

Minutes of the Municipal Council and of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey held on May 20, 2025 at the Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

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

Council President Spillar: Good Evening, we will stand for the Pledge and a moment of silence to honor our military personnel that are serving.

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 January 10, 2025. A copy of the Schedule was posted on the Municipal bulletin board. It should be so noted in the minutes of this meeting.

The Municipal Clerk took the Municipal Council attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kyle Anderson, Debbie Meehan, Brian Small, Sharon McAuliffe, Cory Spillar, Lizbeth DeJesus, Howie Bauer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Viru Patel

ALSO PRESENT: John E. McCormac, Mayor
John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator
Marta Darden, Director of Planning and Development
George Brew, Director of Public Works
John Hagerty, Director of Communications
Meghan Kushpa, Deputy Director of Communications
Joseph Nisky, Director of Police
Caroline Ehrlich, Chief of Staff
Craig Coughlin, Esq.
Brian Bontempo, Esq.

Before the meeting began the Municipal Clerk addressed the council regarding the vacant council seat. The Democratic Organization recommended 3 names to consider for a replacement. Councilwoman Meehan nominated Dan Harris, seconded by Councilman Small. Councilwoman Meehan and Councilman Small also offered a few words about Dan Harris. The motion was carried unanimously. The Municipal Clerk congratulated Mr. Harris.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk swore in Daniel Harris as Councilman-At-Large.

Councilman-At-Large Dan Harris: Thank you very much for the honor of joining this council. I started attending many council meetings after my junior year of college. I am humbled and privileged to serve the people of Woodbridge Township. It will be a continuation of my commitment to you all the past 12 ½ years on the Board of Education. I look forward to the next 7 months and hopefully earning your trust to serve. Woodbridge Township means everything to me, my parents grew up here and my wife and I plan to raise our family here. I thank my wife, my parents, my 2 brothers, sisters in law and my 4 wonderful nieces and nephews. To my extended family, those I work with every day are the best district office staff on the planet, my good friends in the back, those of you in the audience and my fellow board members Mr. Hall and Mr. Henderson, I thank you for being here. I want to also thank the Mayor, Mrs. Ehrlich, Mr. Cimilluca, Mr. Mitch, Mr. Hagerty, the rest of the administration and work force. I look forward to working with you, we are no strangers, we have been working together for a long time and it will be a privilege to continue to work with you all. To this distinguished council, I am proud to join a stable and effective government. During my day job at the speaker's office in Trenton, I hear it all the time, we wish more towns were like Woodbridge or we wish every town had a John McCormac. Like my time at the Board of Education, I hope to partner in that continued success. The prospect of leaving the Board of Education was bittersweet as I knew I had so much to give, but I know I did not leave the place in a lurch. Today, thanks to the incredible partnership between this municipal government and the school district, they are as stable as ever. I still hope to make my marks in the lines of our 14,000 students in this new capacity. I don't know if I could live up to Councilman Ficarra's incredible legacy, but I will carry on his council agenda and some new goals based on my own strengths and interests. The success of this township does not happen easily, it takes continuous work day after day. I am committed to upholding that standard left by Councilman Ficarra, the council and the administration. I can't wait to get to work, thank you very much.

Councilwoman Meehan thanked Mr. Hall and Mr. Anderson for putting their names out there too for serving our community.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from May 6, 2025?

Council Vice President McAuliffe made a motion and was seconded by Councilwoman DeJesus and carried unanimously.

Council Meeting:

May 6, 2025

The Municipal Clerk read the following Ordinance by Title on Second Reading as Consent stating that copies of these Ordinance was posted on the Municipal bulletin board.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING:

- A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.5 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – TO ADD – HANDICAPPED PARKING – 323 GILL LANE (APARTMENT 5F AND 10G). **2025-35**

- B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT TO ENTER INTO A LEASE ON A PORTION OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY DEPICTED AS BLOCK 545 LOT 55 ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP AND COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE JAMES STREET LOT. **2025-36**

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter A is an Ordinance amending Chapter 7 of our traffic section to add a handicap parking space on Gill Lane.

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 McAuliffe made a motion and seconded by Councilwoman DeJesus and carried unanimously.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any public comments on Letter A? Hearing no comments from the public, can I get a motion that the public hearing be closed, the Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval as required by law?

Council Vice President McAuliffe made a motion and seconded by Councilwoman DeJesus and carried unanimously.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Letter B is an Ordinance authorizing the execution of a lease agreement on property known as Block 545 Lot 55 on the tax maps of the parking lot on James Street.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Councilwoman DeJesus made a motion and seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

Council Vice President McAuliffe abstained from Letter B.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any public comments on Letter B?

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: Can you please explain the Ordinance?

Council President Spillar: The Ordinance is a lease agreement to the property owner on James Street and will be used for parking.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: I see this is on James Street. Are we leasing our property or obtaining a lease to use the property?

Council President Spillar: We are entering a lease agreement with the property owner.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Are there any other public comments on Letter B? Hearing no other comments from the public, can I get a motion that the public hearing be closed, the Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval as required by law?

Councilwoman DeJesus made a motion and seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously.

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

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

- C. A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT 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 \$11,420,000 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.

- D. A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, 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 \$3,030,000 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.

- E. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A

LONG-TERM TAX EXEMPTION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH FORDS430 RESIDENTAL URBAN RENEWAL LLC.

- F. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A LONG-TERM TAX EXEMPTION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH FORDS432 DOLCE UBRAN RENEWAL LLC.
- G. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A LONG-TERM TAX EXEMPTION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH 346 MAIN WOODBRIDGE URBAN RENEWAL, LLC.
- H. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY BY PUBLIC AUCTION.
- I. AN ORDINANCE DEDICATING A PERMANENT EASEMENT TO ELIZABETHTOWN GAS OVER A PORTION OF 364 ELEANOR PLACE, BLOCK 540.04, LOT 5.02.

Council Vice President McAuliffe made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman DeJesus and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading, to be published in the Home News Tribune on Friday, May 23, 2025 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent.

- 1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the appointment of Daniel R. Harris for the vacancy of Gregg M. Ficarra Councilman-At-Large who resigned from the Municipal Council of the Township of Woodbridge effective May 1, 2025.
- 2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Reappointment – Lisa Bergstrom to serve as a member of the Woodbridge Township Rent Leveling Board for a three (3) year term commencing April 5, 2025 and terminating April 4, 2028.
- 3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes Block Parties.
- 4. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes Pennsylvania Avenue School #27 PTO to hold a School 27 Field Day on Friday, June 6, 2025 beginning at 9:00 AM and ending at 3:00 PM.

5. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Refund – Overpaid Taxes.
6. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Refund – Permit Cancellation – Parking Utility Fund – Fatima Usman - \$95.00.
7. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Refund – Developer’s Review Fund Account.
8. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Refund – Other Trust Fund Account – Amarlilis Peralta-Raju - \$220.00.
9. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Refund taxes for 100% Disabled Veteran – Gabriel Menses.
10. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Agreement – Township of Belmar for the rental of the Township’s Mobile Stage for their Belmar Seafood Festival event being held on May 16, 17 and 18.
11. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the request of **FELIX LETTINI** for waiver of requirements for the installation of **Sidewalks**, for Block: 442.06, Lot: 19.01 Zone: R-6, 128 Trento Street, Iselin, New Jersey.
12. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes establishing a 25-Mile Per Hour School Zone, New Jersey State Highway 35 and South Park Drive, Woodbridge Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey.
13. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Grant Agreement – New Jersey Department of Transportation for Roadway Improvements to Longfellow Drive in the Colonia section of Woodbridge Township from Colonia Boulevard to Tanglewood Lane (Easterly Terminus).
14. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Sub-Grant Agreement – County of Middlesex for the 2024-2025 Childhood Lead Poisoning.
15. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Renewal of Membership – Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund.
16. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Conservation Restriction Agreement – County of Middlesex for open space, recreation and conservation located along Cliff Road in the Sewaren section of Woodbridge Township.

17. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Overhead Pole Attachment License Agreement – Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G).
18. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Director of Law to hire Special Public Defenders on an as needed basis at the rate of \$300.00 per court session.
19. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Agreement – NJMF Investments, LLC for home improvement repairs at the home located on Block 409.16, Lot 1 in an amount not to exceed \$20,685.00.
20. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Agreement – MCM General Contractor, LLC for home improvement repairs at the home located on Block 362.01, Lot 54 in an amount not to exceed \$18,919.00.
21. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Agreement – MRA International for the purchase of services and accessories for a workstation refresh in an amount not to exceed \$1,064,901.25.
22. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Agreement – Dell Marketing L. P. to purchase Windows 11 and Office licenses for a workstation refresh in an amount not to exceed \$335,752.78.
23. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Agreement – T & M Associates for professional engineering and survey services associated with the Oak Tree Road Streetscape Improvements project in an amount not to exceed \$219,000.00.
24. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Person-To-Person transfer of Liquor License No. 1225-32-007-010 from WB 489 Beverage LLC to Sunbeam Woodbridge Inc.
25. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Execution of a Settlement Agreement with Bharat Patel, Vidya Ben and Shirena Corp. concerning the properties Block 824, Lot 14 and Block 838, Lot 1.
26. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2025 Budget – Edward Byrne – Justice Assistance Grant - \$18,833.00.

27. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2025 Budget – HDSRF – Woodbridge Township DPW - \$80,865.23.
28. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the State Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Transfer.
29. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes the Bill List.

**Council Vice President McAuliffe abstained from #29
Councilwoman Meehan abstained from #29**

Council Vice President McAuliffe made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman DeJesus and carried unanimously. Council President Spillar opened the public comment portion of the meeting at 6:15 P.M.

Mayor McCormac: Just 2 weeks ago I mentioned that the Fiscal Year Adjustment Bond Ordinance just introduced was around \$47,000,000.00 or \$48,000,000.00. It actually just fell short of \$42,000,000, just wanted to point that out. I also wanted to correct the date I said the 6 month budget was adopted June 30th when it was actually June 23rd.

Council President Spillar: Thank you for the clarification.

Public Meeting:

Council President Spillar: We will now go into the public comments portion of the meeting. When approaching the microphone, please state your name and what section of town or state that you live in. You will have a one-time opportunity to speak for up to five minute and that includes remarks by the speaker and the response by the Council President or Administration. When there is one minute left I will alert the speaker to emphasize any remaining points or questions. There will be no interruptions from your chair. The public portion of the meeting is a comment and/or Q & A interaction between the Council President and the speaker. When the 5 minutes have passed the speaker is to leave the microphone area and return to their chairs. All videotaping must be in the designated area. The Council President presides over the council meeting. Any members of the audience must adhere to the Township Decorum Ordinance which is posted in council chambers.

Gary Deitemeier, Colonia: Most of us here grew up in the best years of our lives. In the 50's and 60's we had the best cars and music. One of the things that gave us pleasure back then was this little disc, this 45 record. On the 45 record, they had an "A" side which was for the most popular song and a "B" side for songs less popular. Unfortunately, Memorial Day has a lot in common with the 45 record. For most people, they like the most popular side which includes a 3 day weekend, the start of the summer shore, and sales. Since the military stopped doing the draft in

1973, only people who had a family member or friend in places like Europe, Korea, Vietnam, or the Middle East. The “B” side includes a day to consider the idea of sacrifice, pay homage to those who did not come home, preserve the memories of those who died and give them thanks for doing so. Memorial Day is a day that should unite us all no matter our faith, political views, or culture. Memorial Day is not a clone of Veterans Day which is a day for the living. Memorial Day is a day, in my opinion, that should never be used as a shopping opportunity. Everybody likes a sale, but the words Memorial Day should never be used with the word sale. More than one million men and woman have given up their lives for our country, it is only right to honor them through the correct observance of this day and not allowing their service to be in vain but rather lifting them up and learning from their examples of sacrifice and courage. Please join me in honoring the legacy of those who died for us and ensure a brighter future for the next generations. Enjoy the “A” side of Memorial Day, go down to the beach, put your feet in the warm sand, and sit in the chair and look at the ocean, it doesn’t get any better than that, but just for a moment, briefly think about those boys at Normandy and Omaha Beach, so we have the freedom to hit the beach in Point Pleasant and Cape May. God bless our troops and God bless the United States of America.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Wanted to know if the James Street lease was taken by eminent domain and who was leasing it.

Mayor McCormac explained that the words eminent domain are used as terminology as per our lawyers, but it will not be eminent domain and Vito Mazza will be leasing the spaces from us.

Ken Gardner, Woodbridge: I echo what Gary said, and I am grateful for the opportunity to speak. With the war with Ukraine and Russia right now, so many other countries don’t have that right. Each of our American Legion and VFW Posts all have services surrounding Memorial Day. Our council and Mayor are great for announcing and posting those things on their social media. I would encourage residents to come out and support the veterans to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice that gives us the opportunity to come and speak and hold democratically elected elections. I would also like to congratulate Dan Harris. Dan and I have worked together on some projects, we may have disagreed politically on many things, but we usually leave that at the door and work on these projects together. It is great to see you at the front row Dan and see you get sworn in, there is nothing that excites me more than to see someone get sworn into government so I wish you the best and know you will put your best foot forward for Woodbridge. I would like to suggest to create a Citizens Committee to review the budget, should you decide to take up the idea in could be made up of 5 Republicans, 5 Democrats, and 5 Independents to just give another set of eyes on it. This is not to say anything negative about the current administration or the council but to put more eyes on the budget process. As you know I have been pulling for tax cuts and I think by putting more eyes on the subject, it would help because our Mayor and CFO have been in place for a long time doing it day in and day out.

Susan Bourdain / Jenny Perez, Woodbridge: *Susan Bourdain:* We just wanted to congratulate Dan Harris. You all have a great guy and we know he won’t let us down and will still communicate with us about our 14,000 students. You have a legacy at the Woodbridge Board of Education, one we will try to fulfill. We wish the best for you, but know you are still here for us.

Jenny Perez: Congrats Dan and thank you for everything you have taught me being on the board. There would be no one I could think of that could fill Gregg's shoes. I worked with Gregg on the Commissioner Board for Housing and he is just phenomenal but I know you're going to do an amazing job so congratulations.

Council Vice President McAuliffe made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman DeJesus and carried unanimously, Council President Spillar closed the public comment portion of the meeting at 6:27 P.M.

CORY S. SPILLAR, COUNCIL PRESIDENT/ 3RD WARD COUNCILMAN

Council President Spillar: My agenda is in order.

1. Avenel's Very Merry Holiday Lighting.
HOLD
2. Avenel Arts Village / Train Station / Eric LeGrand Believe Park.
HOLD
3. Woodbridge River Watch / Oros Nature Preserve.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Golden Saints / Saints Complex.
HOLD
5. Avenel Middle School Community Service Club and School Improvements.
HOLD
6. Sycamore Senior Center.
HOLD
7. Route 1 Redevelopment.
HOLD
8. Cloverleaf Redevelopment.
HOLD
9. Avenel Fire Dept. / Fire Prevention Week Open House.
HOLD
10. Social Clubs – Avenel Knights of Columbus / Columbian Club, Avenel VFW.
HOLD
11. The Morris Properties @ Rahway Avenue.
HOLD

12. Cable Commission / Renewal.
HOLD
13. School 4 & 5.
HOLD
14. Mileed Way Army Corps of Engineers project.
HOLD
15. Maple Tree Senior Center.
HOLD
16. Greenway Family Success Center.
HOLD
17. Concerts
HOLD

First and foremost, Congratulations Councilman Harris. What you bring to the proverbial table, I can't comment on it. All the work that you have done in the township, curricular activities, volunteer efforts, the school board and the speaker is just phenomenal. I speak for my councilmates when I say we look forward to having you on our team. We are one big team working for the residents of the town so congratulations.

Memorial Day Service Avenel VFW will have service at 10am.

July 3rd we will hold the township fireworks. Alvin P. Williams Park opens at 4pm and fireworks start around 9:25pm.

God bless America

SHARON McAULIFFE, COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT / 1st WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Council President Spillar: Council Vice President McAuliffe

Council Vice President McAuliffe: Thank you Council President, my agenda is in order.

1. Events:
 - A. Farmer's Market.
 - B. Relay for Life.
June 7th at Woodbridge High School.
 - C. Fishing derby
 - D. St. James Street Fair.
- HOLD

2. Main Street SID.
HOLD
3. Chamber of Commerce.
HOLD
4. Buy Local.
HOLD
5. Transit Village (Downtown Main Street).
HOLD
6. Blue Acres / F.E.M.A.
HOLD
7. Main St. & Rt. 9.
HOLD
8. Animal Shelter.
HOLD
9. Dog Parks – Sewaren.
HOLD
10. Arts:
 - A. Woodbridge Murals.
 - B. The Gallery on MainHOLD
11. Coast Guard.
HOLD
12. Sewaren Library.
HOLD
13. Acacia Center:
 - A. Town Events.
 - B. Youth Programs.HOLD
14. Sewaren Marina.
HOLD

15. Environmental Commission:
 - A. Green Infrastructure.
 - B. Community Garden.
 - C. Trail.HOLD

Congratulations Dan, I know you're going to do a great job and I look forward to working with you.

The Woodbridge Fire Department is having a Senior BBQ Bash on June 1st from 12pm to 2:30pm. Register at 732-602-6040.

Downtown Cruises on Main Street will be held on June 18th, July 16th, and August 20th. There will also be a free concert at the Parker Press for those days as well.

A Father's Day mini golf special will be at the Woodbridge Community Center.

I would like to thank all of the veterans and those serving now and who are no longer with us. Thank you to my son in law who served for a year overseas and it is great to see that there are still young people who want to go out there and serve our country.

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Council President Spillar: Councilman Anderson.

Councilman Anderson: Thank you Council President, my agenda is in order.

1. W.T.Y.R.C.
HOLD
2. Job bank.
HOLD
3. Mayor's trophy.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame.
HOLD
5. Charity raffle.
HOLD
6. Drive-in movie.
HOLD

7. N.A.A.C.P. (NAACP.org).
HOLD
8. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program.
HOLD
9. Independent Club of Colonia.
HOLD
10. Tooling Around program.
HOLD
11. Boy Scouts / Camping.
HOLD
12. League Consolidation.
HOLD
13. Middlesex College.
HOLD
14. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change.
HOLD
15. Geo Baker Clinics.
HOLD

I want to congratulate Dan Harris. I have had the pleasure of working with Dan on many occasions. Right on my first day as a Councilman and running through my primary, Dan was always there with every step. We saw the work he did with the Board of Education, so I just want to congratulate and welcome you. My lineage of my seat goes back to my psychology teacher and my athletic director. Gregg is your lineage and also, the fact that you share a birthday together too. You may have big shoes to fill but I have seen your shoes, a size 12 right? You will be alright.

Woodbridge High School football team will be having a golf outing under their new coach on Friday, July 25th. Congratulations to the Woodbridge High School baseball program for winning for the first time in the Red Division.

I want to wish everyone a wonderful Memorial Day weekend. If you had some family who are no longer with us who served, please thank your family members for their service. We would like to remember our good friend WW2 veteran, Stu Brandow.

DANIEL R. HARRIS, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

1. WCC (Woodbridge Community Center).
A. Senior recreation and programming.
B. Youth Recreation and programming.
HOLD
2. A. Youth Month – April.
B. 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. Mobile Health Unit.
HOLD
13. Senior Services Directory.

HOLD

14. Human Rights Commission.
HOLD
15. Senior Olympics.
HOLD
16. Community Playground (Merrill Park).
HOLD

Thank you for the warm welcome council. I look forward to working with you all. Mr. Mitch, I am working on a council agenda and will send that to you shortly.

HOWIE BAUER, 2nd WARD COUNCILMAN

Council President Spillar: Councilman Bauer.

Councilman Bauer: Thank you Council President, my agenda is in order.

1. 2nd Ward road projects.
HOLD
2. County Greenway.
HOLD
3. Downtown Parking on New Brunswick Ave.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Waterfront Park / Keasbey.
HOLD
5. Hometown Hero banners.
HOLD
6. Fords business community.
A. Cruise Night / Trunk or Treat.
HOLD
7. Fords / Hopelawn / Keasbey Fire Companies.
HOLD
8. Fords V.F.W.
Memorial Day service May 26th at 11am.
HOLD

9. Troop 53 Boy Scouts of America.
HOLD
10. Pathmark property.
HOLD
11. Brownfields.
HOLD
12. Hickory Senior Center.
HOLD
13. Highland Grove Swim Pool.
HOLD
14. Little Libraries.
HOLD
15. 988 LIFE LINE.
HOLD
16. School No. 14 Playground.
HOLD

Congratulations Dan on your appointment. Seeing your past experience on the Board of Education, you are bringing a wealth of knowledge to this dais and we look forward to working with you. God bless America.

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Council President Spillar: Councilman Small.

Councilman Small: Thank you Council President. My agenda is in order.

1. Woodbridge News.
HOLD
2. Woodbridge Fire Fighters Local # 290.
HOLD
3. Port Reading Fire and Township First Aid Squads.
May 26th at 9am.
HOLD

4. Woodbridge P.B.A. / S.O.A. # 38.
HOLD
5. Bicycle Lanes / Bicycle Share / Bicycle Paths.
HOLD
6. Electric Vehicle Car Share / Car Charging Stations.
HOLD
7. School projects.
HOLD
8. S.T.O.W. (Register @ 732-726-2394 for client transport ID #).
HOLD
9. Level Playing Field @ Cypress Recreation Center / Our House.
HOLD
10. Property Fraud (www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov search for “Property Alert” to Register).
HOLD
11. Inspections at Hotels / Motels.
HOLD
12. National Public Lands Day.
HOLD
13. 2-3-8 Marine Fire Rescue.
HOLD
14. Mayor Mac Café.
HOLD
15. Light Parade.
HOLD
16. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.
HOLD
17. Woodbridge B.P.O.E. Elks 2116.
HOLD
18. Autograph signings.

HOLD

19. Pickleball Courts.
HOLD

Mr. Harris, congratulations. This is round 2 for you and me.

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE

Council President Spillar: 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

Dan, everyone talked about the work you do but I think you are genuine and just a super person. You want to do well and help. I believe that comes from your upbringing and your dad is watching down on you. Congratulations, it is well deserved and I look forward to working with you.

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Council President Spillar: Councilwoman Meehan

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

1. Inman Ave. 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. Have a Heart Food Drive.
 - B. Colonia Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt.
 - C. Colonia Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament.
 - D. Support the Troops Rally.
May 21st inside the Woodbridge High School at 6pm. We will also be honoring Stew Brandow.
 - E. Colonia Clean Up.
 - F. Colonia Christmas Tree Lighting.
 - G. Cookies and Can for the Troops and Food Bank
 - H. Breast Cancer Walk.
 - I. Township Toy Extravaganza.

HOLD
5. Food pantry.
HOLD
6. Reinhard Manor.
HOLD
7. Colonia Fire Department / First Aid Squad.
HOLD
8. Colonia American Legion / V.F.W.
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.
 - A. Homelessness/Youth

HOLD

14. AED program.
HOLD
15. Springwood.
HOLD
16. Greiner Towers upgrades
HOLD

Like Gary said, go out and find one of our services and pay tribute to a veteran to remember why we have all these great honors and privileges.

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

Council President Spillar:

Councilman Patel:.

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
9. Green Street Shopper Parking
HOLD

10. Road Safety Audit for Oak Tree Road.
HOLD

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK

1. Liquor License Transfer(s) / Change of Corporate Structure Applications under review.

Thank you, Mr. Harris I look forward to working with you. I will be amending Letter B. You may have seen communications from me or notice from the news that Red Lobster has been successful in coming out of bankruptcy, so we will be amending their license to take out the “Debtor In Possession”. We’ll be working on that with the police department. Next meeting you can expect liquor license renewals. We have 93 licenses and I am trying to get them all to you at one time or at least 50% of them.

- A. Person-to-Person / Place-to-Place Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-046-003 from MC Lemon Tree Bar & Restaurant to Violette’s Cellar Woodbridge, LLC t/a Violette’s, 10 Main St., Woodbridge, NJ 07095.
 - B. Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-067-011 from Sarana Group LLC to Daryl LLC (Pocket License).
 - C. Person-To-Person and Place-To-Place Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-028-006 from T.G.I. Friday’s Inc. to PKPM Woodbridge Investments, LLC 1-55 Lafayette Rd., Fords, NJ 08863.
 - D. Change of Corporate Structure for Red Lobster Restaurants LLC t/a Red Lobster # 267 70 Red Lobster Restaurants LLC Debtor in Possession, U.S. Highway 1 @ Gill Ln., Iselin, NJ 08830.
2. Liquor License Incident(s) / Hearing(s).
 3. Liquor License Renewals.
 4. Street Closings / Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals, etc.).
 5. Elections.
June 10th is the primary election. Just remember that early voting starts June 3rd and ends June 8th at the Acacia Center 95 Port Reading Avenue in Woodbridge.
 6. Best Practices Inventory.

We will be going into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations after legal. At that time we will have to ask the public to leave.

Council President Spillar mentioned that for voting at School 4 and 5, nothing has changed, voters will vote there at Door 3 on South Inman Avenue.

MAYOR:

Council President Spillar: Thank you, Mayor.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Thank you Council President.

I hope Dan Harris has a long career on the town council, but we just witnessed and experienced the shortest agenda that Dan is ever going to present. That was in total 15 seconds, it usually takes him 15 seconds to state his name. I am afraid for all of you. I tend to leave and do other township business after the meeting is over, but, you're in for a treat. Dan Harris is never going to have anything close to that kind of agenda session again. I congratulate Dan. This is why people should work hard, do a great job, and earn the respect of their peers because when the time comes for an opportunity to advance and get something that you want and you do the job Dan has done, you become the obvious choice. This opening is something that happened in recent weeks and as people talked about it, only one name was ever brought up by everybody consistently and it was Dan Harris because of what he's done. I am looking forward to working with him at this capacity. He was BOE President, top guy out of 9 and now you're coming to the council and now you're the rookie out of 9. I am sure that isn't going to matter to you because everybody loves and respects you and you're going to do wonderful. I'm going to miss our once a month Saturday morning breakfasts when we talk about the board and the town and how we work cooperatively, but your still going to be the go to guy for the board because you just came off it. All these things we do are still going to be on your agenda. We are still going to talk about them and the betterment of seniors, families, and students of Woodbridge Township. I think you're going to do great, from the bottom of my heart, congratulations. You really deserve this based on your 12 year record working for the BOE and township.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Council President Spillar: Administration.

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: Thank you Council President.

Tax Appeal.

Welcome Councilman Harris, I am look forward to working with you. I know Woodbridge is deep in the heart of your entire family so I look forward to it.

POLICE:

Council President Spillar: Police.

Joseph Nisky, Police Director.: Thank you Council President.

Traffic Ordinance Amendment on King Georges Post Road.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Council President Spillar: Thank you, Director Darden.

Director Darden: Thank you Council President.

Refund from Current Accounts- Permit Fees.

HEALTH:

Council President Spillar:
Director Kologinsky:

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

Council President Spillar: Director Brew.

Director Brew: Thank you Council Vice President.

Change Order No. 1 and Final Contract #2022-026- Parkside Pump Station Improvements
Grant Application/ Contract with NJDOT- New Dover Road Roadway Improvement
Proposal from CME Associates for Improvements to Signalize Intersection of Main Street and
Amboy Avenue (NJ Route 35) - \$14,946

LEGAL:

Council President Spillar: Legal.

Craig Coughlin, Esq.: Nothing at this time just a few words for Dan. It is a special night for me because Dan Harris and I have been together as colleagues and now I dare I say friends for the last 16 years. More than anyone, I have gotten to see Dan in action day after day. There is no more tireless worker, no one smarter, no one who cares more, and no one who more prepared to make a difference than Dan Harris. I will caution the members of the council because for the rides from Fords to Cape May to High Pint and to Princeton and the entire time Dan would not stop asking me questions because he is that inquisitive and I took to falling asleep as a defense mechanism. The truth is he is all the things that people have said he is here. He is a wonderful person, somebody who is a good man, plays by the rules, respects the institution that he is involved with. He just doesn't get involved with committees, he makes a difference. I look forward with great excitement to the years and decades ahead in playing a leadership role here in the township.

- 30) BE IT RESOLVED** that by the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby approves the Municipal Council to meet in a closed, executive session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss Collective Bargaining Unit Contracts.

On a motion made by Council Vice President McAuliffe and seconded by Councilwoman DeJesus and carried unanimously, the meeting went into Executive Session by Council President Anderson at 6:45P.M.

Councilman Small abstained from #32.

Council Vice President McAuliffe and seconded by Councilwoman DeJesus made a motion to exit Executive Session which was seconded by Councilwoman McAuliffe and carried unanimously at 6:56 P.M.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent:

- 31) BE IT RESOLVED** that by the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes to execute the Memorandum of Agreement with the Township of Woodbridge

and AFSCME Local Union No. 3044 in the form substantially similar to the MOA on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

- 32) BE IT RESOLVED** that by the Municipal Council of Woodbridge Township hereby authorizes to execute the Memorandum of Agreement with the Township of Woodbridge and AFSCME Local Union No. 2292 in the form substantially similar to the MOA on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

On a motion made by Council Vice President McAuliffe and seconded by Councilwoman DeJesus and carried unanimously, the Council moved the adoption of the Resolutions.

On a motion made by Council Vice President McAuliffe and seconded by Councilwoman DeJesus and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned by Council President Spillar at 6:57P.M.

Cory Spillar, Council President

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