

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 15, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

Council President, Howie Bauer: Please rise for our Pledge to the Flag and remain standing for a moment of silence for all our Military personnel serving here and abroad and all those suffering from the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

Notice Requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been satisfied concerning this meeting. The Home News Tribune and The Star Ledger published the Annual Notice Schedule on December 10, 2021. A copy of the Schedule was posted on the Municipal bulletin board. It should be so noted in the minutes of this meeting.

The Municipal Clerk took the Municipal Council attendance.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian Small, Viru Patel

ALSO PRESENT: John E. McCormac, Mayor
Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator
John Mitch, Municipal Clerk
Marta Darden, Director of Planning and Development
Robert Hubner, Director of Police
George Brew, Director of Public Works
John Hagerty, Communications Director
Casey Wagner, Assistant Business Administrator
Gary Clemente, Esq.
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq.

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from March 1, 2022?

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

Council Meeting: March 1, 2022

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

- A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF A PEDESTRIAN FLASHING BEACON AT GREEN STREET NEAR THE NEW JERSEY TRANSIT TRAIN STATION AND AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (2022-11)**

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Beginning with the Second Reading of the Ordinances this evening, we only have one. Can I get a motion that this Ordinance be taken up on Second and Third Reading and the public hearing be opened?

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously that the public hearing be opened.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: The Public Hearing is now open on Letter A only. Hearing no comment from the public, can I get a motion that the public hearing be closed, the Ordinance be adopted and submitted to the Mayor for approval as required by law?

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously.

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

- B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO DELETE VARIOUS SECTIONS (HOUSEKEEPING).**
- C. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER X, TAXICABS AND LIMOUSINES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES.**
- D. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” SECTION 7-38.2 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO DELETE – HANDICAPPED PARKING – VERNON WAY, EAST.**
- E. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” SECTION 7-39 “CONTROL FOR THE MOVEMENT AND THE PARKING OF TRAFFIC ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY” OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE.**
- F. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XXI, FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION OF THE WOODBRIDGE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES.**

- G. AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND EXTINGUISH THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF A PORTIN OF STREETS KNOWN AS HART STREET AND CHAMPION AVENUE IN THE AVENEL SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, AND RELEASING AND EXTINGUISHING THE PUBLIC RIGHTS TO SAME.**
- H. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OF EMINENT DOMAIN OF REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 670.02, LOT 2 ALSO KNOWN AS 270 OLD ROAD IN THE PORT READING SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE.**
- I. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OF EMINENT DOMAIN OF REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED AT BLOCK 445.02, LOT 30 ALSO KNOWN AS 31 MARCONI AVENUE IN THE ISELIN SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE.**
- J. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE “ISELIN LUMBER REDEVELOPMENT PLAN” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW.**

Council Vice President Ficarra made a motion, seconded by Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously that these Ordinances be passed on First Reading, to be published in the Home News Tribune on Friday, March 18, 2022 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on April 5, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the following Resolutions as Consent.

- (1) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the request of St. James Catholic Church to host a “Street Fair” on Saturday, September 17, 2022 (rain date September 24, 2022) from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and to close off a portion of Main Street, between Amboy Avenue and Rahway Avenue/Berry Street.
- (2) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the request of Woodbridge Fire Department to host their annual Open House on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and to close off School Street and Brook Street.
- (3) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the Mayor’s appointment of Don Green to serve as a member of the Human Rights Commission fulfilling an unexpired term commencing March 15, 2022 and terminating June 30, 2023.

- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the Mayor's appointment of Amy Krysienski to serve as a member of the Woodbridge Township Cultural Arts commission for a three (3) year term commencing March 15, 2022 and terminating March 14, 2025.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes tax refund for 100% Disabled Veteran – Oscar Navarro.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes a tax refund for 100% Disabled Veteran – Neville King.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes a tax refund for 100% Disabled Veteran – Eduardo Aponte.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes a tax refund for 100% Disabled Veteran – Nico Cocco.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes a refund in the amount of \$100.00 payable to Safer Electric.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes a refund in the amount of \$40.00 payable to Source Solar, Inc.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the release of Maintenance Bond No. NJC48844MB in the amount of \$280,623.00 to J.C. Contracting, Inc.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the request of Rish Bedi for waiver of requirements for the installation of sidewalks, for Block: 451.02, Lot: 24, Zone R-15, 60 Ravine Drive, Colonia, New Jersey.
- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Police Department Paid Detail Agreement between the Township of Woodbridge and Fed Ex Ground Package System, Inc. for the period December 21, 2021 through January 31, 2023.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement for Animal Control Services between the Township of Woodbridge and the Borough of Helmetta for the period December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022.
- (15) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the referral of the "Iselin Lumber Redevelopment Plan" to the Township Planning Board for its review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law.

- (16) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine if certain real property in the Woodbridge Proper Section of Woodbridge is in an Area of Need of Redevelopment (65 South Fulton Street).
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby agrees to M.Z. Contractors for home improvement repairs at the home located on Block 362.01, Lot 7 in an amount not to exceed \$24,800.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves Remington & Vernick Engineers for professional engineering services for Streambank Stabilization and Stream Cleaning at Metuchen Avenue Creek – Woodbridge Center Drive to Heards Brook in an amount not to exceed \$327,760. 00.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves Remington & Vernick Engineers for professional engineering services for Streambank Stabilization at Pumpkin Patch Brook – Morningside Road to Inwood Avenue in an amount not to exceed 241,600.00
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves Naik Group for professional engineering services for preliminary engineering and final design for Drainage Improvements at Arthur Avenue, Jordan Road and Temple way in an amount not to exceed \$161,100.00.
- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with T & M Associates for professional engineering services for Air Handling Unit Equipment Replacement, Code Review and Design Update for Cypress Recreation Center in an amount not to exceed \$21,800.00.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the purchase of Streetscape Lighting for Inman Avenue from PSE&G through NJ State Contract Vendor #V00034921 in an amount not to exceed \$89,981.34.
- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council approves the purchase of three (3) Level two (2) ChargePoint dual-port charging stations plus installation and maintenance for 87 New Street and 364 Eleanor Place from Bryan Electric Co., Inc., through ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System in an amount not to exceed \$65,508.00.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council authorizes the purchase of one (1) new 2022 ACX64 Model Autocar Chassis with Options from Hudson County Motors, Inc. through ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System in an amount not to exceed \$191,217.00.
- (25) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the purchase of two (2) new 2023 ACX64 Model Autocar SL Chassis with Options from Hudson County Motors,

Inc., through ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System in an amount not to exceed \$385,342.00.

- (26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the purchase of one (1) 2022 Ford Expedition for the Police Department from Winner Ford, in an amount not to exceed \$41,106.00.
- (27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the purchase of one (1) 2022 Chevrolet Traverse (\$33,546.70) and one (1) 2022 Chevrolet Blazer (\$36,716.15) for the Police Department from Mall Chevrolet, through the ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System in an amount not to exceed \$70,262.85.
- (28) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the purchase of two (2) Labrie Automizer 33 Cubic Yard Right Hand Sideload Refuse Bodies with Options from Sanitation Equipment Corp. in an amount not to exceed \$359,052.40.
- (29) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the purchase of one (1) new Wittke 40 Cubic Yard Super Duty Frontload Refuse Body with Options from Sanitation Equipment Corp. through Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System, in an amount not to exceed \$143,482.40.
- (30) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the purchase of one (1) new Track Type Tractor from Foley Incorporated in an amount not to exceed \$160,177.00.
- (31) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the agreement for StructureCare for repairs to the Township's Municipal Complex Parking Garage on an emergency basis in an amount not to exceed \$540,100.00.
- (32) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2022 budget for the township of Woodbridge in the amount of \$16,989.44 for Drunk Driving Enforcement Grant.
- (33) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2022 budget for the Township of Woodbridge in the amount of \$84,054 for Childhood Lead Poisoning Grant.
- (34) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2022 budget for the Township of Woodbridge in the amount of \$775,000.00 for NJDOT Local Freight Impact Fund.

- (35) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2022 budget for the Township of Woodbridge in the amount of \$220,660.44 for Recycling Tonnage Grant.
- (36) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2022 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge in the amount of \$10,000.00 for EMAA Grant.
- (37) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the SFY 2022 Budget for the Township of Woodbridge in the amount of \$12,000.00 for Kidsports Grant.
- (38) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Bill List.

Councilwoman Meehan: I just want to comment on #22. I want to thank the Administration for purchasing the Streetscape Lighting for Inman Avenue. It's something we've waited for a long time. It's solar so it won't cost the residents anything and will make the Downtown look really nice.

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

Council President Bauer: Before we go to the public portion of the meeting, we have a statement from Council Vice President Ficarra.

Council Vice President Ficarra: Council President, thank you for that recognition. I am going to hold on that. Thank you.

Public Meeting:

Council President Bauer: At this time we'll go to the public portion of our meeting. Please state your name, part of the Township or State you are from. You have a one time, five minute time period. All videotaping must be taken within a designated area in the rear of the room and there will be no shouting out from your seat. Please respect each other and please make sure all signs or posters do not block walkways or aisles. Thank you.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Any comment from the public?

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about the St. Patrick's Parade and how nice it was to see people join together, hopes we can all do something for the people in Europe. Addressed the Mayor in saying that the "people" want to know when Main Street by St. James church will be widened because it has very bad traffic.

John E. McCormac, Mayor: Did you say widen Main Street? Who said that? Main Street is owned by the County Mr. Vrtaric, we have no knowledge of anybody widening Main Street.

Frank Trombattore, Woodbridge: Referenced an article about 852 prisoners being released under the COVID-19 Early Release Program, spoke about citizens of Woodbridge defending themselves in their homes. Spoke about ending racism and how diverse our town is. Also mentioned the home owner program that helps residents with repairs and upgrades to their homes.

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

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

HOWIE BAUER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT / 2nd WARD COUNCILMAN:

Council President Bauer: At this time we'll go to into our Agendas.

1. 2nd Ward Road Projects.
HOLD
2. County Greenway
HOLD
3. Downtown Parking on New Brunswick Ave.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Waterfront Park / Keasbey.
HOLD
5. Hometown Hero banners.
HOLD
6. Fords Business Community.
 - A. Cruise Night
 - 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

14. Highland Grove Swim Pool.
HOLD

15. Little Libraries.
HOLD

16. Human Rights Commission.
HOLD

My Agenda is in order. I have a few announcements. On behalf of Councilman Brian Small who couldn't make it tonight, I would like to thank the American Irish Association of Woodbridge for hosting our Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade this past Sunday. A special thanks to all of those that participated and came out on that cold but sunny day to celebrate the Irish Heritage. Sunday Night Summer Country Concerts have been listed. June 19th – Holly Molly, June 26th - The Hillbenders, July 10th – Jack Thistle a Jackson Brown Tribute Band, July 24th - Live at the Fillmore an Allman Brothers Tribute, July 31st – Deadgrass, August 7th - Kinderhook, Aug 15th – Pirate Flag Kenny Chesney Tribute, August 21st - Weekend Willoughby Traveling Willoughby Tribute, August 28th - Panama Dead, September 4th - The Linda Ronstadt Experience. All shows are behind the Woodbridge High School starting at 7 p.m. Each month I will bring to your attention who will be playing that month. Also you can go to our Woodbridge Recreation website for all information pertaining to all recreation programs including boat watches and concerts. At this time they are hiring for various jobs. If you are looking for a job, you can email recreationjobs@twp.woodbridge.nj.us. Thank you that is all I have.

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

Council President Bauer: Council Vice President Ficarra.

Council Vice President Ficarra: Thank you Council President. Mr. Mitch, can you note on my item number three, Mentoring Programs, can you kick that over to Councilwoman DeJesus?

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

There is an open house on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. There is a flyer on our website. There is a lot of free activities going on over there. Summer camp registration is beginning and there are plenty of skating lessons going on. The best way to check that out is by going to our website at **njwcc.com**.

2. Youth Month – April.
Senior Month – May.
HOLD
3. Mentoring Programs.
HOLD
4. Mayor’s Fitness / Wellness Initiatives.
HOLD
5. Fireworks.
HOLD
6. Heroes & Cool Kids / Strengthening Families.
HOLD
7. Pedestrian Safeway’s / East Coast Greenway.
HOLD
8. Annual Pizza Run.
HOLD
9. Jacob’s Landing.
HOLD
10. The Club at Woodbridge Upgrades.
HOLD

Spots are filling up for the Kidsports program and also preschool registration for 2022. And don't forget they have a simulator golf den with a PGA pro and it's a good opportunity to get the rust off as we are getting into golf season.

11. Crossroad's Race.
HOLD

12. Mental Health / Wellness.
HOLD

13. COVID-19 Efforts.
HOLD

The COVID situation is getting better, but don't let your guard down. There are still opportunities to get the vaccine if you haven't had one.

14. Mobile Health Unit.
HOLD

15. Senior Services Directory.
HOLD

Directories are available and are being distributed. You can also reach out to our Senior Services Office if you go online. It's a very valuable resource listing all types of services. Thank you, that is all I have.

BRIAN SMALL, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

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
9. Level Playing Field @ Cypress Recreation Center/Our House.
HOLD
10. Property Fraud (www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov) search for “Property Alert” to Register).
HOLD
11. Inspections at Hotels/Motels.
HOLD
12. National Public Lands Day (9/24/22).
HOLD
13. Marine Eight.
HOLD
14. Mayor Mac Café.
HOLD
15. Jazz Festival.
HOLD
16. Concerts.
HOLD
17. Light Parade (11/26/22).
HOLD
18. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.
HOLD
19. Woodbridge B.P.O.E. Elks 2116.
HOLD

LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE

Council President Bauer. Thank you. Councilman Small is excused. Councilwoman DeJesus.
Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you Council President.

I would like to acknowledge Woodbridge Fire Department. On February 19, 2022, Woodbridge Fire House took the initiative to ask Woodbridge High School for their help in finding interpreters to be used during the election. Their objective was to have them at hand in case they could be of help to any residents. The three young people that committed to helping out for the day were, Jackie Morrell, Hermi Patel and Muspira Suhil. It also seems appropriate that during Women's History Month, Woodbridge Fire House swore in three firewomen. On March 3, 2022, the first female firefighters in the history of the fire house were sworn in. They are Alina Rivera, Andrea Schelmety and Rebecca Haggerty. We are very proud of them and wish them the best of luck.

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

The Jane E. Sinnott Historical Reflection Art Exhibit & Competition for Woodbridge Township Students Grades 9-12. In early 2020 Woodbridge Township lost a champion for the arts and historical preservation. Serving as both Vice Chair of the Woodbridge Township Cultural Arts Commission and a member of the Woodbridge Township Historic Preservation Commission, Jane E. Sinnott always let her passion for the arts and history shine through in everyday life. In recent years Jane put her love of art and history into an even greater use by becoming an educator in the Woodbridge Township school district. In honor of her tireless effort to promote

the arts and historic preservation in her hometown of Woodbridge, the Barron Arts Center is honored to present the art exhibition and competition in her name. The entry deadline for the competition is May 4, 2022. Please contact The Barron Arts Center for any information at 732-634-0413. Don't forget that Advocates of Social Change is on display now until April 1, 2022 at The Barron Arts Center. They are also calling for entries for the senior art show for The Woodbridge Township 42nd Annual Seniors Citizens exhibition.

10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.
HOLD

The library will present a virtual program called Healthier Living for Your Brain and Body, tips from the latest research with the Alzheimer's Association Greater New Jersey Chapter on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 7 p.m. The Main library will host a drop in DIY event for teens and adults and will supply everything you need to make bath bombs, perler bead creations, hobbit door hangers and more on New Jersey Makers Day on Friday, March 25, 2022 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

On Saturday March 26, 2022 The Woodbridge Garden Club will have everything you need and the library for a DIY with nature for ages 14 and up. Please visit www.woodbridgelibrary.org for more information.

11. Veteran's Tax Deduction.
HOLD
12. Green Infrastructure.
HOLD
13. Girls' Sports.
HOLD

I would like to congratulate the Colonia High School Girls Basketball Team and their coaches on 25 wins, which was the most wins ever by any team at Colonia until the boys tied with their sectional championship win. The girls were undefeated in the GMC during regular season play 15-0 was their record, and won the first ever White Division Championship for Colonia Girls Basketball. They will now hang a Girls Basketball banner in the gym. 2022, first for all kinds of girls. The girls also won the Blue Double tournament a short Regional, received a number three at GMC tournament and number two in the Central Jersey Group three tournament. Additionally, this was the first Colonia Girls Basketball team to ever make it to a state sectional final although they also ultimately lost to Ewing. We are all very proud of the historic season they had and we are looking forward to next season.

14. Girl Scouts / Scouts Pavilion and Camp; E. William St. Park.
HOLD
15. Youth Leadership Council.

HOLD

16. Community Backpacks.

HOLD

17. Donation of Winter Coats for School Students.

HOLD

18. Safe Place.

HOLD

19. Women's Month.

HOLD

I am proud to announce that for the first time ever we had a fantastic flag raising. I want to thank the Mayor, my fellow Council mates and Administration for their support. I would also like thank Director Hagerty and Megan Kushpa for their help in planning the event and for the exceptional profiles that they have been publicizing. We had the amazing women of the Police Department, the newly sworn in fire women, educators from our Township, women from all walks of life in attendance and best of all we had Girl Scouts of different ages in attendance. We were able to see the phenomenal women that live and work in our Township. After the flag raising, the Girl Scouts were able to talk to many of them. It was truly an amazing event.

My last announcement is Girls on the Run. It is a social and emotional wellness program for girls. We teach them life skills through dynamic conversation based lessons and running games. It is for girls grades third through fifth. It starts on April 10, 2022 and meets twice per week for eight weeks on Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. The program fee is \$50 and it will be at Alvin P. Williams Memorial Park in Sewaren. I have to say that it is a magnificent program. My daughter started running with Girls on the Run and she still runs. As a matter of fact, she just applied to become a coach for this program. That is all that I have, thank you so much.

CORY S. SPILLAR, 3rd WARD COUNCILMAN

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilman Spillar.

Councilman Spillar: Thank you Council President Bauer.

1. Avenel's Very Merry Holiday Lighting (11/27/22) / Port Reading Day (TBD).

HOLD

2. Avenel Arts Village/Train Station/Eric LeGrand Believe Park.

HOLD

3. Woodbridge River Watch/ Oros Nature Preserve.

HOLD

4. Port Reading Saints/ Saints Complex Improvements.
HOLD
5. Avenel Middle School Community Service Club and School Improvements.
HOLD
6. Port Reading Knights/Sycamore Senior Center/Red Oak.
HOLD
7. Route 1 Redevelopment.
 - A. Star / City Motels.
 - B. Americana / Avenel Motels.
 - C. Rt. 1 @ So. Inman Ave.
 - D. Bud's Hut.
 - E. Big Top property.
 - F. Holiday Inn Express expansion.
 - G. Pier I Imports property.HOLD
8. Avenel Fire Department.
HOLD
9. Social Clubs – Avenel Knights of Columbus/Columbian Club, Avenel V.F.W.
HOLD

Fish Fry Friday continues at the Avenel Knights of Columbus. Please come and enjoy all the dishes they have to offer. It will be curbside again. Please call 732-636-9615 to make your reservations. Also this week they will have a St. Patrick's meal on Thursday, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Why cook when you can have corned beef on Thursday and fish on Friday?

10. Woodbridge Developmental Center Property.
HOLD
11. Cable Commission / Renewal.
HOLD
12. School 4 & 5.
HOLD
13. Mileed Way Army Corps of Engineers Project.
HOLD
14. Maple Tree Senior Center.
HOLD

Councilman Spillar: The rest of my agenda is in order. Council President, thank you. I just want to congratulate Councilwoman DeJesus on an outstanding event that you hosted last week. I know in Port Reading, we were talking about Ukraine earlier, and MEEEST is a Ukrainian owned business in Port Reading. MEEEST is accepting humanitarian aid packages for Ukraine. Up to this moment MEEEST delivered over to 1500 tons of humanitarian aid to Ukraine across the globe. The humanitarian aid that MEEEST America delivers is transferred by the military administration which then sorts and transfers it to travel organizations. If you would like to help out or donate you can go to www.us.meest.com. There is also a link on the Township website. Congratulations to all the Honoree's at this year's 2022 St. Patrick's Day Parade. Thank you to all of our Emergency Responders, Fire, EMS, Woodbridge Police Department, CERT and all of our Public Works and Township employees. My wife and I want to thank everyone that reached out during the loss of my mother-in-law. Thank you. Thank you Council President Bauer.

Council President Bauer: Thank you Councilman Spillar. We'd like to express our sincere condolences to you and your family on the loss of your mother in law, God rest her soul.

DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5TH WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Council President Bauer: Councilwoman Meehan.

Councilwoman Meehan: Thank you Council President.

1. Inman Avenue Business District Improvements.
HOLD
2. Green Houses – Colonia Middle and Colonia High Schools.
HOLD
3. Evergreen Senior and Youth Center / Senior Services.
HOLD
4. Events: 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

5. Food Pantry.
HOLD
6. Reinhard Manor.
HOLD
7. Colonia Fire Department/First Aid Squad.
HOLD
8. Colonia American Legion/V.F.W./Elks.
HOLD
9. Veteran's Issues.
HOLD
10. Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.
HOLD
11. Cpl. Kevin Reinhard Marine Corps League.
HOLD
12. Volunteer Directory.
HOLD
13. Domestic Violence Response Team.
HOLD
14. AED Program.
HOLD

I have just one announcement tonight. We are putting together a fundraiser for April 30th, it's called Prayer for P.J. fundraiser. This is for a young man that lives in Iselin who was in a very bad car accident that left him in a coma. He is making some progress but his road is going to be very long so we are trying to help put something together to help with his medical bills. It's April 30, 2022 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the American Legion in Colonia. We are in need of some baskets to raffle off. If anyone would like to donate a basket, all of the funds will go directly to P.J.'s family. You can reach out to me at 732-382-5241. That's all I have tonight. Also, congratulations Lizbeth, you did a wonderful job and it was really great to recognize all the great women in this town and for all the young girls to see what they can become. So you did a great job.

KYLE ANDERSON, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilman Anderson.

Councilman Anderson: Thank you Council President.

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

Currently we have 767 kids registered this year for rec baseball, 349 registered for REC softball and our REC baseball/softball parade is currently planned for Saturday, April 9, 2022 at Woodbridge High School. REC soccer we have 951 kids registered this year. I want to thank the recreation department also for their efforts this weekend working with the St. Patrick's Day Parade and also thank the American Irish of Woodbridge for putting on a fantastic parade.

2. Job Bank.
HOLD

On April 9, 2022, Woodbridge Township Summer Job Fair is here. That will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main Street. There will be summer employment opportunities for Township residents including jobs at our summer camps located at the Woodbridge Community Center, The Club at Woodbridge, Merrill Park and various playground locations. It is a great first opportunity for a lot of young people that are looking for jobs. My three oldest did that for summer and I thought that they gained very good experience. The New Jersey Courts are also having a career fair registration on March 23, 2022 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. You can go to the Woodbridge Township job site, the employment opportunity center to discover everything you need to know about that. Also the Disabled Veteran and Veteran Business Summit registration also is on the website and that is on May 10, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We'll also be having Construction Industry Career Day on May 31, 2022 and June 1, 2022 and that information is there. New Jersey Transit is hiring, you can also look on there for the Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce where there are many job postings. Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas is now advertising on our page. As you know as we've all passed Pizza Hut on 35, it's a beautiful new Pizza Hut. Only two doors down from another pizzeria but they are hiring as well. Middlesex County Elite Youth One Stop Center is also a great place for one to discover positions within Woodbridge Township. And I don't want to leave out my Council mate Mr. Ficarra. Councilman Ficarra shared with me the Virtual Child Care Center's Job Fair on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. This is a virtual job fair and attendees should dress as though they were attending an in person event. There are 17 child care centers in Middlesex, Somerset, and Union counties that are hiring. Presented by the Community Child Care Solution, the Middlesex County Office of Career Opportunity, you can find that on the Middlesex County website. There is a QR code that you could scan to get all of the information and you can RSVP.

3. Mayor's Trophy.
HOLD
4. Woodbridge Hall of Fame.
HOLD
5. Taste of Woodbridge.
HOLD

6. Charity Raffle.
HOLD
7. Drive-In Movies.
HOLD
8. N.A.A.C.P. (*NAACP.org*).
HOLD
9. Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Program.
HOLD
10. Independent Club of Colonia.
HOLD
11. Tooling Around Program.
HOLD
12. Boy Scouts / Camping.
HOLD
13. League Consolidation.
HOLD
14. Middlesex College.
HOLD
15. Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change.
HOLD

I would like to congratulate Councilwoman DeJesus on a fine event and the Township as well. It was nice to be out there with so many young girls to see women in all different positions in the Township especially in the positions of First Responders so they know that they too can be in those positions.

I would like to congratulate the Colonia High School Boys basketball team and Coach Jose Rodriguez on their North Jersey Section two Group three championship. They finished their season also 25 and five with an end of the season New Jersey top 20 ranking and they were GMCT finalists. In those five losses, they actually only lost to three teams in New Jersey. Two teams once, and one team unfortunately three times. We all have our personal feelings about that. They had a great season and I'd like to congratulate them on that.

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

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

SHARON MCAULIFFE, 1st WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilman Patel is excused. Councilwoman McAuliffe.
Councilwoman McAuliffe: Thank you President.

1. Events:

Relay for Life.
Fishing Derby.
Parker Press Concerts.
Woodbridge Wednesdays and Local Band Thursdays.
Saint James Street Fair.

HOLD

Relay for Life: There is a cooking class on April 4, 2022 at Mulberry Street. On April 22, 2022 they are having a fundraiser in memory of past Councilwoman Nancy Drumm. It's a paint and sip event being held at the Elks. May 21, 2022 there will be a Zumba event at the Community Center. If you go on the Facebook site for Relay for Life, you can get all the information including the cost for everything and where to sign up for all those events.

2. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).
HOLD

3. Chamber of Commerce.
HOLD
4. Buy Local program.
HOLD
5. Transit Village.
HOLD
6. Blue Acres / F.E.M.A.
HOLD
7. Main St. & Rt. 9.
HOLD
8. Animal Shelter.
HOLD
9. Dog Park.
HOLD
10. Arts.
 - A. Woodbridge Train Station Mural Project.
 - B. Gallery on Main.
HOLD

The Gallery on Main located at 101 Main Street is running a Seeing Green promotion starting now through April 2, 2022. To participate in the promotion and enter into a prize drawing contest, you can go into the gallery to identify nine works of art. There's a little flyer there if anyone wants to pick it up and take it and that will be your entry form. There are some really good prizes. All you need to do is go in, check the exhibit out, identify these, put your name and phone number on it and you can be entered into a drawing to win a \$100 gift card for Downtown Dollars, courtesy of The Chamber of Commerce. There is also a prize for the eight pack which includes 4 tickets to any show and \$50 gift card to the Curtain Restaurants, a one hour session at the Golf Den or a three day free pass to the Woodbridge Community Center. The drawing for the winners will be on April 4, 2022. The gallery is open on Thursday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. It's a great opportunity to go check this exhibit and check out the gallery.

11. PACE.
HOLD
12. Woodbridge Fire Department.
HOLD
13. Coast Guard.
HOLD
14. Sewaren Library Programs.

HOLD

15. Acacia Center.
HOLD

16. RISE Program.
HOLD

17. Sewaren Marina.
HOLD

18. First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge.
HOLD

First I would like to say thank you to the American Irish Association. It was an amazing job doing the flag raising and the parade myself being Irish, it was a great day and totally enjoyed by all. I would like to thank the Woodbridge Fire Department for the after parade, the bagpipers and the corned beef sandwiches were excellent. And Liz I really enjoyed the flag raising it was really good and it was great that there is three women firefighters in Woodbridge now. That is all I have, thank you.

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Before I move on I have one more announcement. Advocates for Social Change, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. & Mahatma Gandhi an Exhibit on view, February 18, 2022 through April 1, 2022 at The Barron Arts Center at 582 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge, NJ. The telephone number is 732-634-0413. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and they are closed on holidays.

JOHN M. MITCH, MUNICIPAL CLERK

Council President Bauer: Mr. Mitch.

Mr. Mitch: Thank you Mr. President.

1. Liquor License Transfer(s) / Change of Corporate Structure.
 - A. Change of Corporate Structure of Liquor License # 1225-33-064-005
Viswasha Foods LLC, t/a The Yellow Chili, 1477 Oak Tree Rd., Iselin
 - B. Application for a “New” Club ‘31’ Type Liquor License for American
Irish Association of Woodbridge, Inc.
 - C. Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-002-011 Daryl, LLC to
COLTS NB, LLC 55 Brook St., Woodbridge, NJ 07095.

D. Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-068-011
Parascondola License, Inc., to Ari and Gio, LLC, t/a Casa Giuseppe, 487 Rt. 27,
Iselin, NJ 08830.

2. Liquor License Incident(s) / Hearing(s).

3. Liquor License Renewals.

A. Annual Retail Licensee Meeting. (**Virtual**: May 26, 2022)

4. Street Closings / Special Events (Block parties, street fairs, carnivals, etc.).

5. Elections.

2022 Primary: (**6/7/22**) Early Voting: (**6/3/22 – 6/5/22**)

2022 General Election: (**11/8/22**) Early Voting: (**10/29/22 – 11/6/22**)

My Agenda is in order. I have one comment under number three, letter A which is the Annual Retail Licensee Meeting that Woodbridge started probably more than 12 or 15 years ago with our retail liquor licenses. That training was always in person up until COVID. The first year of COVID we postponed it, second year of COVID we did it virtually. This year we are going to try something different. I am working with the ABC, we are going to do this as a partnership for all retail licensees in Middlesex County and Mercer County to do a virtual event and we will probably be moving in that direction going further. We came a long way in the last 12 or 15 years. I'm happy to say that the program that we run, Perth Amboy was actually one of the first, has morphed throughout the state. That's all I have.

MAYOR:

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

First I would also like to congratulate Councilwoman DeJesus. You know usually when we start events, they start slow and it usually takes three or four years before they peak and hopefully stay that way. But Lizbeth's event peaked the very first year. It was outstanding. You mentioned all the groups and everybody was shocked at the number of people that came out and you worked hard on that so congratulations.

I want to supplement what Councilman Anderson said about the leagues. The fact that we run all the REC leagues now, the numbers are off the charts in terms of what they used to be in the past when they were privately run, but we are also able to plan the league so that a kid doesn't have to

decide anymore to play baseball or soccer or to play softball or soccer because we schedule them on different dates and different times so kids can do both. So that's a real benefit to the leagues. We don't run travel, we don't run All-Stars, that's up to the individual leagues. But we do run REC. The kids have more opportunities, they play more games, they have free clinics, they have practices, and they get to use the better fields. It's working out tremendously but one of the key things is we are able to schedule it and get more kids involved. I appreciate Mr. Trombattore mentioning the home improvement program but I just want to mention that it is income qualified so it is not available to everybody. The last thing is the senior citizen booklet. It is one hundred pages of absolutely terrific information. You can get it mailed to you if you call us at 732-726-6262 and we will mail it out. We are trying to get it to every senior but we don't always know every senior. If you don't belong to a senior club or you don't go to activities or otherwise if you're not in our radar screen, we still want to know who you are and we want to get you that book.

Council President Bauer: Thank you Mayor for all of your support for all our residents of the township and programs that you supply.

POLICE:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Hubner.

Police Director Hubner: Thank you Council President. I have two traffic ordinances.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Darden.

Director Darden: Thank you Council President. Just our standard bi-weekly refunds.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Brew.

Public Works Director Brew: Thank you Council President.

I have one change order for contract 2021 for sanitary sewer cleaning. I have a RVSA mini system trench pipe repair. Second one I have is a release of a sidewalk permit for 33 Menlo Avenue and the third one is the purchase of a freightliner M2 chassis 106. Thank you.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Business Administrator Cimilluca.
Business Administrator Cimilluca: Thank you Council President.

The information is on our website for the home improvement program. I have a tax and sewer overpayment and I have and add on lease for a Pitney Bowes machine. Thank you Council President.

LEGAL:

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Legal.
Gary Clemente, Esq.: No, nothing tonight.

RECREATION:

HEALTH:

Council President Bauer. Thank you, motion for adjournment.

On a motion made by Council Vice President Ficarra, seconded by Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously, Council President Bauer adjourned the meeting at 6:58 P.M.

