

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 November 1, 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, Kyle Anderson, Brian Small, Sharon McAuliffe, Howie Bauer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gregg Ficarra, Lizbeth DeJesus

ALSO PRESENT: John E. McCormac, Mayor
John Mitch, Municipal Clerk
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator
Casey Wagner, Deputy 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.
Eric Lange, Esq.

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from October 18, 2022?

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

Council Meeting:

October 18, 2022

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

A. A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE SEWER UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, 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. (2022-71)

B. 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. (2022-72)

C. 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. (2022-73)

D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBDIVISION OF LOT 55 WITHIN BLOCK 545 INTO LOT 55.01 AND 55.02 AND THE SALE OF THE NEWLY CREATED LOT 55.01 WITHIN BLOCK 545 TO THE WOODBRIDGE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY. (2022-74)

E. 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. 30A:12A- et seq. (2022-75)

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Beginning with the Second Reading of Ordinances, we will take Letter A first which is a Bond Ordinance for the Sewer Utility in the amount of \$5,638,000. Can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Councilman Anderson 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 for further details on the bond, the bond market, and what the bond will cost.

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: We won't know that until we go to market.

Tom Maras, Fords: When will you go to market?

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: It all depends on what the market looks like. We'll look at the market and see where it is at and figure it out from there. Right now we will hold it.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Addressed Mr. Cimilluca about the sewers and how we should not wait to work on the sewers and asked how it will be paid for.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: We are not waiting to do the sewers. We are doing the work on the sewers that needs to be done now. We do work every year on the sewers to keep them up to date. We pay for it after we Bond, when we pay the Bond off. That's how we pay for it. We have plenty of cash on hand to cover everything we need before we Bond. We don't need to issue Bonds to pay for the project. We can pay for the project out of cash on hand. At some point then we decide when the market is right, we can go to Bond or we can just keep issuing

notes every year until we pay them off. We pass a Bond Ordinance, this one is \$6 million dollars and that authorizes us to start work on what is in the Bond Ordinance, which in this case, is sewers. We have the money on hand to do the work. At some point when the market is right and we think it is good to go out and get that \$6 million dollars, we go out to the market and we borrow it. We pay it off over 30 years and as we pay it, we charge the sewer users for that. That's how the budget works.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked exactly where the work is going to be done.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: It's a variety of work totaling over \$6 million dollars on sewers throughout the town. The list of Bond Ordinances are available in the Clerk's office.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Any other questions on Letter A? Hearing no other questions, 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?

Councilman Anderson made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter B and C, we are going to take both as consent. They are both Chapter 7 Amendments. One is with regards to traffic, adding a parking time limit on Grove Street, Woodbridge near St. James School and the second is a designation of a handicapped parking space located on Lafayette Road. With that said, can I get a motion that both of these Ordinances be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Councilman Anderson made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: The public hearing is now open on Letters B and C.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked for specifics relating to the parking time limit on Grove Street.

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: It is limited time parking for Grove Street. You can park there for only a limited time and then you have to move your vehicle.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked what the time limits were.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: It is 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. It's particularly to help the parents to drop off the children at the school. And then it's from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Any other questions? Can I get a motion that the public hearing be closed and both of the Ordinances be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval as required by law?

Councilman Anderson made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter D is an Ordinance authorizing the subdivision of Lot 55 and the sale of the newly created lot 55.01 to the Redevelopment Agency. Can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Councilman Anderson made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

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

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked where the lots that were subdivided are actually located and what it will the lots be used for.

Howie Bauer, Council President: It's on North James Street. It is a little piece of property owned by the Township and we were selling it to the Redevelopment Agency to be used for future parking for upper Main Street for the new businesses coming in to town.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked if it is going to be a parking lot or apartments.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: It's going to start with surface parking and potentially become a parking deck.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked who will build the parking lot.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: The Redevelopment Agency is responsible for it. We don't know who is going to build it yet. We don't even know for sure if it will be a deck yet. If it is surface parking, we will probably take care of all that, like we always do. If it's a deck, it will be subcontracted out, after a Bid, to a private entity.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked if there will be more than one owner.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: No.

Tom Maras, Fords: Spoke about North James Street getting a five story parking facility contingent upon the Vito Mazza project and the Ross Street School parking deck and asked if this ordinance is related to that and who will be responsible for the cost.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: One little sliver of the surface lot that we own on North James Street, is required for the construction of the deck, if and when that deck ever happens. If we build the deck then the people that use the deck will be responsible for paying for it. Which would mean that the apartment owners and or the Township through whatever method we decide.

Tom Maras, Fords: Asked what will be done for parking for the school and Vito Mazza if a deck is not built.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: We have not finalized plans for any of that yet, so I can't comment on it.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any other comments on Letter D? Hearing no other comments, 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?

Councilman Anderson made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter E is an ordinance adopting the Route 1 Area 22 Redevelopment Plan in the Avenel section. Can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Councilman Anderson made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

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

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Asked what part of Route 1 in Avenel.

Howie Bauer, Council President: It is the adult book store property on Route 1.

Tom Maras, Fords: Asked exactly what will happen to that property.

Howie Bauer, Council President: Once adopted, it will be for various permitted uses. But we don't know at this time.

Tom Maras, Fords: The Township is going to take possession of it?

John E. McCormac, Mayor: No.

Tom Maras, Fords: Who is?

John E. McCormac, Mayor: The owners are going to keep owning it.

Tom Maras, Fords: You're going to allow them to redevelop it, but you don't know how they are going to redevelop it?

John E. McCormac, Mayor: As Mr. Bauer said, the plan has a lot of potential uses and they will sit down with us and discuss what they plan to do with it and we will go from there.

Tom Maras, Fords: Have they submitted any plans?

John E. McCormac, Mayor: No, they have not.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Any other comments on Letter E? Hearing no other comments, 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?

Councilman Anderson made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously.

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

F. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLES “TRAFFIC” SECTION 7-12 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO ADD – MIDDLESEX ESSEX TURNPIKE.

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading, to be published in the Home News Tribune on Friday, November 4, 2022 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on November 22, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent.

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the Mayor’s appointment of John Kuchma to serve as Constable for a three (3) year term commencing November 1, 2022 and terminating October 31, 2025.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue tax refunds for overpaid taxes.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue Sewer Utility refunds for overpaid sewer user fees.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue refunds to from the Developer’s Review Fund Account.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a donation check in the amount of \$1,000 for the 2022 Tour de Woodbridge Bike Tour.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the request of **KNOCK ON WOOD, LLC** for waiver of requirements for the installation of **Sidewalk and Curb** for Block: 856.10, Lot 875.01, Zone: R-6, 11 West Side Avenue, Avenel, New Jersey. Sidewalk has been **granted**; Curb has been **denied**.

- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Township of Woodbridge to apply for a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$1,500,000 to carry out the project Dredge the Waterway at the Sewaren Marina waterfront.
- (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 \$400,000,000.00 for the NJDOT Transportation Trust Fund Route 9/Main Street Project Grant.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of Change Order #1 on the contract with Dutchman Contracting LLC, for The Sewaren Pole Barn, increasing the contract amount from \$371,551.00 to a total of \$386,251.00.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of Change Order #3 on the contract with P & A Construction, Inc. for Contract 2022-21, 2022 Milling & Resurfacing Program, Area 1,2,3,4&5, in the amount of \$835,000.00 increasing the contract amount of \$5,442,345.82 to a total of \$6,277,345.82.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Purchaser to execute any and all documents for the BID from Bearicuda Inc. for Front Load Containers in the amount of \$99,075.00.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Purchaser to execute any and all documents for the BID from Vortex Services LLC for Contract #2022-022, Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Televising of RVSA Mini Systems D24, D25, D25A, D25B, D25C, D25D, D28 and Trenchless Pipe Spot Repair in the amount of \$267,956.00.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Planning Board of the Township of Woodbridge to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine if certain real property in the Menlo Park Terrace section of Woodbridge Township is an Area In Need Of Redevelopment.
- (14) **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 November 1, 2022 and the Supplemental Bill List dated October 15, 2022 through October 28, 2022 and the Addendum to the November 1, 2022 Bill List.

Councilman Anderson 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 that you live in. You have a one-time opportunity to speak for a five minute time period. All videotaping must be taken from the rear of the room in the designated area. There will be no shouting out from your seats. Please respectful of 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?

Paul Lund, Hopelawn: Spoke about there being 12 state appointed board of education members that oversee standards and curriculum and four of them object to the new comprehensive health and physical education standards. Spoke about the Mayor giving his blessing to use Townhall for the rally on August 14, 2022 and asked the Mayor what other public venues are available for the community, himself and the parents to meet and discuss or rally about the new Sex Ed standards. Stated that these grievances have not only been brought the Council meeting but have also been brought to the Board of Education. Spoke about Governor Murphy now replacing three of the state appointed board of education members.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: First of all, Mr. Lund said "the Mayor's blessing for the rally". I don't give blessings for anything for the rally. Never did and never will. It's got nothing to do with me. I don't have approval authority over that. Anybody can come here and have a protest or a rally or do whatever they want for whatever reason. We don't keep a list of properties that are available because the ones you are referring to are not available and we've said this over and over again. We generally do not make our facilities available for anything other than Township related functions or School Board related functions. And yours are neither from what I understand about them.

James Debrowski, Woodbridge: Perth Amboy Area Branch NAACP acknowledged the political courage of the Rahway City Council that became the 7th municipality, along with Edison, Highland Park, Hoboken, Perth Amboy, Franklin and Sayreville, to formally oppose the third fossil fuel plant being built in Woodbridge. Spoke about Indigenous People's Day not being acknowledged at the October 3, 2022 Council meeting and wonders if Woodbridge will acknowledge Native American Heritage Month. Spoke about October 9th being celebrated in town as Italian American Day. Spoke about the blue line being painted on Main Street being a anti-black, white supremacist, Blue Lives Matter response to Black Lives Matter. Asked the Mayor if Woodbridge will acknowledge Native American Heritage month, will Woodbridge either paint a Black Lives Matter mural or agree to remove the Blue Lives Matter line from Main Street and will the Administration continue to allow a confederate troop to march in the Veteran's Day Parade. Justice for Nijeer Parks, Justice for Jeremiah Daniels-Porter, stop the Keasbey Power Plant.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: I have no comment.

Tom Maras, Fords: Questioned Resolution #3 in asking exactly what needs redevelopment in Menlo Park Terrace.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: That is a home on West Kelly Street that also fronts on Route 1 and the owners have asked us to consider some options for developing it so that is why we are taking this step tonight.

Tom Maras, Fords: Asked how the renovations of School #4 and School #5 will be handled. Is concerned for the safety of the children and staff being in session during the renovations and what will the Township do to aid the schools.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: We're not the school district. We have no idea how they are going to handle that. You have to bring those questions to the School Board. We have nothing to do with their decision whether to pursue School #4 and School #5 as new construction or renovation of the existing School #4 and School #5.

Tom Maras, Fords: Suggested that the Town owns the property and should know what will be done.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: We don't own it.

Tom Maras, Fords: Who does?

John E. McCormac, Mayor: The developer still owns it.

Tom Maras, Fords: Who bought it from them?

John E. McCormac, Mayor: He bought it from the prior owner.

Tom Maras, Fords: That being?

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Whoever that was.

Frank Trombattore, Woodbridge: Suggested that the Council consider changing their time limits to allow for proper responses. Not in favor of children being taught about sex change operations as part of the new Sex Ed standards. Appealed to the Council to protect the children in the community from the new Sex Ed standards.

Audra Sbarra, Metuchen: Spoke against adding another power plant in Keasbey, believes it is not an accident that Keasbey was chosen for another power plant as the demographics there are a little bit lower in terms of income and it is more of a mixed community. Asking everyone to stand with the Environmental Justice Movement to save our future generations and have clean air. Spoke about cancer rates being higher in New Jersey and as a Metuchen resident, she has come to care about the Woodbridge community while working in Woodbridge as a social worker.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about the previous Council meeting when he brought up the re-opening of Councilwoman McAuliffe's business. Spoke about Councilwoman McAuliffe's parents having trees cut down and getting permits after the trees were cut. Spoke about School #4 and School #5 and not knowing exactly who owns the property and that the reason why the

school is not being built is not because of the increase in material cost, but because the soil is contaminated.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Council President, there are so many things wrong in what he just said, so allow me some time to counter it. The school board didn't pay a dime to clean the property. You were told that at a board meeting. The school board can't pay to clean property that they don't own and they don't own the property. Any clean up that was done or any work that was done on that site was done by the owners, which is the redeveloper of the warehouse behind it, the Morris companies. You need to stop lying and telling people that the school board paid to clean it. You were told that they didn't pay one dime. As far as the clean-up goes, nobody would build the school on that site unless the Department of Education said it was ok and unless the Department of Environmental Protection said it was ok. Everything pointed to the fact that clean up would have been done to an acceptable standard and that those two entities would have allowed a school to be there. That's not what stopped the project from happening. What stopped the project from happening was that on March 10, 2020, when the Board of Ed went to a Referendum to the voters of the Township of Woodbridge, which was \$87 plus million dollars, \$35 million of that was for School #4 and #5 to be moved to Rahway Avenue. Then COVID hit two days later and everything started to shut down. For 18 to 24 months nothing was done on that project because things were just in upheaval because of COVID. By the time the board got back to it and their architects got back to it and started evaluating everything, the cost had gone from \$35 million to probably close to \$50 million. And then if you take into account the time that it would take to get the project up and running, Bid, gathering all the documents, getting everything approved by the State, it would probably be more that \$50 million dollars. There wasn't money in the Referendum to pay that difference of \$15 million dollars. So the Board of Ed would have had to go for another Referendum to get that difference of the money. That would have been somewhat difficult because it was targeted only to one section of the town. And it's not like the two prior Referenda that we supported, that had things for all areas and all schools. They got security, technology and fulltime kindergarten. There were improvements in just about every school over the course of all those years. The Board decided on their own not to pursue it because they did not want to ask the taxpayers for \$15 million dollars. There were about \$30 plus million left of the \$35 million because they spent a lot of money on architect fees and other specialists. So they decided that would be better spent on building a new School #4 next door and then potentially demolishing the old School #4, just like the Ross Street model, which they did in the 2017 Referendum.

They built a new Ross Street school and they knocked down the old Ross Street school and built the addition to Ross Street school with the gym and all the other rooms. That was a perfect project and it worked incredibly well. They planned to build a new School #4 and then maybe take it down or maybe find a way to use it for something else. They don't even know yet. Their architect is working on it. School #5 is like Woodbridge Middle, a complete gut rehabilitation that will make it look brand new. Every piece of tile, carpet, mold, and paint will be redone and it will be just like Woodbridge Middle and it will look exactly like it's a brand new school. All that will be done with the left over money from the Referendum. So you have absolutely none of your facts right and the funny thing is that you were told the facts and you still come here and repeat things that are not true.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Mayor, why don't you talk to the Superintendent and then talk to me.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: I talk to the superintendent every day.

Kyle Lawrence, Woodbridge: Spoke against adding another power plant in Keasbey, not in favor of a fracking plant which release chemicals into the ground and can cause earthquakes, poison the water, soil and air. Stated that the County scored an F in our quality of air and drinking water.

Spoke about New Jersey being a net exporter of energy and sees no need to produce more energy, and another power plant will further decrease our quality of air, water and soil. Also mentioned the land being full of radiation at Fed Ex Ground.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Council President that is a whole lot of misinformation about what is going on here. The plant and CPV is the cleanest power plant in the state of New Jersey. It is one of the cleanest power plants in the nation. It was opened around 2012 and began in 2008. The second plant that they will build will be even cleaner than the first plant. The site, as I said many times, is right now or has been, a worse problem than anyone can imagine because it was radioactive. If I have a choice between an openly radioactive site where the particles that you are referring to that might come from the power plant, how about the particles that come from the ground that have radioactive materials in it? You talk about people in Keasbey living near a power plant and I would rather live near a power plant than a radioactive site.

All these towns that passed all of those resolutions, have no idea what they are talking about and should mind their own business. We don't tell them what to do in their town and they shouldn't tell us what to do in our town. Much of the 100 acres was radioactive. And all this conversation about Colonia high school, what came up was Ionizing radiation, which is what caused the brain tumors and brain cancers and we searched for it and we didn't find it. But yet we have a sight we know is radioactive an people are not concerned about that because they're afraid of what might come in the air from the safest cleanest power plant that's constructed in the State of New Jersey. So, when we had this conversation with the company back in 2008, there was a commitment that we made that if you clean this site up, which is the worst site in town, by far the worst site in the County and one of the worst in the state, was going to be cleaned up and turned half into two power plants and half into restored wetlands, boating, kayaking, trails, nature walks and all that good stuff. Half being environmentally protected and half devoted to business. That was a good plan for us because we got rid of a really bad site. Nothing that can go on that site is worse than what it was. The Environment Justice for people in Keasbey was satisfied by the actions we took to get rid of that site that they live near.

Kyle Lawrence, Woodbridge: As far as I know where is radiation at Fed Ex.

John McCormac, Mayor: There is not radiated ground at Fed Ex. Fed Ex was completely cleaned. That was a Brownfield site that was done back in 1999. I handled that transaction when I was the town CFO. And that land was highly contaminated, though not radioactive, and the deal there was that they would build the warehouse and they would clean up the land. Then Wakefern built the warehouse and cleaned up the land one by one. All of these warehouses all over town cannot be built and cannot open unless they agreed to clean up the land to the highest standards. And that was done. Since we've been here, we have cleaned up hundreds, if not thousands of acres of wetlands and contaminated Brownfields with warehouse developments and the two power plants. The third power plant will potentially be approved by the State. And by the way, the State will not approve a power plant if does what you say it is going to do but you're

completely and totally wrong. Your facts about drinking water are wrong and your facts about contaminating the ground are wrong. None of that comes from the power plant.

Michele Wozak, Iselin: Spoke about the roses that she left at a statue at St. Cecelia Church being stolen, concerned about the neighborhood and that shady things are going on, has rats in her yard, feels unsafe in her neighborhood and even carries her pepper spray in her hand while jogging and is concerned about the recent home invasion in Iselin and is considering leaving the neighborhood if things continue like this.

Howie Bauer, Council President: Thank you. After the meeting can we have your name? You can reach out to me. I am the Council President. We do really want to help our residents and we do care about our residents. So, if you have any concerns, I can talk to you after the meeting and we will look into them.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Council President, as soon as the public portion is over, the Police Director and myself will meet you in the hallway and talk to you.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any other comments this evening? Hearing no other comments, can I get a motion that the public comment portion be closed?

Councilman Anderson 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: Thank you Mr. Mitch. At this time we'll go to our Agendas. My Agenda is in order. I have two announcements.

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

Cruise Night Trunk or Treat was rescheduled to Monday, November 7, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Siperstein's Paint, 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
The Cub Scout Pack 26 of Fords will hold a dine out fundraiser at Dolce's Pizzeria, 432 New Brunswick Avenue, Fords, this Thursday, November 3, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Fifty percent of every order goes to the pack.
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. 988 LIFE LINE.
HOLD

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

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

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Council President Bauer: Council Vice President Ficarra is excused. 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
Please join the Port Reading First Aid and Fire for our Annual Tree Lighting on November 22, 2022 at 7 p.m. at the Port Reading Fire House. There will be games, candy, choir and some special guests are almost guaranteed to appear. We ask that you please bring an unwrapped toy or game to this event and we will donate all of the toys and gifts to Bristol Myers Squibb Children’s Hospital at Robert Wood Johnson.
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

238 is the Port Reading Fire Boat. I just want to mention that on October 24, 2022 at approximately 6:30 a.m., there was a major fire at the Carteret Marina. Port Reading responded and helped put the fire out. Unfortunately multiple closer units had some breakdowns and were out of service. I wanted to congratulate the Port Reading career and volunteer staff for a job well done.

14. Mayor Mac Café.
HOLD

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 at 6 p.m. starting at New Street. 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

God Bless all of our First Responders and all of our Township employees. God Bless America. That is all that I have Mr. President. Thank you.

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE

1. Housing Authority.
HOLD

2. Affordable Housing Corporation.
HOLD

3. Youth and Government Day.
HOLD

4. History Museum.
HOLD

5. Police Community Relations.
HOLD

6. Youth Employment/Job Fair.
HOLD

7. Township Parks and Playgrounds.
HOLD

8. Hispanic Heritage Month.
HOLD
9. Barron Arts Center.
HOLD
10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.
HOLD
11. Veteran’s Tax Deduction.
HOLD
12. Girls 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

CORY S. SPILLAR, 3rd WARD COUNCILMAN

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilwoman DeJesus is excused. 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
Please join us on Sunday November 22, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Avenel Fire House
for Avenel’s Very Merry Holiday Lighting where we will light a 17 foot tree and a 6 foot

Menorah. There will be photos with Santa, carriages rides, costume characters, a bounce house and a photo booth. Please consider bringing a new unopened toy to donate to the Bristol Myers Squibb Children's Hospital.

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
Tickets are still available for the Avenel Fire Department Comedy night this Saturday, November 5, 2022. The show starts at 8 p.m. Contact Chris at 732-803-1524.
9. Social Clubs – Avenel Knights of Columbus/Columbian Club, Avenel V.F.W.
HOLD
The Annual Pig Roast fundraiser is this Saturday, November 5th from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, please call Annmarie at 732-407-1083.
10. Woodbridge Developmental Center Property.
HOLD
11. Cable Commission/Renewal.
HOLD
12. School 4 & 5.
HOLD

13. Mileed Way Army Corps of Engineers Project.
HOLD
14. Maple Tree Senior Center.
HOLD

I just want to acknowledge all of our Veterans and all of our brave men and women who have served in the military. Thank you to all of our Emergency Responders, Fire, EMT, Woodbridge Police Department, CERT, all of our Public Works and Township employees. God Bless America.

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilwoman Meehan.

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

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

The Turkey Trot for Hunger will be on Saturday, November 12th. The walk leaves from School #21 at 11 a.m. We will proceed down Inman Avenue along the sidewalks. We'll have some fun activities for the kids and hayrides. We will also be collecting food there where you can just pull up and we will come and take it out of the car between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. This will be for Thanksgiving baskets that we will be putting together.

The Colonia Tree Lighting will be held this year on November 26th in front of the

Evergreen Center. St. John Vianney's choir will be there singing. We will be meeting at 6:45 p.m. and the parade should be passing Evergreen at about 7:15 p.m. where Santa will briefly stop to help us light our tree.

On Friday, December 9th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. we are holding our Holiday Cookies and Can event. We will be collecting homemade cookies to be shipped out to local troops who are serving our country. We will also be collecting nonperishable food items to make baskets for families in need and shut in seniors for this December. We will be collecting toys and gift cards for our children in need in Woodbridge Township for our Annual Woodbridge Township Toy Drive. Toys can also be dropped off at any Senior Center, Community Center or Woodbridge Townhall.

Our Veteran's Day Parade will be on November 13th. The parade will depart from Ross Street School at 1:30 p.m. and will parade down the avenue.

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

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilman Anderson.

Councilman Anderson: Thank you Council President.

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

I would like to thank Rutgers University and Central Jersey Pop Warner for putting together a fantastic flag-a-thon a few weeks ago. Our five, six and seven year old flag football players were given the opportunity to play football in the Rutgers practice bubble which is always a great experience and a great end to their season.

2. Job Bank.
HOLD

FEMA is hiring. Their preferred skills are data entry, attention to detail and intrapersonal familiarity with medical terminology and project management and customer service. All of these jobs can be found on the Employment Opportunity center on our Township website. At the Keasbey location at 6000 Riverside Drive, FedEx package handlers can make up to \$22.25 per hour, plus a weekly bonus opportunity and now there is tuition assistance up to \$5,250 per year from FedEx. There are flexible schedules, discounts on phones, groceries and other purchases. Amazon is still offering a \$1000 bonus for new hires. Substitute teachers are also needed in all of the Middlesex County school districts.

You can now be a substitute teacher now at 30 credits as long as you are enrolled in one course. This information can also be found on our website. New Jersey Transit, Middlesex County Elite Youth One Stop Center is also available for our youth searching for jobs. BASF and Stericycle are also on our website advertising for jobs.

3. Mayor's Trophy.
HOLD

4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame.
HOLD

The Woodbridge Hall of Fame was held a few weeks ago. We had our first banquet in person since the Pandemic. It was a great turn out. I just want to recognize the Board for being a part of that, led by Dr. Nick Sardone, who is completely dedicated to acknowledging our past heroes on the athletic fields and in the classroom.

5. Taste of Woodbridge.
HOLD

6. Charity Raffle.
HOLD

The 2022 Holiday Shopping Spree Raffle first prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$2,000 and the third prize is \$1000. Tickets are on sale Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mayor's office on the third floor. You can contact Geraldine or Loretta at 732-602-6015. It's a great opportunity for our local organizations to raise some funds. All raffles are due back on November 14, 2022. The winners will be announced at a public drawing on November 18, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the Avenel Performing Arts Center. Winners do not need to be present. The tickets are \$5 per entry.

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

On behalf of Council Vice President Ficarra, who is away at the moment, I would like to announce that you can burn off your turkey calories if you donate a non-perishable food item to support the Woodbridge Township food pantry and receive one roller skating admission at half price.

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

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilman Patel.

Councilman Patel: Thank you Council President. My Agenda is in order. I have a few announcements.

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

Veteran's Day is coming up on November 11, 2022. I would like to wish a happy Veterans Day to all of our past and present soldiers. I thank you all for your sacrifices, your bravery and the example you have set for all of us. May God Bless you and all of your family members.

VFW 2636 will hold their Annual Veteran's Day services. The Weapons of War flag raising ceremony will be on Friday, November 11, 2022 starting at 11 a.m. at the Post Monument which is located at the Auth Avenue Memorial in Iselin across from St. Cecelia's Church.

On Tuesday, November 8, 2022, there is going to be an election. I request that everyone and every eligible voter, if you haven't voted by mail, go to the voting polls and cast your votes for your choice of candidates.

The Woodbridge Police Department is investigating a home invasion and an attempted auto theft that occurred in the early hours of this morning. It was reported from a private residence in the Iselin section of Woodbridge. According to our Police Director Hubner, police dispatch received a call at 6: 39 a.m. this morning reporting an attempted auto theft and burglary. Woodbridge police officers promptly responded to the call. Two males entered and unlocked cars. On scene investigation determined the two individuals approached the residence and broke the front door

and entered the kitchen area of the residence. The suspect encountered the homeowner and secured the key fobs for the Jeep Cherokee and the late model BMW. The suspects exited the residence and unsuccessfully attempted to start the car and then fled the scene driving on to Route 27 toward the Garden State Parkway in a late model orange or red Audi, which is believed to be a stolen vehicle. The good news is that the homeowners were not injured. I would like to thank Director Hubner and all of our police officers for their dedication and continued community service. Thank you.

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: Council President, I just want to assure the Council and the general public that the Police Department has this fully under investigation and we will be adding additional patrols to that area. Thank you Councilman Patel for bringing that to light.

SHARON McAULIFFE, 1st WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Council President Bauer: Thank you. 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

The Chamber of Commerce is having their Annual Holiday Luncheon on December 12, 2022. This is a great opportunity to see new officers sworn in and awards will be given out to businesses that have beautified their spaces. One of the high school choirs will also be there singing.

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

9. Dog Park.

HOLD

10. Arts.

(A) Woodbridge Train Station Mural Project.

(B) Gallery on Main.

HOLD

11. PACE.

HOLD

12. Woodbridge Fire Department.

HOLD

I would like to congratulate the Woodbridge Fire Department on their 125th anniversary which was October 28, 2022. Also on October 27, 2022, there were seven new firefighters sworn in. Four of them were men and three were female, which is the first time a female was sworn in as a paid firefighter.

13. Coast Guard.

HOLD

14. Sewaren Library Programs.

HOLD

Sewaren Library will be having a reading of Me and George and also the The Boss Always Sits in the Back by Jon D'Amore on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 1 p.m. You can get your booked signed at this event.

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

I would like to thank everyone that came out for the Halloween Pet Parade. Despite the drizzle it was a super fun event and we raised money and received donations for the animal shelter.

The Woodbridge Brewery is going to be having a function downtown on November 12, 2022. Yankee Player, Jose Trevino will be there signing autographs. Tickets are \$75 and you can call 732-634-2929 for more details.

I want to wish a Happy Veteran's Day to all of our Veterans and thank all of our service members for their service and my son in law is in the military and I want to thank him for his support also. Thank you and have a good day.

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Mr. Mitch.

Mr. Mitch: Thank you Mr. President.

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 (1225-32-007).
 - 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.
 - D. Change of Corporate Structure for MAS LIQUR LLC t/a Liquor Zone, 503-507 King Georges Rd., Woodbridge, NJ 07095 (1225-44-063).
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:

I just have two items to mention. One, I added a new item onto my agenda. I am working with the Police Department in reviewing an application for a new liquor license over at Vermella Way for Angelina's Kitchen. I'll expect some action on that in the near future. And number two, I know Mr. Patel mentioned that next week, Tuesday, November 8, 2022, is Election Day. Also, just to remind the voters, we do have early voting here in New Jersey, specifically in Woodbridge at the Acacia Center located at 95 Port Reading Avenue, Woodbridge. That is open seven days a week for nine consecutive days and will end this coming Sunday at 6 p.m. That is all I have.

MAYOR:

POLICE:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Hubner.

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

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Darden.

Director Darden: Thank you Council President. Nothing this evening. Thank you.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Brew.

Director Brew: Thank you Council President. I have a Local FREIGHT Impact Grant Application.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Business Administrator Cimilluca.

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Thank you Council President. I have one item tonight. An Emergency Management Agency Assistance Grant. Thank you.

LEGAL:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Legal.

Eric Lange, Esq.: Thank you Council President

HEALTH:

RECREATION:

On a motion made by Councilman Spillar seconded by Councilwoman Meehan and carried unanimously, Council President Bauer adjourned the meeting at 7:13 P.M.

