Day, the lynching of March 14, 1891 in the United States and how citizens can't defend themselves these days, expects more lynching of Italians. Referenced a letter he received from a Rabbi regarding the preservation of firearms ownership. Addressed Councilman Patel with regards to the new school sexual education standards and asked how certain acts of a sexual nature could possibly be explained in detail to seven year old children in elementary school as part of the new sexual education curriculum.

Lizabeth DeJesus, Councilwoman-At-Large: Excuse me, there is a child sitting in the audience so can you watch what you are saying?

Frank Trombattore, Woodbridge: The child is going to be getting it in school from a teacher.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any other comments this evening? Can I get a motion that the public comment portion be closed?

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting which was seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

HOWIE BAUER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT / 2nd WARD COUNCILMAN:

Council President Bauer: At this time we'll go to our Agendas. My Agenda is in order. I have few announcements tonight.

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/Trunk or Treat
HOLD
Fords Business Community Annual Trunk or Treat will be Monday, October 24th from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Siperstein's parking lot – 372 New Brunswick Avenue in Fords.
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
16. Human Rights Commission.
HOLD
17. Concerts.
HOLD
18. Jazz Fest.
HOLD
19. 988 LIFE LINE.
HOLD

Another community day event will be scheduled for Keasbey at the Florida Grove Manor apartments on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the back parking lots of buildings 10 and 11. We are offering health screenings to the residents and providing them with information on all of the services provided by the Township. I will go to Councilman Patel first as he has to leave for another meeting this evening.

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

Council President Bauer: Councilman Patel do you have any announcements?

Councilman Patel: Thank you Council President. My Agenda is in order.

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

We have Diwali coming up in a week. I would like to wish everyone a happy Diwali and a happy New Year. It's on our Indian calendar and we are glad to celebrate the Festival of Lights. That is all. Thank you.

GREGG FICARRA, COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT / COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Council Vice President Ficarra.

Council Vice President Ficarra: Thank you Council President.

1. WCC (Woodbridge Community Center).

(A) Senior Recreation and programming.

(B) Youth Recreation and programming.

HOLD

We have Haunted Mini Golf Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.

2. Youth Month – April.

Senior Month – May.

HOLD

3. Mayor's Fitness / Wellness Initiatives.

HOLD

4. Fireworks.

HOLD

5. Heroes & Cool Kids / Strengthening Families.

HOLD

6. Pedestrian Safeway's / East Coast Greenway.

HOLD

7. Annual Pizza Run.

HOLD

8. Jacob's Landing.

HOLD

9. The Club at Woodbridge Upgrades.
HOLD
10. Crossroad's Race.
HOLD
11. Mental Health / Wellness.
HOLD
12. COVID-19 Efforts.
HOLD
13. Mobile Health Unit.
HOLD
14. Senior Services Directory.
HOLD

Congratulations to Councilwoman Meehan and her team for an outstanding Cancer walk this past Saturday. There was a huge crowd and a great fundraiser for a very important cause. That's all I have.

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilman Small.

Councilman Small: Thank you Council President.

1. Woodbridge News.
HOLD
2. Mayor's Advisory Council on Education (Mac-E).
HOLD
3. Port Reading Fire and Township First Aid Squads.
HOLD
Trunk or Treat is on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. across from the Port Reading Fire House. We are looking for trunks to participate. If you are interested please contact the Treasurer at prfas.com or you can call 732-636-1888. In lieu of an entry fee, we ask that you bring in an unwrapped toy to be donated to a Christmas foundation in need.
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 (9/24/22).
HOLD
13. Marine Eight.
HOLD
14. Mayor Mac Café.
HOLD
Just a reminder that the café is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and
it’s
located at 881 West Avenue in Port Reading.
15. Light Parade (11/26/22).
HOLD
Our Third Annual Light Parade is coming up. It’s a great event and will be held on
November 26, 2022. That’s the weekend of Thanksgiving. Maps are on the Township
website for the routes in town.
16. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.
HOLD
17. Woodbridge B.P.O.E. Elks 2116.
HOLD

The Woodbridge Elks held a Soccer Shoot on Friday with over 135 participants. Most of them are our kids. So our Rec program is going really well. The Soccer Shoot was dedicated to Councilwoman Nancy Drumm who was very involved in this event and it was a great night. Thank you Mr. Molnar and Woodbridge Elks for all you did. That's all I have this evening Thank you.

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilwoman DeJesus.

Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you Council President.

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
9. Barron Arts Center.
HOLD
10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.
HOLD
11. Veteran's Tax Deduction.

HOLD

12. Girl Sports.
HOLD
13. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavilion and Camp; E. William St. Park.
HOLD
14. Youth Leadership Council.
HOLD
15. Community Backpacks.
HOLD
16. Donation of Winter Coats for School Students.
HOLD
17. Safe Place.
HOLD
18. Women's Month
HOLD
19. Mentoring Programs.
HOLD

I just have one announcement. My Agenda is in order. The Main Library has a few openings left in computer skill classes for adult ESL students on Mondays at 10 a.m. or at 6:30 p.m. Contact the Literacy New Jersey directly at 732-906-5456 to register. The Main Library is also participating in National Dyslexia Awareness Month with a display of books and a resource pamphlet for adults and parents.

I just have something fun. If you're looking for something to do, find Bigfoot in the library this Thursday, October 20th at 7 p.m. A guy by the name of Mike Familant, an EMT, firefighter and graphic designer, is a full-time bigfoot researcher, producer and lead investigator from NorthWest New Jersey. He first got into bigfooting in 2011 on an expedition in North Florida where him and a friend experienced rocks being thrown at them while sitting around a camp fire. Since then, he has made it his personal goal to find out exactly what is roaming in the woods of America. That is all. Happy Diwali to every celebrating.

CORY S. SPILLAR, 3rd WARD COUNCILMAN

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilman Spillar
Councilman Spillar: Thank you Council President Bauer.

1. Avenel's Very Merry Holiday Lighting (11/27/22) / Port Reading Day (10/8/22).
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
There are tickets left for the Avenel Fire Company's comedy night featuring our very own, Joe Fernandez, as the headliner. Also Troy Moore from Comedy T.V. and Sirius XM will be performing and Michele Traina from the one woman comedy show, Divorce Diaries. The show will be held at 346 Avenel Street on Saturday, November 5th. Doors open at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. is show time. Please bring your own refreshments. Contact Chris at 732-803-1524.
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

I just want to update again. The Referendum which included a new school #4 and #5 project to be located on Rahway Avenue passed on March 10, 2020. Unfortunately a few days later the pandemic changed all of our lives on how we conduct day to day business and obviously all projects were put on hold for a period of time. Due to the pandemic, the rise of costs and inflation, it is estimated that the cost of the project would require an addition 15 million dollars in revenue to the original financial figures. We don't feel comfortable asking our residents to pass another referendum for this additional spending. The school district will now look to build a new school #4 and a complete renovation of school #5, using the remaining funds from the Referendum. The construction can be accomplished with minimal disruption to the school as the parking lot has sufficient room for the expansion. We appreciate the support from our residents for the 2020 Referendum but we cannot justify spending upwards of 15 million dollars on a new elementary school. We ask that our residents support this new project. As I mentioned the last time, as excited as I was for a new school #4 and #5, I am equally excited. I spoke to a lot of parents and they are excited that this project can be done sooner than building an entire new school. I will kind of a mix of what we did at Woodbridge Middle and Ross Street School. Thank you Council President. God Bless America.

13. Mileed Way Army Corps of Engineers Project.
HOLD

14. Maple Tree Senior Center.
HOLD

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilwoman Meehan.

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you Council President.

1. Inman Avenue Business District Improvements.
HOLD

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

3. Evergreen Senior and Youth Center / Senior Services.
HOLD

4. Events: A. Taste of Colonia.
 B. Have a Heart Food Drive.

- C. Colonia Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt.
- D. Colonia 5K/Chris Jantas Run.
- E. Colonia Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament.
- F. Support the Troops Rally.
- G. Colonia Pride Day.
- H. Colonia Clean Up.
- I. Colonia Christmas Tree Lighting.
- J. Cookies and Can for the Troops and Food Bank.
- K. Toys for Tots Run.
- L. Breast Cancer Walk.

HOLD

- 5. Food Pantry.
HOLD
- 6. Reinhard Manor.
HOLD
- 7. Colonia Fire Department/First Aid Squad.
HOLD
- 8. Colonia American Legion/V.F.W./Elks.
HOLD
- 9. Veteran's Issues.
HOLD
- 10. Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.
HOLD
- 11. Cpl. Kevin Reinhard Marine Corps League.
HOLD
- 12. Volunteer Directory.
HOLD
- 13. Domestic Violence Response Team.
HOLD
- 14. AED Program.
HOLD
- 15. Springwood
HOLD

As you can see, we all have our pink on tonight. We are just bringing awareness to breast cancer. It's really important. We raised the flag before with breast cancer survivors. It was nice that we all came together, reflected and reminded people to get their mammograms and just be aware.

This past weekend, we held our 6th Annual Breast Cancer walk and our 1st Annual Oktoberfest in Colonia. Both events were a great success due to the help of so many people. I'd just like to thank Public Works, a department under the direction of George Brew, who I probably drove crazy for a couple of months. And Bobby Higgins and their crew who worked tirelessly to make sure the newly renovated Springwood swim club, which is absolutely beautiful, was ready for the Oktoberfest. Thank you to the Woodbridge police department, Pat Kenny and his crew for helping to ensure breast cancer walkers were kept safe as they walked down Inman Avenue to Springwood swim club. And thank you to all the residents that got stuck in a little bit of traffic to allow us to walk down the street. We hope it didn't hold you up too much. Thank you to everyone that supported the Oktoberfest, especially Joe Canal's, Woodbridge Brewery, Maglione's, PBA Local #165, Colonia VFW, Colonia Fire Department, the Independent Club, Columbia bank, Jenny Esposito and many other local businesses and residents that either made donations or gave out gift baskets.

Also, thank you to the band Revolver, who played for us all day long. They were amazing and at the end of the day because of the cause, they gave back all the money that we paid them to be there. This was a huge event to put together and it would not have come together without the help of so many people. Thank you to the great crew of friends I have that sold tickets, poured beer, cooked and served food, set up, cleaned up and ran around doing everything I asked of them.

I would especially like to thank three people who I absolutely could not have pulled this off without. Ed Wagner, Owen O'Donnell, Joanne Polakowski. Their hard work and dedication to this community is unwavering.

Saturday was an amazing community day with two events that were brought together to help 3 Colonia families. Together we walked in support of breast cancer fighters and survivors and all those we lost, but we also walked in support of our friend Caren Brock whose is a beloved member of the Colonia community and the Colonia middle school family where she works. Caren has been bravely battling breast cancer for over 5 years now. We also walked in memory of Joanne Walker who lost her battle to breast cancer this summer. Joanne was a beloved paraprofessional from School #22. Joanne happened to be the paraprofessional of Savannah Bona who I didn't know that was also a recipient of the charity for the Oktoberfest. Through the kindness and the overwhelming generosity of this community, we were able to raise enough money to buy Savannah, who is in a wheelchair, a specialized bicycle that will help her with range of motions, extra therapy and most importantly allow her to ride her bike with her family. These events, though we wish we didn't have to do them for a cause because nobody wants anyone to be sick or struggle, truly brings out the best in people and reinforces what our community is all about and it makes me incredibly proud to call Colonia and Woodbridge Township my home. Thank you to everyone that helped us. I know I always get the credit for it but it truly was a team effort from so many people, like the Township residents, and all of you to bring these things to light and to raise money for our community. That is all I have.

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

1. W.T.Y.R.C.
HOLD
2. Job Bank.
HOLD
3. Mayor's Trophy.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame.
HOLD
5. Taste of Woodbridge.
HOLD
6. Charity Raffle.
HOLD
7. Drive-In Movies.
HOLD
8. N.A.A.C.P. (*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

16. Geo Baker Clinics.
HOLD

SHARON McAULIFFE, 1st WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Council President Bauer: Thank you for the great job and raising funds for our community.

Councilman Anderson is excused. Councilwoman McAuliffe.

Councilwoman McAuliffe: Thank you Council President. My Agenda is in order.

1. Events: A. Relay for Life.
 B. Fishing Derby.
 C. Parker Press Concerts.
 D. Woodbridge Wednesdays and Local Band Thursdays.
 E. Saint James Street Fair.

HOLD

2. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).
HOLD

3. Chamber of Commerce.
HOLD

4. Buy Local Program.
HOLD

5. Transit Village.
HOLD

6. Blue Acres/F.E.M.A.
HOLD

7. Main Street and Route 9.
HOLD

8. Animal Shelter.
HOLD

I want to remind everyone that this Sunday, October 23, 2022, is our Purr-Fectly Spooktacular Howl-o-Ween Pet Parade. There is still time to register either online or you can register the day of the event, in person. It will start at 12:30 p.m. at Townhall and we'll march up Main Street where you can show off your pet's favorite costume and head to Tanzman Park where we will have awards and photos. Please also remember to bring a pet donation. All the proceeds will go directly to the animal shelter.

9. Dog Park.
HOLD

10. Arts.
(A) Woodbridge Train Station Mural Project.
(B) Gallery on Main.
HOLD
The Gallery on Main will hold a fall artist reception on Thursday, October 20th, from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Meet the artists and enjoy some light refreshments at 101 Main Street, Woodbridge. Parking is available in the rear of the store.

11. PACE.
HOLD

12. Woodbridge Fire Department.
HOLD

13. Coast Guard.
HOLD

14. Sewaren Library Programs.
HOLD

15. Acacia Center.
HOLD

16. RISE Program.
HOLD

17. Sewaren Marina.
HOLD

18. First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge.
HOLD

19. Earth Day Event.
HOLD

20. Green Infrastructure
HOLD

Happy Diwali to everyone and thank you. Have a good evening.

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Mr. Mitch.

Mr. Mitch: Thank you Mr. President. Everything on my Agenda is in order. I just want to make one comment on number 5.

1. Liquor License Transfer(s) / Change of Corporate Structure.
 - A. Change of Corporate Structure for WB489 Beverages LLC t/a Joe Canal's Discount Liquors, 489 Route 1 So., Woodbridge, NJ 07095.
 - B. Place-to-Place (Expansion of Premises) Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-069-009 for MSK Holdings LLC t/a Woodbridge Brewing Co., 33 Main St., Woodbridge, NJ 07095.
 - C. Person-To-Person & Place-To-Place Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-052-005 from Maria De La Rosa to Angelina's Woodbridge Liquor License, LLC t/a Angelina's Kitchen, Inc., 6000 Vermella Way, Building G, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.
2. Liquor License Incident(s) / Hearing(s).
3. Liquor License Renewals.
4. Street Closings / Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals, etc.).
5. Elections.
 - A. 2022 General Election: **(11/8/22)** Early Voting: **(10/29/22 – 11/6/22)**.
 - B. 2023 Primary:

As we are approaching the General Election, please be reminded that the Acacia Youth Center is used for our early voting. That opens next Saturday, October 29, 2022 and will remain open until November 6, 2022. Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. you can vote or from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays. That's just prior to the General Election. That is all I have.

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

I am totally sorry. I forgot to mention Councilwoman McAuliffe. She spent the whole day with me taking names and tickets and she really was such a big help.

MAYOR:

POLICE:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Hubner.

Police Director Hubner: Thank you Council President. I have one traffic ordinance amendment. Thank you.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Darden.

Director Darden: Thank you Council President. Just our standard bi-weekly refunds. Thank you.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Brew.

Director Brew: Thank you Council President. I have one item. A Change Order #3, Contract #2022-001 for the 2022 Milling & Road Resurfacing Program. That's all I have. Thank you.

HEALTH:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Bujalski.
Thank you Council President. No items from the Health Department this evening.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Business Administrator Cimilluca.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Thank you Council President. For next week I will have a professional services contract for you for addiction services. Thank you.

LEGAL:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Legal.

Fred Rubenstein, Esq.: Thank you Council President. Nothing this evening.

RECREATION:

On a motion made by Council Vice President Ficarra seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously, Council President Bauer adjourned the meeting at 6:49 P.M.