

**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 March 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, Howie Bauer, Lizbeth DeJesus, Cory Spillar

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Debbie Meehan, Virbhadra N. Patel

**ALSO PRESENT:** John E. McCormac, Mayor  
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  
Dennis Green, Health Director  
Michael Gelin, Municipal Engineer  
Vito Cimilluca, Recreation Director  
John Hagerty, Communications Director  
Casey Wagner, Assistant to the Business Administrator  
James P. Nolan, Esq., Law Director  
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq., Municipal Counsel (Arrived 7:23 P.M.)

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

Council Meeting:	February 19, 2019
Comcast Hearing:	February 26, 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 IMPROVEMENT OF “THE CLUB AT WOODBRIDGE” FOR USE AS A MUNICIPAL RECREATION FACILITY AND THE UNDERTAKING OF IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS OTHER RECREATION FACILITIES IN, BY AND FOR THE RECREATION UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$4,800,000.00 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. (19-32)**

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: This is a \$4.8 million bond. Is all of that going to be used at The Club at Woodbridge?

Mayor John E. McCormac: The majority.

Council President Spillar: Also different rec establishments.

Tom Maras: Alright, since it is the majority to what purpose is that money going? What facilities are going to be repaired is the question. I meant what facilities are going to be improved there? Are we putting in skating rinks or just renovating the building?

Mayor John E. McCormac: Primarily the roof has to be repaired. The building has to be brought into ADA Compliance – Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance. There needs to be improvements with the fire suppression system and some improvements to the locker rooms and to the area outside the kid’s sports room.

Tom Maras: So these are all the things that we knew going in? In fact your communications to the Council indicated that in addition to the \$10.5 million bond to acquire The Club, and incidentals, that there would be more forthcoming. This is the other shoe, so to speak, dropping I guess and how much

more beyond this are we looking at?

Mayor John E. McCormac: We don't know.

Tom Maras: Do you have plans to spend more money to improve this facility?

Mayor John E. McCormac: We don't know.

Tom Maras: You don't know? You didn't know going in...you don't know now?

Mayor John E. McCormac: We knew going in I said that. You just read the letter that I wrote that said there would be more. We certainly knew going in, you just read that.

Tom Maras: We're at \$15.3 million right now.

Mayor John E. McCormac: No we're not quite at that.

Tom Maras: \$10.5 million and a \$4.8 million.

Mayor John E. McCormac: \$9.9 million and \$4.8 million.

Tom Maras: Oh thank you.

Mayor John E. McCormac: And actually Council President the success we've had with The Club so far is we've had three hundred and eighty-two new members join since we took over. You figure the average membership rate is somewhere around \$60.00 so that equates to just about \$300,000.00 more a year of annual revenue just since the five months that we bought it. So we believe that the new membership and the financial results will more than cover any expenses we have.

Tom Maras: You're saying new membership sir, what about the ones that you lost.

Mayor John E. McCormac: That's a close number.

Tom Maras: Okay then that gained for you.

Mayor John E. McCormac: You always lose a lot of members Mr. Maras. People always move, people always age out and they drop out.

Tom Maras: So you're saying since you acquired The Club you have increased that membership by three hundred and some odd?

Mayor John E. McCormac: I'm saying we grossed three hundred and eighty-two members.

Tom Maras: Okay, fair enough. Again it seems like we are spending a lot. I don't know whether this is going to include...I'm sorry you did say that it would include a new roof that we knew was awfully inadequate when we took over that Club and it's all well documented, thank you.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Okay it says over here Municipal Recreational Utilities and you said various other Recreational Facilities. Facilities/Utilities, what is the difference?

Mayor John E. McCormac: There are all kinds of recreation facilities throughout the Township Mr. Vrtaric.

John Vrtaric: Now to my knowledge you only charge a fee to Municipal like a Club and of course the Community Center. The other facilities what are they?

Mayor John E. McCormac: There's Highland Grove Pool, there's all kinds of different parks, there's all kinds of different fields, there's all kinds of different playgrounds, there's....

John Vrtaric: Okay you just said Mayor that you do make profits on those things. Why do we have to bond everything if we're making money on those things?

Mayor John E. McCormac: Because we don't make \$4.8 million up front and we need to replace the roof and we need to make the building ADA compliant and we need to make the building safe from a fire suppression standpoint.

John Vrtaric: But there are a lot of other facilities that don't charge anything. They're just free aren't they?

Mayor John E. McCormac: Of course, playgrounds, parks, fields.

John Vrtaric: Now where does the taxpayer's money go to then?

Mayor John E. McCormac: No taxpayer's money as we've said over and over again since we contemplated buying this and since we bought it. There is no taxpayer money used in this because this is all paid for through the Recreation Utility which runs The Club at Woodbridge and it runs the Community Center as well as other various smaller functions.

John Vrtaric: Then I understand you got a miniature golf course over there.

Mayor John E. McCormac: That's in the Community Center.

John Vrtaric: That's the Community Center. Then of course you have baseball batting cages....

Mayor John E. McCormac: Batting cages in the Community Center.

John Vrtaric: Do those things generate any revenues?

Mayor John E. McCormac: Of course they do.

John Vrtaric: Would you say you're making money or losing money on it?

Mayor John E. McCormac: They're all making money.

John Vrtaric: Okay, now there's \$4.8 million. Do you think it's going to be financed by the, you know, improvements?

Mayor John E. McCormac: It's going to be financed by the membership fees and by all different fees

that we collect at The Club of Woodbridge.

John Vrtaric: Now you spend all this money on those utilities, recreation utilities. Are you aware of it that I believe Edison just is going to build a facility for \$42 million to compete with you?

Mayor John E. McCormac: That has nothing to do with this.

John Vrtaric: Of course but how many members will come to Woodbridge after they build the one in Edison?

Council President Spillar: Mr. Vrtaric we're talking about this Bond Ordinance and this Bond Ordinance only.

John Vrtaric: I understand.

Council President Spillar: Your questions have been answered.

John Vrtaric: But by the same thing you could have....

Council President Spillar: Your questions have been answered.

John Vrtaric: Well I'll tell you it may be a bad investment because if you are expanding and the other people are competing just like you said we bought The Club because of competition.

Mayor John E. McCormac: They are selling their Water and Sewer Utility. We're talking about a health club. There's no comparison you can possibly make whatsoever between the two.

John Vrtaric: You talk about a health club, is the health club an ice skating rink? Is the health club miniature golf?

Mayor John E. McCormac: The Woodbridge Community Center includes a lot of amenities. An ice rink, a roller rink, the track, a pool, the gym, a billiards room, miniature golf course, batting cages, art room, a cardio room, weight room, you name it. The Club includes many of those things plus a track...

John Vrtaric: And they all are making money?

Mayor John E. McCormac: Yes.

John Vrtaric: Thank you.

Council President Spillar: Mr. Mitch just one comment, you have three members of the fire service sitting on this Council and I can't tell you how appreciative and how important it is that we're going to fully suppress The Club at Woodbridge especially the Day Care area that's not fully sprinklered as well as the soccer area. That is a major, major safe and smart upgrade along with everything else so thank you.

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 DONATION – BLOCK 563.16, LOT 145. (19-33)**

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:**

- C. AN BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW AMBULANCE FOR THE USE OF THE AVENEL-COLONIA FIRST AID SQUAD IN BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$240,000.00 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.**
- D. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-38.2 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – HANDICAPPED PARKING ON VARIOUS STREETS FOR USE BY PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN ISSUED SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS OR PLATES OR PLACARDS BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION OR A TEMPORARY PLACARD ISSUED BY THE POLICE DIRECTOR.**
- E. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-38.1 TO ADD HANDICAPPED PARKING ON VARIOUS STREETS FOR PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN ISSUED SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS OR PLATES OR PLACARDS BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION OR TEMPORARY PLACARDS ISSUED BY THE POLICE DIRECTOR.**

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, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, March 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 authorizes and directs the Mayor, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Purchaser to execute an agreement with Pannullo Enterprises, Inc. – Food Broker for the Woodbridge Community Center and other Recreation Venues.

- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Purchaser to execute an agreement with M.L. Ruberton Construction for Guide Rail Services in the amount of \$19,515.00 for Year One and \$20,715.00 for Year Two.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Purchaser to execute an agreement with P & A Construction, Inc. for Parking Lot improvements at the Woodbridge Pump Station in the amount of \$288,685.00.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes to accept and administer funds from a Subgrant Award of the Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Emergency Management Agency Assistance Program Funding and for the Township Chief Financial Officer to amend the Budget and certify the availability of Funds.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a check for \$1,500.00 to the Woodbridge Health Department from donations from various persons and organizations for the event they sponsor such as Crossroads Race, Pizza Run, etc.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby grants a waiver of the street opening moratorium on Fleetwood Road in the Woodbridge Proper Section of Woodbridge Township to Middlesex Water Company so they can replace a hydrant on Fleetwood Road and expands the required maintenance period to include the remainder of the moratorium plus an additional one-year thereby ensuring that the Township's recently paved streets remain in good condition.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby grants a waiver of the street opening moratorium on Vesper Avenue in the Woodbridge Proper Section of Woodbridge Township to Middlesex Water Company so they can replace a hydrant on Vesper Avenue and expands the required maintenance period to include the remainder of the moratorium plus an additional one-year thereby ensuring that the Township's recently paved streets remain in good condition.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby designates certain properties in the Avenel section of the Township and identified on the tax maps of the Township as Block 867, Lot 5 and Block 868, Lot 1 as an Area in Need of Redevelopment, Non-Condemnation – PQ Properties, Paddock Street Study Area.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby designates certain properties in the Avenel section of the Township and identified on the Tax Maps of the Township as Block 974, Lot 15 as an Area in Need of Redevelopment, Non-Condemnation – 100 Essex Avenue East Study Area.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to release the Maintenance Paper Bond in the amount of \$22,552.27 from Bond No. 39BSBFK5227 and return to Wick Corporate Center, LLC.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Jersey Art Stained Glass Studio, LLC for professional Stained Glass Window Restoration at the Barron Arts Center in the amount of \$54,675.00.

- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute an agreement with MDS Property Management Group for home improvement repairs to be performed at the home on Block 563.08, Lot 643 in the amount not to exceed \$18,400.00.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Edison for Elevator Safety Subcode Services.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a License Agreement for the use of the Woodbridge Township Marina between the Township of Woodbridge and the Coast Guard Auxiliary, District 1, Southern Region
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1225-33-058-005, 428 JPS, Inc. t/a Villa Borghese for the 2018-2019 year (as per Special Ruling N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 issued on February 19, 2019).
- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1225-33-002-009 from Woodbridge Restaurant LLC t/a Houlihan's to HOP Woodbridge, LLC t/a Houlihan's, 65 U.S. Highway 1 South, Metuchen (Woodbridge Township), New Jersey 08840.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the request of Little Fellows League of Colonia & Colonia Girls Softball for street closings for their annual opening day celebration parade on Saturday, April 6, 2018 from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the request of 1947 Production & Entertainment Inc., Piraan Erachshaw, President to host their (7-day) annual Ganesh Festival from Monday, September 2, 2019 to Sunday, September 8, 2019 in the parking lot at the Woodbridge Center Mall, 250 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves all claims and bills presented to it by the Chief Financial Officer of the Current Bill List dated March 5, 2019 and the Supplemental Bill List dated February 15, 2019 through March 1, 2019.

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

**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.

Tom Maras from Fords spoke about there not being an appraisal done on the property at 127 Avenel Street that the Township is paying approximately \$270,000.00 for it and questioned if it was not



uncustomary to not have an appraisal on property that the township is buying with taxpayer money. Mayor John E. McCormac replied that the township's assessor looked at it and looked at the asking price and worked with the township to develop an offer and believes that the amount we offered and ultimately the amount we bought it for and closed on it today was in fact fair. Mayor McCormac further replied that it was a listed property so it's not like the township went out and searched to try to buy something that wasn't for sale where we would need an appraisal. Next Mr. Maras questioned if the JFK Rehabilitation Center was going to be moving into The Club and Mr. Cimilluca replied that it would be in next week. Mr. Maras further questioned if they were going in advance of the ADA upgrades and Mr. Cimilluca replied that they have a separate entrance that applies for them to have an ADA entrance. Then Mr. Maras spoke about the parking situation at Avenel Train Station and a while back a lot of money was spent to pave the Knights in Avenel so there would be parking and transportation of a shuttle back and forth. Council President Spillar replied that also other services are held there so it wasn't just for parking. Mr. Maras then questioned why the township keeps providing taxpayer money to non-profit organizations that run their own operation and charge for them and sustain themselves. Council President Spillar replied that the non-profits are not getting the income in to have projects like that and that many of the social clubs township's events are held there. Mayor McCormac further replied that in each case that the township does something for a private entity there is something that needs to change which is usually parking. Next Mr. Maras spoke about the Avenel/Colonia First Aid Squad and questioned Ordinance C and asked for an explanation on that. Council President Spillar replied that there will be only two squads now in the township that will have a fully four wheel drive and will have an automatic lift. Mr. Maras further questioned why the township was supplementing somebody that charges for their services and Council President Spillar replied that they are in the process of selling one of their rigs and they're going to contribute to the cost of the new purchase of the ambulance. Lastly Mr. Maras questioned if the township was front ending the money and if they are going to repay it or is this going to be more or less a gift to them from the taxpayers of Woodbridge Township. Council President Spillar replied that like he said they are going to be contributing.

John Vrtaric from Woodbridge questioned why the township needed so much additional parking spaces all of a sudden. Council President Spillar replied that we do need parking for transit because transit decided to build a train station and didn't give the residents or the motorists any parking. Mr. Vrtaric further questioned if the train station was supposed to accommodate their customers and should build the parking spaces themselves instead of the township. Council President Spillar replied that the township did question New Jersey Transit on why they did this but never get an answer. Lastly Mr. Vrtaric questioned how much interest Woodbridge Township was paying on municipal bonds a month. Mayor McCormac replied that the number was in the budget and it was in the millions and paid twice a year.

Councilman Ficarra then questioned if the township had a very high bond rating and Mayor McCormac replied that it was just a hair below AAA.

**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: Tickets are still on sale to see Celtic Angels with four shows on March 16<sup>th</sup> and March 17<sup>th</sup> at Woodbridge Middle School. This was relocated from the Avenel Performing Arts

Center. Visit [www.avenelarts.com](http://www.avenelarts.com) for tickets. While you on the website take some time to cruise through everything and at all the show we've got. We've got an unbelievable lineup from April all the way through December.

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

Council President Spillar: I'd like to acknowledge and thank Avenel Middle School's Community Service Club, the PTO, the Teacher's Advisors, the School Administration and especially the children for all their hard work this past Friday at the Warrior Trick Tray. Thanks to all the support of the parents, the residents and local businesses the Community Service Club along with the PTO raised over seven thousand dollars at the event. The money will be donated to the March of Dimes so that's just an incredible job by a bunch of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Graders.

6. Port Reading Knights/Senior Center  
HOLD
7. Cypress Recreation Center/Facility  
HOLD

Council President Spillar: Congratulations to the Woodbridge Wrestling Rec Program, who's home mats are at the Cypress Center, on becoming back to back Central Jersey Youth Wrestling League Champions so a nice job by them.

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
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

Council President Spillar: The Council met with representative from Comcast as we are nearing the end of our ascertainment period. Comcast was given all our input that we received from our residents including the complaints. We will now move forward to negotiate a new Franchise Renewal Contract. Comcast has gone on the record and stated that the new customer walk-in store that left Lord Street in Avenel they are targeting on or around June 5<sup>th</sup>. So good Lord willing we will have our Comcast store, Xfinity as we call it, back into Woodbridge Township.

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: Our Community Policing event for the next two weeks are as follows. They will be at our high schools for their biweekly police interaction class and they will also be at the Middle School and one of the elementary schools for their biweekly at risk youth mentoring program. They will be giving a presentation at one of those schools on how different law pertains to them as juveniles. They will be reading at the elementary schools and they will be marching with their Junior Police Academy graduates this Sunday at the St. Patrick's Day parade. Next week they will be giving a scam presentation at one of the senior housing buildings and they will be attending an event at Berkeley College to talk to the students about a career in law enforcement. Please don't forget that the 2019 Senior Police Academy applications are now available online and at the senior buildings. The classes will be held Wednesdays in May this year. Again this is a great opportunity for any of our seniors that want to see how our police department works so I encourage everyone to apply. Again they are available online and at the senior buildings.

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 Libraries of Woodbridge  
HOLD

Council Vice President DeJesus: In honor of Women’s History Month and Red Cross Month, and today is International Woman’s Day so hats off to all the women, Woodbridge Public Library will host Angel of the Battlefield with American Historical Theatre reenactor Pat Jordan who will narrate the story of Clara Barton on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. in the Main Library meeting room. This program is funded by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

New Jersey Maker’s Day is a statewide celebration of maker’s and maker’s culture that takes place every March in the Garden State. All Woodbridge Township libraries will participate in New Jersey Maker’s Day in March. The Main Library program will be held on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and again I encourage you to visit [www.woodbridgelibrary.org](http://www.woodbridgelibrary.org) for all of their events.

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 (ABSENT):**

Councilman Bauer: I have an announcement from Councilwoman Meehan. Please join us for our spaghetti dinner to benefit the Brown family. On February 22<sup>nd</sup> both brothers were hit by a car on their way home from school. One brother, Kevin, was released from the hospital but his twin brother, Tyler,

remains in the hospital with very serious injuries. In order to help the family during this difficult time we are pulling together as a community to support them. The benefit will be held at the Colonia Firehouse, 250 Inman Avenue, Colonia on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children and children under 5 will be free. Tickets will be sold at the door. For more information or to donate a basket please contact Councilwoman Debbie Meehan at 732-382-0273.

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
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

Councilwoman Drumm: Relay for Life is having their free kickoff event hosted by Bahama Breeze on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. This kickoff event is in preparation of the actual Relay event planned for June 8<sup>th</sup>. This kickoff will show you how you can get involved in the Relay for Life at Woodbridge Township's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Thank you for your support in our fight to find a cure for cancer. If anybody has any questions they can reach out to me directly or they can go to the Relay for Life Woodbridge Facebook page.

3. (DMA) Downtown Merchant Association

HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: The Downtown Merchant Association's message is always to remind someone to shop small and buy local. So many of our small businesses in our town are owned and run by our very own residents. They create jobs for other residents and are vital to keeping our community thriving as they create a sense of community every day. We have many local shops, mom and pop shops if you will, coffee shops, restaurants, delis, dress shops, spas, bars, gift shops, gas stations, dog grooming, dance studios and it goes on and on. Please show these local business owners that you care about them by shopping and dining with all of them whenever you can. Let's keep our money and our dollars in our

township.

4. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District)  
HOLD

5. Chamber of Commerce  
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: The Chamber of Commerce has two upcoming Chamber events. March 21<sup>st</sup> Amy Mansue will be speaking at Colonia Country Club from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. and on March 27<sup>th</sup> Sally Glick and other esteem speakers will be leading the panel of experts at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chamber Non-Profit Seminar at the Woodbridge Elks. There are many more upcoming events. Please check out the Chamber's website.

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: The Woodbridge Fire Department is excited to run its 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Fire Academy. The tentative dates are July 22<sup>nd</sup> to July 26<sup>th</sup> for Fire District No. 1. With questions please feel free to contact Deputy Chief John Golden or Lisa Lanza at the firehouse at 732-602-6040.

18. Coast Guard  
HOLD

19. Sewaren Library Programs  
HOLD

Councilwoman Drumm: The Sewaren Library has two free programs going strong and they are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month. Minecraft begins at noon and Learn to Sign Language begins at 11:45 A.M. All ages are welcome to each of these clubs. Check the website at [www.sewarenlibrary.com](http://www.sewarenlibrary.com) or call them at 732-634-7571.

I have one announcement. The Woodbridge High School Senior Play this year is a musical performance called Into the Woods. It's running from March 21<sup>st</sup> to March 24<sup>th</sup>. For our township senior citizens the play will be free and performed on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Please support these very talented students.

**KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:**

1. W.T.Y.R.C.  
HOLD
2. Job Bank  
HOLD
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

11. Independent Club of Colonia

HOLD

Councilman Anderson: I want to congratulate Phil Hall, Audrey Hall and Felicia Hall on their celebration Black History Month event. The Independent Club of Colonia annually puts together a fantastic Black History Month event and this year they really got the children involved and I thought it was great to see the kids get up and recite poetry and speak of historical inventors. It was a packed house at the Evergreen Center so we do appreciate that the people come out. It's always a free event and Perkins was a big contributor for the food there so all the people that were there got a great meal from Perkins afterwards so we do like to thank Perkins on that.

12. Tooling Around Program

HOLD

Councilman Anderson: Tooling Around the Township is Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. We're looking for some skilled volunteers. The Tooling Around the Township program is quickly approaching. As many of you know Tooling Around the Township program is a program that organizes teams of local community volunteers to make repairs to the homes of senior citizens, disabled and low income residents unable to do so themselves or residents presently facing financial hardship. The Tooling Around the Township Committee is actively seeking skilled volunteers to assist with the program and they are in need of skilled plumbers, electricians, masons and general contractors. If you are interested please email Casey Wagner at [casey.wagner@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:casey.wagner@twp.woodbridge.nj.us) or call 732-634-4500. Volunteers can also sign up under the Discover Woodbridge tab via the township website at [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us).

I'd also like to congratulate the Woodbridge Freshman Basketball team on becoming County Champs. They defeated Edison two weeks ago. Tonight we wish the Colonia Varsity Boys Basketball Program luck as they are competing to become sectional champs against West Morris tonight. The last update the score was 10 to 10 after the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter.

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

Councilman Ficarra: There is so much going on between the Community Center and the Highland Grove Center between the Summer Camp Program, the Pre-School Program and the Fitness Programs.

If you would log on to [www.njwcc.com](http://www.njwcc.com) or better yet stop by the facility and check out all the activities that are going on.

2. Youth Month – April  
HOLD
3. Senior Citizen Month – May  
HOLD
4. Mentoring Program  
HOLD
5. Mayor’s Fitness/Wellness Initiative  
HOLD

Councilman Ficarra: Through the Mayor’s Wellness Campaign Mayor McCormac is challenging teams from each of our high schools to a smoothie challenge which is going to be held at The Club at Woodbridge Café on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. This is a fun event. The main purpose is to promote healthy eating. We do have a lot of fun with it but it’s a very serious aspect of healthy living and that is healthy eating.

Just an announcement speaking of The Club at Woodbridge, Director Cimilluca is Phil and his Sport Fit Program up and running or we’re about to start that?

Director Cimilluca: It will start in April.

Councilman Ficarra: Okay so starting in April it’s a Sport Skills Program, this is not just dabbling in things. Student athletes can build resilience and avoid nagging injuries and train specifically for their sport. It gives it an edge to these students and again I think it’s not just about winning but it’s about being prepared and avoiding injuries. So again Phil is very well respected in this field. This is not just about running or lifting weights, not that there is anything wrong with that, but this is sports specific training. It’s kind of cutting edge stuff and it’ll be coming to The Club at Woodbridge in April.

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

Councilman Ficarra: If any of you have been down in the Jacob’s Landing area, it used to be called

Bunns Lane, progress is incredible. People are moving into their new units. Councilwoman DeJesus and I were having a conversation about the pride that the people have in their homes and how it's affecting their lives so it's a very positive thing. Phase 2 is in the progress. Phase 3 has received funding so it'll be moving along and just that whole area there is being redone and it's just uplifting so we're really looking forward to that. Much thanks to the community, Caroline Ehrlich in Affordable Housing and Donna Brightman in the Housing Authority. It's just a great example of a team effort of our town and another agency, The Housing Authority.

Council President Spillar: That project is coming along really nice.

11. The Club at Woodbridge Upgrades  
HOLD

**BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE:**

Councilman Small: I have two announcements. This Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 P.M. is the American Irish St. Patrick's Day parade. Please come out and support the parade.

To Mr. Henry, two storms in forty-eight hours once again Public Works prevails. The streets look great. Please pass on my thank you to everybody down there.

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

Councilman Small: The new Ross Street School 11 and Woodbridge Middle School are both running on time. Both projects look fantastic. We're excited about the first new school opening in Woodbridge Township in fifty years so if you have a chance drive by both projects they're really impressive.

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 (ABSENT):**

Councilwoman Drumm: In Councilman Patel’s absence he asked me to make an announcement. The Iselin VFW Post 2636 cordially invites you to our annual Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Program Awards night. The program will be held on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at District 11 Firehouse on Auth Avenue and Route 27 in Iselin opposite St. Cecelia’s Church at 7:00 P.M. Awards will be presented to the three finalists in each program. You are invited to see your child being presented with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winner in the Voice of Democracy Contest. Refreshments will be served after the program. Please RSVP on or before March 10<sup>th</sup> at 732-324-0556.

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:**

1. Second Ward Road Projects  
HOLD
2. County Greenway  
HOLD

Councilman Bauer: The Middlesex County Greenway, due to inclement weather last Saturday, the stabilization work will be conducted this Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> along the Greenway from Woodbridge Avenue to Crows Mill Road from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. During this time the Raymond Street entrance in Fords will be closed. The Middlesex Greenway will remain open during this work however please use caution and obey the signals and instructions of the Parks Personnel as trucks and machinery will be present. We thank you for your patience as the county works to improve their facilities.

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:**

1. Liquor License Transfer(s)/Change of Corporate Structure:
  - A. Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-040-011 from Bertucci's Restaurant Corp. to Bertucci's Restaurants, LLC (Pocket License).
  - B. Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-028-005 from GC Friday's NJ-PA, LLC to TGI Friday's Inc., t/a TGI Friday's, 401 Gill Lane, Iselin, NJ 08830.
  - C. Place-to-Place Transfer (Expansion of Premises) of Liquor License #1225-33-101-007 Bahama Breeze Holdings, LLC t/a Bahama Breeze, 520 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095.

Mr. Mitch: Items 1A, 1B and 1C just a couple of updates on liquor licenses that we continue to work with the police on the ownership change of Bertucci's liquor license as well as Friday's and Bahama Breeze just put in for an expansion of premise. Otherwise everything else is in order.

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: The first two items are going to be resolutions for the awarding of bids, one for recyclable leaf bags and another one for the land lease for bus shelters. We have two Change Orders. One is for three additional extra duty police cars and the next one is for the Oak Tree Road Center Elevator Addition and Renovation. We have a Final Change Order on contract for the WCC Methane Extraction System Maintenance and Response. The other two items are housekeeping and we also have the hiring of Prevention Specialists to the DPW. They are the people for the drug and alcohol testing and the partial vacation of roadway will be on with angled parking also.

**POLICE:**

Director of Police Hubner: We have a proposal to change a number of reserved handicapped parking

spaces to general handicapped parking spaces. We're adding two bus stops in each direction on King George Road and we're adding a traffic control sign on Avenel Street. Thank you Council President.

**HEALTH:**

Director Green: I don't have anything tonight, thank you Council President.

**RECREATION:**

Director Cimilluca: I have one item tonight Council President which is the donation to the Mayor's Council on Physical Fitness will be at the next meeting. Thank you Council President.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Director Darden: In addition to our standard biweekly refund resolutions we will have a resolution also for the Woodbridge Home Improvement Program and regarding the signature of Deed Restrictions. Thank you Council President.

**PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:**

Director Henry: I have nothing tonight, thank you Council President.

**LEGAL:**

Mr. Nolan: Nothing tonight, thank you Council President.

On a motion made by Council Vice President DeJesus, seconded by Councilman Small and carried unanimously, Council President Spillar adjourned the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

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Cory S. Spillar  
Council President

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