

**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 February 5, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.**

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

Council President Spillar: Please remain standing for a moment of silence for all our military personnel overseas.

Notice Requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been satisfied concerning this meeting. The Home News Tribune and The Star Ledger published the Annual Notice Schedule on December 21, 2018. A copy of the Schedule was posted on the Municipal bulletin board. It should be so noted in the minutes of this meeting.

The Municipal Clerk took the Municipal Council attendance.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** John Mitch, Municipal Clerk  
John Bennett, Business Administrator  
Marta Darden, Director of Planning and Development  
Robert Hubner, Director of Police  
Dennis Henry, Public Works Director  
Michael Gelin, Municipal Engineer  
Vito Cimilluca, Recreation Director  
John Hagerty, Communications Director  
Casey Wagner, Assistant to the Business Administrator  
Craig Coughlin, Esq, Municipal Counsel  
Eric Lange, Esq.

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

Council Meeting:

January 22, 2019

Council President Spillar asked if there were any comments from the Council.

**The Municipal Clerk read the following Ordinances by title on Second Reading as Consent stating that copies of these Ordinances were posted on the bulletin board:**

- A. A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AND THE IMPROVEMENT THEREOF FOR RECREATION PURPOSES IN, BY AND FOR THE RECREATION UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$350,000.00 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 (127 AVENEL STREET). (19-12)**

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

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

Tom Maras, Fords: On that piece of property has that been negotiated with the current owner and what is the purpose of the township's wishes to buy that piece of property?

Council President Spillar: Negotiations are in order with the property owner.

Tom Maras: I'm sorry I can't hear you.

Council President Spillar: Negotiations are with the property owner's agent and that building is directly across, caddy corner, from the theatre at the Arts Village so we're going to incorporate that with the Arts Village and that's going to house the administrative and office staff for the theatre.

Tom Maras: Is that just over the land right now or is there any housing on it?

Council President Spillar: It's going to be a vacant commercial business.

Tom Maras: Pardon.

Council President Spillar: It's a commercial business.

Tom Maras: It is a commercial business? And if I heard you correctly the next one B, I know they are

tied together, I'll just wait until you read that one.

Council President Spillar: I can answer now for you it's up to you.

Tom Maras: Well again it goes to that. It says an ordinance authorizing and directing the title and possession of certain real property referring back to that one, A, acquired by purchase or condemnation. That's why I asked you if you negotiated that price or will you move to condemnation?

Council President Spillar: No it's in negotiation that's set now.

Tom Maras: Pardon me.

Council President Spillar: It's in negotiation that's fine now.

Tom Maras: Thank you.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: 127 Avenel Street is that the same property that we tried to purchase for a parking lot?

Council President Spillar: No.

John Vrtaric: It's not?

Council President Spillar: No.

John Vrtaric: Just out of curiosity what property are you talking about?

Council President Spillar: 127 Avenel Street?

John Vrtaric: Yes.

Council President Spillar: That's a commercial property. That's a commercial piece of property; it's a commercial building. It's a commercial office located on Avenel Street.

John Vrtaric: When you talk about recreation what kind of recreation are you going to put it in?

Council President Spillar: It'll fall under the Rec Utility Fund with the theatre.

John Vrtaric: Pardon me.

Council President Spillar: It falls under the Rec Utility Fund along with the theatre.

John Vrtaric: Okay, thank you.

Frank Trombatorre, Woodbridge: This morning I had a quick conversation with my wife of fifty years. She looked at the tax raise and said to me, if you and I quit working...

Council President Spillar: I'm sorry sir not to interrupt that's directly on Ordinance A?

Frank Trombatorre: Yes it is because this township is gone on a real estate investment trust scenario and is running around playing monopoly with our money. Now you want to buy another piece of property and we seniors are having a hard time making ends meet. My wife and I are still working but there are seniors out there are worn and when you raise taxes to buy more property to play games, I don't know what you're doing, but you are hurting us. You're taking the money out of our pockets that we use to eat and you just keep raising the taxes, raising the taxes. You're not alone. The county does it and now the state is going to tax us on rain. So we have had enough. We want to know when you're going to stop buying properties and if you're going to continue using our tax dollars to have a real estate investment trust at least do the basic legal thing. Notify the FCC, put out an offering memorandum and a perspective so we investors can say whether we like the idea or not. But I'm getting older, I don't know how much longer I can work, and I want to die in my home.

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

**B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT TITLE AND POSSESSION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BE ACQUIRED BY PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION (127 AVENEL STREET). (19-13)**

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

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

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

**C. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE AMENDED QUINCY COURT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN. (19-14)**

**D. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE AMENDED EDGERTON BOULEVARD (YARDLEY AND CRESSKILL AVENUE) REDEVELOPMENT PLAN. (19-15)**

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

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

Tom Maras, Fords: Can we have an explanation of what that Amended Quincy Court is? And I believe Quincy Court is the one that's in Hopelawn off of New Brunswick Avenue.

Council President Spillar: Correct. The developer was able to acquire more parcels of property. Therefore the Redevelopment Plan that was approved by the Planning Board has to be amended.

Tom Maras: Okay, since he's getting more property I think that originally he encompassed something around ninety-two or ninety-three apartment units that were planned now. Is that being expanded and if so by how many?

Council President Spillar: Senator, if I'm misinformed please interrupt me. No nothing is being added to the building to my knowledge. The residents had some traffic concerns and with the addition of the parcels of the property they'll be more ingress/egress and direct tie to Pennsylvania Avenue for vehicular traffic.

Tom Maras: Well I hope it releases some of the burden because in that area everybody, as you well know, has been complaining of that area about the traffic and the lights which are not in your control but that is a county road and in hopes that the county comes in and in fact put a light there where the old Pathmark used to be. How does that tie in because I thought Edgerton was on the other side of town and that's a development plan and that's under D?

Council President Spillar: Yes that's a different area.

Tom Maras: What's happening there?

Council President Spillar: The same exact thing. The developer was able to purchase extra parcels of property.

Tom Maras: I believe that's Peter Mercatelli is it not?

Council President Spillar: Off the top of my head I don't recall.

Tom Maras: Well I'm sure Miss Lefsky would know. Who is the redeveloper?

Director Darden: The plan is irrespective of the redeveloper. We don't have an application. I don't have anything to tell you what that is.

Tom Maras: Well you always have names of the redeveloper on that particular property of all of Quincy. Who is it?

Director Darden: The plan is irrespective of an owner.

Tom Maras: Okay, you just don't want to name one at this time, thank you.

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

**E. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF MUNICIPAL LANDS NOT NEEDED FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 (B) (5). (19-17)**

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

unanimously.

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

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

**F. AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND EXTINGUISH THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY LOCATED IN BLOCK 41.03 BETWEEN LOT 1.011 AND LOT 1.014 (FORMERLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 41-C, LOT 1-A-1). (19-16)**

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

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

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

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

**G. A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR REDEVELOPMENT PURPOSES IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,000,000.00 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.**

**H. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT TITLE AND POSSESSION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BE ACQUIRED BY PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION – BLOCK 867, LOT 4, AVENEL, NEW JERSEY.**

**I. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH AVENEL AND COLONIA FIRST AID SQUAD, INC.**

**J. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, OF THE WOODBRIDGE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES – 7-18A TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ON QUASI-PUBLIC PROPERTY.**

**K. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” SECTION 7-38.2 – TO DELETE DESIGNATED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES IN FRONT OF VARIOUS PRIVATE RESIDENCES.**

- L. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” SECTION 7-38.1 – TO ADD HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES FOR PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN ISSUED SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS OR PLATES OR PLACARDS BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION.
- M. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” SECTION 7-38.5 – TO ADD HANDICAPPED PARKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY – THE CROSSINGS AT ONE, TULIP DRIVE.
- N. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” SECTION 7-11 – STOPPING OR STANDING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS TO ADD – GREEN STREET, MAIN STREET, NORTH/SOUTH SIDES, ALL TIMES, MONDAY – FRIDAY.
- O. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 ENTITLED “GENERAL LICENSING” SECTION 4-7 LICENSING OF WRECKERS.
- P. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11 ENTITLED “ANIMAL CONTROL” SECTION 11-9 “ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM” – FEES TO SHELTER ANIMALS.
- Q. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 ENTITLED “BUILDING AND HOUSING” SECTION 17-1.2 FEES FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMITS.
- R. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 25 ENTITLED “STREETS AND SIDEWALKS” SECTION 25-2.2 FEES DUE PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF PERMITS.
- S. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 35 ENTITLED “HEALTH REGULATIONS” SECTION 35-16.5 SERVICE FEES.
- T. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 27 ENTITLED “SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT” SECTION 27-2 “SOLID WASTE COLLECTIONS” FEES FOR SPECIAL PICK-UPS.

Council Vice President DeJesus made a motion, seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading to be published in The Home News Tribune on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

**The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent:**

- (1) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby appoints Dr. Javier and Dr. Santiago as physicians to provide medical services to the Township for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.
- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refund checks for Overpaid Sewer User Fees.

- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refund checks for Judgments.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue refund checks for Tax Court Judgments.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue refund checks from the Developer’s Review Fund Account.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary to accept the award of a FY19 COPS IN SHOPS Grant from the State of New Jersey, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control in the amount of \$3,520.00.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Sub-Grant Agreement with Middlesex County for the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby accepts the Resolution adopting the Central Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund’s 2019 Safety Incentive Program.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby waives the request of UMESH GORADIA for waiver of requirements for the installation of sidewalks and curbs for Block: 477.06, Lot: 4.02 – 240 Midwood Way, Colonia.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2019 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge – Recycling Tonnage Grant – in the amount of \$147,187.38.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2019 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge – Middlesex County Improvement Authority Recycling Grant – in the amount of \$31,983.00.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2019 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge – Woodbridge Elks WPD Bullet Proof Vest Donation – in the amount of \$3,500.00.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2019 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge – Nicholas Hudanish Foundation Municipal Alliance Grant – in the amount of \$17,000.00.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2019 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge – Cops in Shops Grant – in the amount of \$3,520.00.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Planning Board of the Township to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine if certain real property in the Woodbridge Proper section of Woodbridge Township is an Area In Need of



Redevelopment.

- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Township of Woodbridge, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey to accept by Deed from Federal the dedication of the Right of Way, as a public street, as shown on the map entitled “Right of Way Dedication” dated October 29, 2018.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the purchase of six (6) new 2019 Ford Escapes for various Township Departments from National Auto Fleet Group through Source Well (formerly NJPA) Contract #120716 Woodbridge Township Membership NJPA #39143 in an amount not to exceed \$146,010.00.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the purchase of one new Ford F-450 4 WD Reg Cab for the Parks Division of the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$31,940.00.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Dr. Santiago, 10 Cutter Avenue, Edison, NJ for medical services for the Health Department in the amount of \$110.00 per hour, not to exceed \$6,000.00 for the period January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Dr. Javier, 1821 Oak Tree Road, Edison, NJ for medical services for the Health Department in the amount of \$110.00 per hour, not to exceed \$6,000.00 for the period January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019.
- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement with the Woodbridge Township Board of Education for the services of a part-time Grant Writer for the period January 18, 2019 through June 30, 2019.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby awards a contract, as a result of the emergency, to P & A Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the emergency replacement of a fire hydrant with a 6” valve at the Main Library in the Woodbridge Proper section of the Township on an emergency basis.
- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Change Order with MDS Property Management Group for home improvement repairs at the home located on Block 5.02, Lot 315 in the Township of Woodbridge in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Corrective Action Plan for the 2018 Annual Audit.
- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2019 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge – Body Armor Replacement Grant – in the amount of \$19,245.73.

- (26) **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 February 5, 2019 and the Supplemental Bill List dated January 18, 2019 through February 1, 2019.

Council Vice President DeJesus moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously except for Council Vice President DeJesus abstaining on Resolution 21 and Councilman Small abstaining on Resolution 21.

**PUBLIC MEETING:**

Council President Spillar: We'll now move to the public portion of the meeting. Please approach the microphone if you would like and state the area of the township which you live in and there is a five minute time limit.

Robert Mesce from Perth Amboy spoke about his car breaking down on Pfeiffer Boulevard and how Officer Patel pushed it to Clyde Street in Hopelawn. Mr. Mesce further spoke about leaving the car there and going back three or four times to try to fix it but could not and on New Year's Day the car was towed. Mr. Mesce further spoke about getting a ticket for abandoning the car which he did not do since he was trying to fix it. Next Mr. Mesce spoke about his mother and how she used to say that she loves this country and it was her country. Lastly Mr. Mesce wished his sister a Happy Birthday and asked that everybody pray for her because she was going to be having surgery the next week.

Marge Gaydos from Woodbridge questioned what area of town is being spoken about in Resolution #15. Director Darden replied that the property was located on 280 Woodbridge Avenue.

Tom Maras from Fords spoke about his pending lawsuit against the Township of Woodbridge and that it was nothing against Mr. Mitch who had to be named in the lawsuit. Next Mr. Maras spoke about in the Council members agendas they should mention the local fire departments upcoming elections. Then Mr. Maras spoke about the Avenel/Colonia First Aid Squad being in financial difficulty and how the Avenel Fire Department recently had a special election to transfer funds for the Avenel/Colonia First Aid Squad for the purpose of buying the building but that they do want to maintain the operation of the first aid squad. Council President Spillar replied that it wasn't the Avenel Fire Department but was the Avenel Board of Fire Commissioners and they have no plans to do anything to the building and the day to day operations are going to remain with the Avenel/Colonia First Aid Squad. Lastly Mr. Maras spoke about Ordinance I and questioned what the township was leasing from the Avenel/Colonia First Aid Squad. Council President Spillar replied that it was a lease for use of the rear parking lot.

John Vrtaric from Woodbridge spoke about asking a question at the last Council meeting in regards to disposing of marijuana waste and Council President Spillar replied again that that question should be forwarded to the state. Next Mr. Vrtaric questioned if the township was insured for sexual harassment and Senator Bennett replied that they are covered under the JIF, Joint Insurance Fund. Mr. Vrtaric further questioned who decides if somebody is accused of sexual harassment. Senator Bennett replied that our policy books have to be reviewed by the JIF and they give models and review what we have done so our policies are in accordance to what the policies are of the JIF. Then Mr. Vrtaric questioned if the same policy applied to the elected officials and Senator Bennett replied yes. Lastly Mr. Vrtaric stated that everything the township does is always with a bond and not paid directly and questioned if anything was ever paid out right. Senator Bennett replied that most of the bond ordinances that are seen are funded by bond anticipation notes and that means that they have to be paid off within a ten year period and we have an aggressive program of paying down our debt. Senator Bennett further replied

that in most years we are paying down more debt than we're incurring and it is not the intention of the administration to go out for more bonding that the mayor wants to continue to pay for the indebtedness by doing it through the bonds and having it reduced quickly.

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

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

Council President Spillar: I'm very happy to announce that the Event Calendar for the theatre at the Arts Village is now available. You can purchase tickets for all the events and shows at [www.avenelarts.com](http://www.avenelarts.com) or while the box office is still under construction you can visit the Township Arts Alliance at 101 Main Street Monday through Friday between the hours of 12 Noon and 5:00 P.M. Take a tour of the website and see all the great events and shows that are planned. The Celtic Angels will be the first shows. They will be held at Woodbridge Middle School with four shows on March 16<sup>th</sup> and March 17<sup>th</sup> so that's very exciting.

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/Senior Center  
HOLD
7. Cypress Recreation Center/Facility  
HOLD
8. Route 1 Redevelopment
  - (A) Star/City Motels
  - (B) Americana/Avenel Motels
  - (C) Quick Chek
  - (D) Bud's Hut
  - (E) Big Top property
  - (F) Holiday Inn Express expansion
  - (G) Pier I Imports propertyHOLD
9. Avenel Fire Department  
HOLD

Council President Spillar: The Avenel Fire Company is having their annual Spaghetti Dinner on

Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. For tickets you can call 732-803-1524 and ask for Chris. That is at the Avenel Firehouse, 346 Avenel Street.

10. Shuttles – Warehouses/Train Station  
HOLD
11. Woodbridge Developmental Center property  
HOLD
12. The Greens at Avenel – Rahway Avenue  
HOLD
13. Cable Commission/Renewal  
HOLD
14. School 4 & 5  
HOLD
15. Concerts  
HOLD

**LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE/VICE PRESIDENT:**

1. Housing Authority  
HOLD
2. Affordable Housing Corporation  
HOLD
3. Youth and Government Day (5/21/19)  
HOLD
4. History Museum  
HOLD
5. Police Community Relations  
HOLD

Council Vice President DeJesus: The next two weeks our Community Policing will be at our high schools for their biweekly Police Interaction Class. They will also be bringing them to Town Hall for a tour. They will be at one of our Middle Schools for their biweekly At Risk Youth Mentoring Program. They will be attending the monthly Woodbridge Interfaith Clergy Council Meeting and they will also be meeting with a group of girls at one of the elementary schools for a mentoring group. I'm happy to announce that the 2019 Senior Police Academy applications will be available online this week and will be also be available at all of our senior buildings. The academy will be taking place Wednesdays in May this year so please spread the word.

6. Youth Employment/Job Fair  
HOLD

7. Township Parks and Playgrounds  
HOLD
8. Hispanic Heritage Month  
HOLD
9. Barron Arts Center  
HOLD

Council Vice President DeJesus: On February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 8:00 P.M. the Barron Arts Center will have the All Seasons Chamber Players concert. On February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. the lecture, “The Golden Age of Original Movie Musicals” part of the Stephen Kaplan’s “A Taste of the Arts” Lecture Series will be presented by film historians Sam and Candy Caponegro. There will be a performance, A Constitutional Debate: Thomas Jefferson verses Alexander Hamilton on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. at Woodbridge Middle School.

10. Free Public Libraries of Woodbridge  
HOLD

Council Vice President DeJesus: The Woodbridge Public Library Children’s Department has issued the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter Family Reading Challenge. Visit the Main Library, Fords, Henry Inman or Iselin locations for a game board with activities and return it to treasure chest prizes. All participants are invited to attend the Winter Family Festival on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Main Library. Again look at [www.woodbridgelibrary.org](http://www.woodbridgelibrary.org) for more information.

11. Greenway Family Success Center  
HOLD
12. Veteran’s Tax Deduction  
HOLD
13. Green Infrastructure  
HOLD
14. Girls’ Sports  
HOLD
15. Girl Scouts/Scouts Pavilion and Camp  
HOLD
16. Township’s 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (1669-2019)  
HOLD

**DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5<sup>TH</sup> WARD COUNCILWOMAN:**

1. Inman Avenue Business District Improvements  
HOLD

2. CBC – Colonia Business Community  
HOLD
3. Green Houses – Colonia Middle and Colonia High Schools  
HOLD
4. Evergreen Senior/Youth Center  
HOLD
5. Events: Taste of Colonia  
Have a Heart Food Drive  
Colonia Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt  
Colonia 5K/Chris Jantas Run  
Colonia Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament  
Support the Troops Rally  
Colonia Pride Day Parade  
Colonia Clean Up  
Colonia Christmas Tree Lighting  
Cookies and Can for the Troops and Food Bank  
Toys for Tots Run  
Breast Cancer Walk  
HOLD

Councilwoman Meehan: I just want to thank everybody that came out on Friday for our Taste of Colonia. It was a great turnout. We had over three hundred people there. We had a thousand pounds of food that was donated and we raised over six thousand dollars. So I just want to thank everybody that took the time to come. I hope you had a great time and just keep in mind that our food banks are still looking for donations during the month of February, under February 14<sup>th</sup> for Valentine's Day. We're looking for the community to do a challenge which is two hundred and fourteen pounds of food or two hundred and fourteen dollars to donate to the food banks. They do run low at this time of year so it really is important if even you have one can of food to donate.

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

**NANCY DRUMM, 1<sup>ST</sup> WARD COUNCILWOMAN:**

1. (A.B.C.) Anything But Cars  
HOLD
2. Events: Relay for Life  
Fishing Derby  
Parker Press Concerts  
Woodbridge Wednesdays and Local Band Thursdays  
St. James Street Fair  
HOLD
3. (DMA) Downtown Merchant Association  
HOLD
4. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District)  
HOLD
5. Chamber of Commerce  
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: The Chamber of Commerce has two upcoming events. They asked me to make an announcement to Save the Dates. The first one is a Women's Leadership Connection event on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. It will take place at Colonia Country Club. Amy Mansue former President and CEO of Children's Specialized Hospital will discuss her route to the C-Suite and Executive Board Room and share leadership lessons learned along the way.

The second is the Chamber's 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing will be on Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Colonia Country Club in honor and in memory of Lee Vetland a local business owner and a friend to everyone that knew him. The Chamber has named the outing to the Lee Vetland Memorial Golf Outing. For

details on both of these events please go to the Chamber website or call the Chamber at 732-636-4040. Thank you for your support.

6. Buy Local Program  
HOLD
7. Transit Village  
HOLD
8. Blue Acres/F.E.M.A.  
HOLD
9. Main Street and Route 9  
HOLD
10. Youth Leadership Council  
HOLD
11. Animal Shelter  
HOLD
12. Dog Park  
HOLD
13. Arts  
(A) Woodbridge Train Station Mural Project  
(B) Woodbridge Artisan Guild  
HOLD
14. PACE  
HOLD
15. Sustainable Jersey Solar Challenge  
HOLD
16. Woodbridge Elks Lodge 2116  
HOLD
17. Woodbridge Fire Department  
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: I want to congratulate all the Woodbridge firefighters on their recent promotions and title changes. Firefighter John Golden was promoted to Deputy Director to Chief Charlie Kenny; Cory Snyder and Robert Hilliard were installed as career firefighters as well. I know that Firefighter Snyder and Firefighter Hilliard are following in the Woodbridge Firefighter family tradition and I couldn't be more proud.

18. Coast Guard  
HOLD



19. Sewaren Library Programs  
HOLD

**KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:**

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

Councilman Anderson: I would like to mention that on March 27<sup>th</sup> the W.T.Y.R.C. will be holding their Best Practices meeting for all recreation programs. On that they will come in and learn about how to create bylaws if they don't have any. They would also learn about managing their books and a lot of other Best Practices that are shared between programs will also have some accountants and attorneys that will be on site to give some guidance. So that will be on March 27<sup>th</sup> and that will start at 7:00 P.M. I believe that is usually held here in the Council Chambers. So for all rec presidents and Board members we'd like to see you here for that meeting.

I do want to mention to congratulate the Woodbridge High School both boys and girls bowling teams. They are both county champs and they are led by none other than Councilman Small's daughter, Amanda Small. So Coach Small is a county champion twice and that happened tonight so congratulations to Woodbridge High School and to Amanda Small and all of her athletes.

2. Job Bank  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: We have a new addition and that is the Educational Services Commissioner of New Jersey. They have locations in Piscataway, Sayreville and Monroe and what they are, are schools for some of our more severely disabled children that go there and they have a professional teacher's staff that are equip to deal with those children and to educate them. If you ever have an opportunity to go up there their superintendent Mr. Finkelstein is always willing to give a tour. It's a very moving tour. If you go in there and see these students and what they look for and how they move them ahead it's outstanding. But right now they have some positions for people in Woodbridge. So they have part-time teacher positions, full time aides, lifeguards, aquatic and fitness center, speech and language specialists and school nurses as well in the Metuchen, Franklin, Lawrenceville and Hamilton locations. We also have some transportation specialist positions available. In addition to that company Woodbridge Township's Curtains Bar and Restaurant in Avenel Performing Arts Center is also proud to announce the opening and will be hiring looking for people to fill roles such as Front of House Manager, Servers, Food Runners, Bussers, Bartenders, Bar Back, Line Cooks, Lead Cook, Prep Cook, Dish Washer, Porters and Host and Hostesses. If you're interested in a job please visit [jobs@avenelarts.com](mailto:jobs@avenelarts.com).

3. Real Estate Database  
HOLD
4. Mayor's Trophy  
HOLD
5. Woodbridge Hall of Fame  
HOLD

6. Taste of Woodbridge  
HOLD
7. Charity Raffle  
HOLD
8. Drive-In Movies  
HOLD
9. N.A.A.C.P.  
HOLD
10. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program  
HOLD

Councilman Anderson: I would like to thank all of the people that came out to our Martin Luther King event a few weeks ago. It was an outstanding cold night but we had a nice turnout. Woodbridge High School's choir was there and also Reverend Lawson spoke some very, very nice words and some thought provoking words about where we are presently.

We've rolled now into Black History Month and that's the month of February. I would like to site Garrett Morgan for any of you firemen that are out there that use the hood when they are in a fire. They should thank Garrett Morgan because he invented that so that they can breathe while they're in smoke and he was also the inventor of the traffic light. So during the month of February, because I do believe Black History is American History, and all year look your inventors up and all of the people that have made America a great place to live.

11. Independent Club of Colonia  
HOLD
12. Tooling Around Program  
HOLD
13. Boy Scouts/Camping  
HOLD
14. League Consolidation  
HOLD

**GREGG FICARRA, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:**

1. Woodbridge Community Center  
(A) Senior Recreation and Programming  
(B) Youth Recreation and Programming  
HOLD
2. Youth Month – April  
HOLD

3. Senior Citizen Month – May  
HOLD
4. Mentoring Program  
HOLD
5. Mayor’s Fitness/Wellness Initiative  
HOLD
6. Fireworks (2019)  
HOLD
7. Heroes & Cool Kids/Strengthening Families  
HOLD
8. Pedestrian Safeway’s/East Coast Greenway  
HOLD
9. Annual Pizza Run (2019)  
HOLD
10. Jacob’s Landing  
HOLD
11. The Club at Woodbridge Upgrades  
HOLD

**BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:**

1. Woodbridge News  
HOLD
2. Mayor’s Advisory Council on Education (Mac-E)  
HOLD
3. Prologis Wetlands  
HOLD
4. First Aid Squads  
HOLD

Councilman Small: The Port Reading First Aid Squad will be having their annual fundraiser for Valentine’s Day and that will be held February 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> across from the firehouse.

5. Website E-Government  
HOLD
6. Bicycle Lanes/ Bicycle Share/ Bicycle Paths  
HOLD

7. Electric Vehicle Car Share/ Car Charging Stations  
HOLD
8. School Projects  
HOLD
9. Senior Transportation (Register @ 732-726-2394 for Client Transport ID#)  
HOLD
10. Level Playing Field @ Cypress Recreation Center/Our House  
HOLD
11. Port Reading Fire Department  
HOLD
12. Property Fraud ([www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov](http://www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov) search for “Property Alert” to Register)  
HOLD
13. Inspections at Hotels/Motels  
HOLD
14. National Public Lands Day  
HOLD

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

Councilman Patel: My agenda is in order.

1. American Legion (T. Nulty Post)  
HOLD
2. Oak Tree Road Special Improvement District (SID)  
HOLD
3. JFK High School Field And Building Improvements  
HOLD
4. Sucker’s Brook Bank Stabilization  
HOLD
5. 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Road Projects  
HOLD
6. Magnolia/Willow/Walnut Area Commuter Parking  
HOLD
7. Sign Ordinance  
HOLD

8. Cooper Field  
HOLD

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

Councilman Bauer: My agenda is in order.

1. Second Ward Road Projects  
HOLD
2. County Greenway  
HOLD
3. Downtown Parking on New Brunswick Avenue  
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Waterfront Park/Keasbey  
HOLD
5. Hometown Hero Banners  
HOLD
6. Fords Business Community
  - A. Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
  - B. Summer Jigsaw Street FairHOLD
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

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

Mr. Mitch: My agenda is in order.

1. Liquor License Transfer(s)/Change of Corporate Structure:

- A. Person-to-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-002-009 from Woodbridge Restaurant, LLC t/a Houlihan's to HOP Woodbridge, LLC t/a Houlihan's, 65 U.S. Hwy. 1 South, Metuchen (MPT), New Jersey 08840.
  - B. Person-to-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-040-011 from Bertucci's Restaurant Corp. to Bertucci's Restaurants, LLC (Pocket License).
2. Liquor License Incident(s)/Hearing(s).
  3. Liquor License Renewals.
    - A. 2019 Annual Retail Licensee Meeting date: (May 15, 2019).
  4. Street Closings/Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals etc.).
  5. Elections.
    - A. 2019 Primary Election – June 4, 2019.
    - B. 2019 General Election – November 5, 2019.
  6. Best Practices.
  7. Census 2020.

**MAYOR:**

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:**

Senator Bennett: Council President, thank you very much. At the next meeting we will be having some resolutions with respect to awarding certain bids and we also will have a land surveyor services request for professional services there. The rest of my requests will be housekeeping in nature and a bond repurposing also I will have. That's all I have.

**POLICE:**

Director of Police Hubner: Nothing tonight thank you.

**HEALTH:**

Senator Bennett: Director Green is not here tonight but on his behalf they'll be a 2019 Agreement with the VNA for WIC Services for your next meeting is on his agenda.

**RECREATION:**

Director Cimilluca: Nothing this evening thank you Council President.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Director Darden: Thank you Council President, just a standard biweekly refund.

**PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:**

Director Henry: Thank you Council President, we have a couple of Development releases. A Release of Surety Bond for 154 East Street, Colonia, Release of Surety Bond for 140 Dover Road, Colonia, Release of Surety Bond for 144 Dover Road, Colonia, Resolution authorizing final change order on Contract

#2018-014 Pumpkin Batch Pedestrian Bridge and a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Perth Amboy for Solid Waste Collection.

**LEGAL:**

Mr. Coughlin: Nothing this evening.

On a motion made by Council Vice President DeJesus, seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously, Council President Spillar adjourned the meeting at 7:42 P.M.

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Cory S. Spillar  
Council President

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