

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 January 19, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

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

Council President Small: Please rise for our Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for our military serving overseas and the families lost to Covid-19.

Notice Requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been satisfied concerning this meeting. The Home News Tribune and The Star Ledger published the Annual Notice Schedule on December 18, 2020. A copy of the Schedule was posted on the Municipal bulletin board. It should be so noted in the minutes of this meeting.

The Municipal Clerk took the Municipal Council attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cory Spillar, Gregg Ficarra, Debbie Meehan, Nancy Drumm, Virbhadra N. Patel, Kyle Anderson, Lizbeth DeJesus, Howie Bauer, Brian Small.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: John Mitch, Municipal Clerk
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator
John Hagerty, Communications Director
Casey Wagner, Deputy Business Administrator
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq.
Fred Rubenstein, Esq.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from January 5, 2021?

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

Council Meeting:

January 5, 2021

The Municipal Clerk read the following Ordinances A and B by title on Second Reading as Consent stating that copies of these Ordinances were posted on the bulletin board.

A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MCRT NORTHEAST CONSTRUCTION LLC. - BLOCK 138.02, LOT 77. (21-01)

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

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

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

B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 150, LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – STORMWATER CONTROL.

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

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

Council Vice President Bauer moved the public hearing closed and this Ordinance be continued to the next Council meeting on February 2, 2021 for adoption, which was seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously.

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

- C. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE WOODBRIDGE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES TO CREATE NEW DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES.**
- D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBIAN CLUB OF AVENEL, INC. FOR A SENIOR CENTER.**
- E. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT SMITH STREET EAST BOUND (CR 656)/DRISCOLL BRIDGE ACCESS ROAD RELOCATION – HENRY WAY, WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.**
- F. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (HANICAPPED PARKING – 1ST STREET, FORDS)**
- G. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-39.3 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (REGULATION OF MOVEMENT FOR FED-EX GROUND, 6000 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, KEASBEY)**

Council Vice President Bauer made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading to be published in the Home News Tribune on Friday, January 22, 2021 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on February 2, 2021 at 6:00 P.M

Mr. Mitch: Any questions or comments from Council?

Councilwoman Meehan: Mr. Mitch, I'd like to add C to my agenda for Senior Services and merge that in with the Evergreen Center.

Mr. Mitch: Any other comments? Finally, Council President you have resolutions listed 1 through 23.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent:

- (1) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution correcting appointment of Kimberly Carvalho Illions to serve as Second Alternate member of the Woodbridge Township Planning Board for a one (1) year term terminating December 31, 2021.

- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Resolution authorizing and granting an Amusement Games License to Dave & Busters to operate at its location at 274 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge as a recognized amusement park.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes Refund – Overpaid taxes.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes Refund – Overpaid sewer user fee.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes Refund – taxes for 100% Disabled Veteran, Michael Carney.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes Refund – taxes for 100% Disabled Veteran, Dennis Moshopoulos.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution permitting Director Robert Hubner to engage the services of William Connell, Esq. (Brady vs. Woodbridge Township Police Department)
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution permitting Lieutenant Brian Murphy to engage the services of Lori Dvorak, Esq. (Brady vs. Woodbridge Township Police Department)
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution permitting Detective Sean Grogan to engage the services of Lori Dvorak, Esq. (Brady vs. Woodbridge Township Police Department)
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution permitting Lieutenant James Mullarney to engage the services of Joseph S. Surman, Esq. (Brady vs. Woodbridge Township Police Department)
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution permitting Retired Sergeant Walt Bukowski to engage the services of Anthony Pope, Esq. (Brady vs. Woodbridge Township Police Department)
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution permitting Patrolman Robert Bartko to engage the services of Susan K. O'Connor, Esq. (Brady vs. Woodbridge Township Police Department)
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Agreement – Pathways to Recovery Program between the Township of Woodbridge, State of New Jersey, Middlesex County Office of Career Opportunity, Middlesex College and Mainstream Recovery.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Agreement – Prevention Specialists Incorporated in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for Drug & Alcohol testing.

- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Agreement – T & M Associates, for professional engineering services for a Conceptual Engineering Plan for the Pirates Cove Marina Property in an amount not to exceed \$24,750.00.
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Agreement – Mott MacDonald LLC, for professional environmental services for the Former Sewaren Treatment Plant at Cliff Road in an amount not to exceed \$149,600.00.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution authorizing execution of Final Change Order on the contract with Road Safety Systems, LLC, decreasing the contract amount of \$185,307.00 by \$6,781.76 to a total of \$178,525.24. (Contract#2020-010 Guide Rail Improvements)
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution execution of Final Change Order on the contract with P & A Construction, Inc. for the Township Wide Drainage Improvements, decreasing the contract amount of \$444,444.44 by \$59.56 to a total of \$444,384.88.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution authorizing the Township to institute a civil action under the New Jersey Spill Compensation and Control Act, and all other applicable federal, state and local statutes, codes and ordinances to recoup all eligible clean up, removal, and remediation costs and damages for property at 612 Cliff Road, Sewaren.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Appointment of Gail Morrone to serve as liaison to the Woodbridge Library Board.
- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Bids – Aquatic Service Inc. – two (2) year contract for opening, winterizing and aquatic servicing of the Township swimming pools as needed
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the Resolution in support of a Community Solar Project in the Township of Woodbridge.
- (23) **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 January 19, 2021 and the Supplemental Bill List dated December 30, 2020 through January 15, 2021.

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

Mr. Mitch: Mr. President.

Council President Small: Thank you Mr. Mitch. We will now go to the public portion of the meeting, please state your name and the part of town you live in. You have a five-minute, one-time period to

speak. I remind you that there is no recording or pictures from your seat. If you want to record, please go in the back area where it is taped off.

Public Meeting:

James Dabrowski, Woodbridge: Spoke about the Dream Continues – a virtual remembrance about Martin Luther King, Jr., the sermon delivered by Reverend Neva Lawson of the First Baptist Church of Woodbridge, Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community? book written by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Capitol Building attack on January 6th, the spirit of hatred and division, writer James Baldwin’s quote "Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.", white supremacy, Nazism, Anti-Semitism, white-nationalism, and the Old Right movement. Mr. Dabrowski also spoke about how Woodbridge can become the Best Town Around with liberty, justice, and commitment to Anti-racism. He finally asked Council President Small to meet with the Woodbridge Youth for Liberation and Equity group and thanked him for his time and for saying yes to his request.

Council President Small: Mr. Dabrowski if they reach out to me, I will meet with them. Yes.

Victoria Bertsch, Colonia: Spoke how she feels as an American, about the Pledge of Allegiance and asked the Council to think why they are doing this, why they are here, who they serve, what Communities they represent, what books they read, what podcasts they listen to, what movies they watch, what type of conversations they have with their kids, and how they vote. Talked about how the decisions we make affect others, exercise any power with care and Black Lives Matter.

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

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT / COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Council President Small: Thank you Mr. Mitch.

1. Woodbridge News.
HOLD
2. Mayor’s Advisory Council on Education (Mac-E).
HOLD
3. Port Reading Fire and Township First Aid Squads.
HOLD
4. Website E-Government.
HOLD
5. Bicycle Lanes/ Bicycle Share/ Bicycle Paths.

HOLD

6. Electric Vehicle Car Share/ Car Charging Stations.
HOLD
7. School Projects.
HOLD
8. S.T.O.W. (Register @ 732-726-2394 for Client Transport ID#).
HOLD

Council President Small: On my agenda #8, the S.T.O.W. which is our Senior Transportation. I urge our senior citizens in town to take advantage of this free program. We have expanded it so much because of how many people have signed up for, and any senior can attest to this. So if you would like to register for S.T.O.W. Senior Transportation, the number is 732-726-2394 and again it is a great program.

9. Level Playing Field @ Cypress Recreation Center/Our House.
HOLD
10. Property Fraud (www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov search for “Property Alert” to Register).
HOLD
11. Inspections at Hotels/Motels.
HOLD
12. National Public Lands Day.
HOLD
13. Marine Eight.
HOLD
14. Mayor Mac Café.
HOLD
15. Jazz Festival.
HOLD
16. Concerts.
HOLD
17. Light Parade.
HOLD
18. Human Rights Commission
HOLD

Council President Small: That's all I have on my agenda, a couple of announcements. First and foremost, I want to thank the Health Department for all what they've been through since March of the last year, but now distributing the Covid vaccine shots, I know Mr. Ficarra has that on his agenda, so I don't want to go too much into it but I just want to thank Mr. Green and all the staff down there who have done a tremendous job. To TV-35, you clearly don't get the credit you deserve. The stuff that you've been able to put together including yesterday's event with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; it was amazing. So, to TV 35 thank you so much myself and the rest of the Council. To our Emergency Services, our Police, Fire, EMS, thank you so much. Our Public Works Department, thank you so much. And to all the essential workers out there, thank you for all you do. God Bless America. Council Vice President Bauer.

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

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

1. 2nd Ward Road Projects.
HOLD
2. County Greenway.
HOLD
3. Downtown Parking on New Brunswick Avenue.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Waterfront Park/Keasbey.
HOLD
5. Hometown Hero Banners.
HOLD
6. Fords Business Community.
 - A. Cruise Night
 - B. Trunk or TreatHOLD
7. Fords/Hopelawn/Keasbey Fire Companies.
HOLD
8. Fords V.F.W.
HOLD
9. Troop 53 Boy Scouts of America.
HOLD
10. Pathmark Property.
HOLD

11. Brownfields.
HOLD
12. Hickory Senior Center.
HOLD
13. Greenway Family Success Center.
HOLD

Council Vice President Bauer: I just have one announcement. With development of vacant and distressed properties on New Brunswick Avenue in Hopelawn, one SuperFresh grocery store, a warehouse, self-store facility, the Quincy apartments, a traffic light control project and crosswalks will be installed at the corner of New Brunswick Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue with the assistance of Middlesex County, later this year. I will update you once I get the installation start date for the project. That's all I have tonight, thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman DeJesus.

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you Council President. My agenda is in order. I just have one announcement.

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

Council President DeJesus: The Main Library is open for browsing, borrowing computer, and WiFi use Monday through Thursday 10:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M. and Fridays 10:00 A.M. through 6:00 P.M. So Fords, Henry Inman and Iselin branches are not open for in-person visits, but they offer curbside pickups on Tuesdays and Fridays. On Fridays they have the Grab and Go activities as well as books, videos and computer printouts. Visit the Library website for updates on www.woodbridgelibrary.org or call 732-634-4450. That's all that I have, thank you.

11. Veteran's Tax Deduction.
HOLD
12. Green Infrastructure.
HOLD
13. Girls' Sports.
HOLD
14. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavilion and Camp.
HOLD
15. Census 2020.
HOLD
16. Youth Leadership Council.
HOLD

Council President Small. Thank you. Councilman Spillar.

CORY S. SPILLAR, 3rd WARD COUNCILMAN

Councilman Spillar: Thank you Council President Small.

1. Avenel's Very Merry Holiday Lighting (**11/28/21**) / Port Reading Day (TBD).
HOLD
2. Avenel Arts Village/Train Station/Eric LeGrand Believe Park.
HOLD

Councilman Spillar: Item#2 Eric LeGrand Believe Park. It is not so much about the park itself, but to be able to enjoy the park while drinking a nice cup of coffee: LeGrand Coffee House. Eric and his team have opened up their own coffee business called LeGrand Coffee House. Eric has scheduled to open his Coffee House this late summer of this year, but you don't have to wait until then to enjoy a

great coffee. You can visit www.legrandcoffeehouse.com for all his products and supplies.

3. Woodbridge River Watch/ Oros Nature Preserve.
HOLD
4. Port Reading Saints/ Saints Complex Improvements.
HOLD
5. Avenel Middle School Community Service Club and School Improvements.
HOLD
6. Port Reading Knights/Sycamore Senior Center/Red Oak.
HOLD

7. Route 1 Redevelopment.

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

HOLD

8. Avenel Fire Department.
HOLD
9. Social Clubs Avenel Knights of Columbus/Columbian Club, Avenel V.F.W.
HOLD
10. Woodbridge Developmental Center property.
HOLD
11. Cable Commission/Renewal.
HOLD
12. School 4 & 5.
HOLD
13. Mileed Way Army Corps of Engineers project.
HOLD

Councilman Spillar: The rest of my agenda is in order and I just have a couple of announcements. The Woodbridge Township Youth Soccer Association is registering now for the Spring League. You can sign your child up at www.woodbridgyouthsoccer.com. Thank you to all the Emergency

Responders, Fire, EMS, Woodbridge Police Department, OEM, and C.E.R.T. for all their tireless work. Be safe, be smart. God Bless America. Thank you Council President Small.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman Meehan.

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

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

1. Inman Avenue Business District Improvements.
HOLD
2. CBC – Colonia Business Community.
HOLD
3. Green Houses – Colonia Middle and Colonia High Schools.
HOLD
4. Evergreen Senior/Youth Center.
HOLD
5. Events: Taste of Colonia.
Have a Heart Food Drive.
Colonia Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt.
Colonia 5K/Chris Jantas Run.
Colonia Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament.
Support the Troops Rally.
Colonia Pride Day.
Colonia Clean Up.
Colonia Christmas Tree Lighting.
Cookies and Can for the Troops and Food Bank.
Toys for Tots Run.
Breast Cancer Walk.
HOLD
6. Food Pantry.
HOLD
7. Reinhard Manor.
HOLD
8. Colonia Fire Department/First Aid Squad.
HOLD
9. Colonia American Legion/V.F.W./Elks.
HOLD

10. Veteran’s Issues.
HOLD
11. Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.
HOLD
12. Cpl. Kevin Reinhard Marine Corps League.
HOLD
13. Municipal Alliance + Addiction Task Force.
HOLD
14. Volunteer Directory.
HOLD
15. Domestic Violence Response Team.
HOLD
16. AED Program.
HOLD
17. Engineering Exploring Project.
HOLD
18. Department of Senior Services.
HOLD

Councilwoman Meehan: I’d just like to take a moment tonight to remember Kevin Reinhard. Nine years ago, today January 19th, 2021 was a dark and sad day in Colonia when we heard the news that Marine Corp Kevin Reinhard, 25-year-old of Colonia, died alongside five of his fellow marines, while serving their country during Operation Enduring Freedom. The marines were signed to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 in Afghanistan when the helicopter that they were riding in crashed. Please keep the Reinhard family and all the families of the other marines that we lost that day in your prayers. Along with our troops serving overseas and protecting our Capitol this evening, please protect all those officers that are there too and let there be peace through the next few days with all these difficult times and thank you Kevin for serving our country. That’s all I have.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilwoman Drumm.

NANCY J. DRUMM, 1st WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Councilwoman Drumm: Thank you Council President.

1. Events: Relay for Life.
Fishing Derby.
Parker Press Concerts.
Woodbridge Wednesdays and Local Band Thursdays.

Saint James Street Fair.

HOLD

2. (DMA) Downtown Merchants Association.
HOLD
3. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).
HOLD
4. Chamber of Commerce.
HOLD
5. Buy Local Program.
HOLD
6. Transit Village.
HOLD
7. Blue Acres/F.E.M.A.
HOLD
8. Main Street and Route 9.
HOLD
9. Animal Shelter.
HOLD
10. Dog Park.
HOLD
11. Arts.
(A) Woodbridge Train Station Mural Project.
(B) Woodbridge Artisan Guild.
HOLD
12. PACE.
HOLD
13. Woodbridge Elks Lodge 2116.
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: #13 Woodbridge Elks Lodge had a recent successful food drive for We Feed Woodbridge. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help and to everyone who donated; the food collection that they had that day was tremendous.

14. Woodbridge Fire Department.
HOLD

15. Coast Guard.
HOLD

16. Sewaren Library Programs.
HOLD

17. Acacia Center.
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: #17 Acacia Center of Port Reading Avenue. The Youth Center outside basketball courts are completed and every time I ride by, I see our youth playing there. So I want to thank our administration and our Council for providing our youth with this outside recreational site. More details will follow on the status of the other amenities that will be available there.

18. RISE Program
HOLD

19. Sewaren Marina
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: #19 the Sewaren Marina. Our township administration is finalizing the plans on the newly acquired land to enhance the Township Marina Complex on Cliff Road and the Redevelopment update in Ward 1. The Redevelopment of Downtown Woodbridge is in full swing with help from the mild winter so far. 10 Green Street developed by PCP Heard's Square has the first two floors sheet rocked and heading to the third. The roof is almost complete as well as the brick façade, PCP placed beautiful decorative light posts on their site that helps to light the sidewalk as well as the incoming retail locations. Modera located directly across the street from Town Hall has been moving at warp speed. Site work remediation and foundation work are taking place simultaneously in order to get the site up and running as quickly and possible. The developer has paved a new welded walking path around the site through the park for improved access from the train to the crosswalk in front of Berkeley College. Vermiela Woodbridge, the project being built at the old Hess property on upper Main Street continues with site work and foundation. The new project will be a mixed use, multi-family development with resort-like amenities and well-thought-out spaces providing functional yet luxurious living here in Woodbridge. The Striking Fist property on Main Street, Middlesex hotel, has been designed to and will revitalize the corner property to provide an attractive entrance to the downtown. They discussed the possibility of a green wall and other upgrades to better showcase attention. Brook Street Lofts are being constructed on the old Stern Tower site. Site work is near completion as well as the foundation work. The new modern building will provide a beautiful addition to the area and finally the township is looking at the construction of two parking decks in the downtown area. The decks will provide necessary parking for the enhanced downtown area. I wanted to thank all our residents for your patience and understanding while these construction sites are being done. Also a special thanks to our police officers for patrolling these areas keeping our residents out of harm's way and for providing particular traffic safety. In addition I've just been informed by the administration that there will be brand new improvements at the intersection of Rahway Avenue and Green Street coming soon. I'll keep everyone posted on this as we progress. That's all I have. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Councilman Anderson.

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilman Anderson: Thank you Council President.

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

Councilman Anderson: I am going to hold on #1

2. Job Bank.
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: For Job Banks, we are still looking for substitute teachers. There are schools that are still in session, but we need substitute teachers. So if you go to the Township website under Employment Opportunities Center can find the link to our teacher search engine. Provident Bank, Chicken Galore, RSI Bank Chick-fil-A, Dave & Busters are all presently hiring. There are a number of other businesses that are hiring, so please check our Employment Opportunities Center on the Township website.

3. Mayor's Trophy.
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: I am going to hold on the Mayor's trophy.

4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame.
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: I am going to hold on Woodbridge Hall of Fame.

5. Taste of Woodbridge.
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: I am going to hold on Taste of Woodbridge.

6. Charity Raffle.
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: I am going to hold on our Charity Raffle.

7. Drive-In Movies.
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: I am going to hold on our Drive-In Movies.

8. N.A.A.C.P. (NAACP.org)
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: I will mention our N.A.A.C.P. We have our local President here, Reverend Donna Stewart. We will be holding our next meeting on January 25th, 7:00 P.M. and it will be virtual, the website is naacp.org and you can find all of the link information for that and there is usually some guest speakers and she is always very informative, so I am glad that she is always here to provide any information to me.

9. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program.
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: Yesterday, we celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King and I want to thank TV- 35 and Mr. Hagerty for putting that virtual program together. As we know dealing with Covid, it is unfortunate that for certain celebrations we are not going to be together, holding hands and signing “We Shall Overcome” at a very important time. Hopefully we can do that next year as Covid releases. I do want to remind you that still we live in a time where States like Alabama and Mississippi make Dr. King’s celebration in coordination with the celebration of Robert E. Lee, so there are still States in this union that they’re going to acknowledge him, but they are going to make him share with Confederate general. But I thought that the program was well received; we were able to share it online and all the speakers have brought some unique information and it was just a nice way. The virtual background was phenomenal; they look very professional, so I was proud of that and I look forward to holding some new events in the future

10. Independent Club of Colonia.
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: I am going to hold on the Independent Club of Colonia.

11. Tooling Around Program.
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: I am going to hold on the Tooling Around the Town Program.

12. Boy Scouts/Camping.
HOLD

13. League Consolidation.
HOLD

14. Middlesex College.
HOLD

15. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change.
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: I wanted to give some information on the Girls Scouts' cookies. They are for sale right now at the Evergreen Center, every other week from January 16th to January 30th, February 13th, 27th and March 13th from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., The Hickory Center on January 30th from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., Five branches on this February 13th from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., the sycamore Center from February 27th and March 13 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., the Cypress Center January 17th, 31st February 14th and March 14th and the Woodbridge Community Center January 17th, 31st, February 14th, 28th and March 14th from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Come out support our Girl Scouts. They are always good cookies, and my favorite are the shortbread cookies, and it is always nice to see the girls out there; they've got a really thriving business. That's all I have, thank you very much.

Council President Small: Thank you Councilman Ficarra.

GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Councilman Ficarra: Thank you Council President. Councilman Anderson you forgot the footnote that for every cookie you eat, it is five pushups or five sit ups. That's true.

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

Councilman Ficarra: First I am starting with the Woodbridge Community Center and The Club at Woodbridge. This Saturday there is Try Ice Hockey program for free at the Community Center from 1:45 P.M. to 3:00 o'clock. You have to call over to the Community Center at 732-596-4102 or go to wccchockey@twp.woodbridge.nj.us. Maybe our TV-35 can post that. This is a free event open to everyone. It is followed by a more detailed event that is sponsored by the New Jersey Devils Learn to play; this is an event that has a price to it, there are 8 sessions and for more information, again, you can check in at our Community Center. Another nice event coming up is Heart Throb Zumba Thon, which is at the Woodbridge Community Center on February 13th, and very nicely done before Valentine's Day from 9:00A.M. to 11 A.M. It is free of charge but the purpose of it is to bring in some non-perishable food items for our food bank. I have a Heart Food drive that is going on right now; again, that is February 13th from 9:00A.M. to 11A.M and you can also call the Community Center at that. Both of our Community Center and the Club at Woodbridge during the month of January, they are waiving their joiner fees which is a nice opportunity for people that want to take advantage and join these facilities. The websites do it all, for the Community Center is njwcc.com and for the Club it is theclub.org and that could give you all that information much better than I can.

2. Youth Month – April.
Senior Month – May.
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3. Mentoring Programs.
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4. Mayor's Fitness / Wellness Initiatives.
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5. Fireworks.
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6. Heroes & Cool Kids / Strengthening Families.
HOLD
7. Pedestrian Safeway's / East Coast Greenway.
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8. Annual Pizza Run.
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9. Jacob's Landing.
HOLD
10. The Club at Woodbridge upgrades.
HOLD
11. Crossroad's Race.
HOLD
12. Mental Health / Wellness.
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Councilman Ficarra: I have 2 items that I want to bring up that are new on my agenda. First, #12 is the Mental Health and Wellness Initiatives that the town is bringing up. I am happy to report that we are forming a relationship with an organization called Specialized Case Management and Outreach Services. This is in support of Middlesex County. This organization has access to a variety of services that citizens can use. Our services, in particular in the area of Mental Health and also in the area of fighting homelessness, it is Homelessness Intervention. We are also working through them on a training session for our police officers on a variety of ways that they may have to interact with people with Mental Health issues. First of which it is to determine which is an absolute emergency or what the medical people may call acute or if it is not acute and it needs to be followed up, but not immediately. There will be a very significant training session that we are working on now, along with working with what they call the SCMOS group which is what I told you. When the SCMOS group is not in session, which is Monday through Friday traditional business hours, our Recovery Coaches, which are in another department, they work 24/7. So if an issue comes into the PD, our Recovery Coaches will initially take the information from the Police Department and pass it on to the Specialized Case Management folks. So there is no gap or downtime whether it is in the evening or whether it is on the weekend. It doesn't matter; if it happens during business hours once the police are dispatched to the scene, the dispatch will also contact our new affiliates in the county. This is a project that we are working on; it is moving very smoothly and it is moving correctly. Again, this is in support of the police; this is not in lieu of the police. This is just to support the great efforts that

they are doing. Now I'd like to take a moment and I don't normally do this, so I don't mess anything up. I want to give you an update on the Covid 19 in particular the vaccine, and the way it is working in Woodbridge Township so please forgive me for reading this, but I think it's important.

Important information including how pre-register for the Covid 19 vaccine via the New Jersey Department of Health Covid 19 vaccine portal; we all have to do that. It has the Covid 19 guidelines and you can access it through our Township website. The township is giving vaccines to people at the Woodbridge Health Center and the original delivery of 1,000 doses will be exhausted by tomorrow so that means by tomorrow we'll have distributed 1,000 doses. The Health Department expects another delivery of 300 more doses later on from this week and also the 500 original people who got their first dose between December 28th and 29th will get their second dose as we move into February. It is important to know and this is the area I don't want people to be confused on, that the Township is not responsible for scheduling people in category 1B which is where we are at now. The State Health Department does that. The category for your information includes people over 65 and people that are 16 and 64 that have specific medical conditions are next on the list. But again, when you say next on the list, it is all related to the doses that we get as a town. The Township Department of Senior Services can help senior citizens register for the vaccine; I have witnessed this myself. In the last few days, we got two people that reached out to me and that I am sure you guys have. If you refer them to the Senior Services, they will guide them along and they will even go on the computer with them and guide them through, because no matter who you are, if you are a senior citizen like me or anyone else, you are going to get on that portal and register. For your information again the hotline for this assistance is 732-726-6264. As of now the Senior Center representatives have contacted just about everyone that have called and left a message and will continue to do that. A special thanks, I personally want to thank the Senior Coordinators Liz, Rosemary, Sandra and their Supervisor Cynthia for doing a great job so far. Please again remember that the Senior Center's coordinators nor the Health department representatives can't offer any advice on whether you should get the vaccine or not get the vaccine. Our website for the township is www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us or you can just Google Woodbridge Township.

I'd like to close with two things: #1 Please do not just show up at the Health Department; they don't control those things. They are very busy, they are distributing what we have. Please go to our website, register on the portal and we can assist you. The final thing is rather obvious, please be patient. Everybody is working at warp speed right now and they are doing the best they can. But we all need to put our patience hat right now and just work with the system as it goes. I am sorry for being so long. I just thought it is important and I read it the way it was written. Thank you.

Council President Small: It is very important to get that out to our residents and they are all doing a fantastic job down there, thank you. Councilman Patel.

13. COVID-19 efforts.

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

Councilman Patel: Thank you Council President Small.

1. American Legion (T. Nulty Post).

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2. Oak Tree Road Special Improvement District (SID).
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3. JFK High School Field and Building Improvements.
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4. Sucker’s Brook Bank Stabilization.
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5. 4th Ward Road Projects.
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6. Magnolia/Willow/Walnut Area Commuter Parking.
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7. Sign Ordinance.
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8. Cooper Field.
HOLD

Councilman Patel: My agenda is in order but I’d like to congratulate all those ladies sitting out there and those sitting on benches here tonight because tomorrow is going to be the Inauguration of our President and the Vice President of the United States of America. President-elect Joe-Biden is said to become the oldest in the United States and the historical significance of Vice President-elect Kamala Harris in being the first woman and the first Black American and South Asian American in the role of vice president since her mother came from India. In India in almost 70 major cities, they are building celebrations. Again, I’d like to congratulate all women on this very special day. Also next week on January 26th, India will have its 72nd Republic Day. In this area, every year, there are many places that hold this Republic Day celebrations. But there won’t be any celebration this year due to this ongoing pandemic. I wish all those Indian Americans a Happy Republic Day. Also last week on January 12th worldwide, there was the 158th birth celebration of Swami Vivekananda who introduced the Hindu religion to Americans during the Parliament of World’s Religions held in Chicago, September of 1893. I’d like to thank our Mayor McCormac for sending his very inspirational message and greetings. That is all for tonight. Thank you.

Council President Small: Thank you. Mr. Mitch.

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK

Mr. Mitch: Thank you Mr. President. My agenda is in order.

1. Liquor License Transfer(s) / Change of Corporate Structure:
 - A. Change of Corporate Structure for Red Chutney, LLC t/a Talli Bar & Grill, 1538 Oak Tree Rd., Iselin, NJ 08830.

- B. Person-To-Person / Place-To-Place Transfer of Liquor License # 1225-33-039-011 from BL Restaurant Operations, LLC t/a Bar Louie to Dragonfly Woodbridge, Inc., t/a Dragonfly 61 Rt. 1, Metuchen, NJ 08840.
2. Liquor License Incident(s) / Hearing(s).
 3. Liquor License Renewals.
 - A. 2021 Annual Retail Licensee Meeting.
 4. Street Closings / Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals, etc.).
 5. Elections.
 - A. 2021 Primary Election: June 8, 2021
 - B. 2021 General Election: November 2, 2021

Council President Small: Thank you. Business Administrator Cimilluca.

MAYOR:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: Thank you Council President. Under administration we have a County Tax Appeal.

POLICE:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: We have a Traffic Ordinance Amendments.

HEALTH:

RECREATION:

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

Business Administrator Cimilluca: We have three release of performance bonds at 5 Paddock St. Avenel, 28 Juliette St. Hopelawn, and 92 Second St. Woodbridge. Thank you Council President.

Council President Small: Thank you Mr. Cimilluca. Legal.

LEGAL:

Fred Rubenstein, Esq.: Nothing this evening.

Council President Small: Thank you.

On a motion made by Councilman Bauer seconded by Councilman Ficarra and carried unanimously, Council President Small adjourned the meeting at 6:36 P.M.

Brian Small,
Council President

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