

**Minutes of the Council & Board of Health Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey held on April 5, 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.

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, Viru Patel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brian Small

**ALSO PRESENT:** 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  
Dennis Green, Director of Department of Health & Human Services  
Casey Wagner, Assistant Business Administrator  
Craig J. Coughlin, Esq.  
Fred Rubenstein, Esq.

The Municipal Clerk: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes from March 15, 2022?

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

Council Meeting: March 15, 2022

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

- A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO DELETE VARIOUS SECTIONS (HOUSEKEEPING). (2022-12)**
- B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER X, TAXI CABS AND LIMOUSINES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES. (2022-13)**
- C. 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. (2022-14)**
- D. 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. (2022-15)**
- E. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XXI, FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION OF THE WOODBRIDGE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES. (2022-16)**

Tom Maras, Fords: Asked what areas of the town does the ordinance cover and exactly how is it going to effect the flood zone areas and what are the specific flood zones and what does this update do?

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: Council President, this Ordinance would be just to change some verbiage from the County and the State. From time to time they change some verbiage and we change it. This is strictly housekeeping. There is nothing that changes the sustenance keeping within the law.

John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Can I just add to that Mr. Cimilluca? He’s right on point, as an example, replacing “Municipal” Council with “Town” Council, these are the housekeeping changes that indeed we requested.

Tom Maras, Fords: Again asked what particular area of town in that Ordinance itself, aside from what you are amending, does that cover?

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: It covers the entire town Mr. Maras.

Tom Maras, Fords: The entire town is a flood zone?

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: No, the Ordinance covers the entire town. The mappings for the entire town, those flood zones are mapped out in that Ordinance.

Tom Maras, Fords: Right and I am asking what are those flood zones.

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: There's several of them.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Township-wide it's actually a Flood Prevention Program. It impacts the entire Township the way it's adopted so there's measures we can take Township-wide whether there is flooding or not and whether it's in a flood zone or not.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Any other comments on Letter E? 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.

**F. AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND EXTINGUISH THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF A PORTION 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. (2022-17)**

**G. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OR 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. (2022-18)**

**H. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OR EMINENT DOMAIN OF REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 445.02, LOT 30 ALSO KNOWN AS 31 MARCONI AVENUE IN THE ISELIN SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE. (2022-19)**

Tom Maras, Fords: What is the purpose of the acquisition of those properties and what would you do with them once acquired?

Howie Bauer, Council President: On Letter G, which is 270 Old Road, we are going to purchase that to make more parking for the Senior Center in Port Reading. H is providing more parking for downtown Iselin Oak Tree Road businesses. F is a piece of public property we own, the business owner hasn't purchased, and the property around it is a very small piece of public road that's not really being used. So basically he is surrounding it and would like to purchase that so he can encompass his property and take control of that piece of road.

Tom Maras, Fords: If I may, what is the cost of those acquisitions?

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: I don't have those before me. It's still being negotiated.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: F, G, and H, Who owns those properties? It is possible to be owned by same owner?

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: So the streets that we're vacating in F, we currently own the right a ways that's encompassed by someone that purchased the entire area around it. It's a small piece of street that we're vacating so they can use the property. For G, I don't know who they are owned by but I know that one is an estate at 270 Old Road and the other one is an investor and that's the one on Marconi. Nobody lives in those properties.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Any other questions of F, G, or H? 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.

**I. 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. (2022-20)**

Tom Maras, Fords: What is the redevelopment plan for the Iselin Lumber?

Howie Bauer, Council President: The owner would like to do retail and business spaces, incorporating the whole building and remodeling it.

Tom Maras, Fords: How does this effect the Township and the tax payers by allowing this to become retail?

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: This is a private investor it's turning the property from an old lumber yard, the upstairs there is going to be office space, and the lower portion of the larger portion of the old sales office of the lumber yard is going to be part studio/workspace for the artist. He makes totem poles.

Tom Maras, Fords: Is there any public monies going into this?

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: No there is no public money going into this.

Greg Ficarra, Council Vice President: Mr. Cimilluca, if I may, if that space is being revitalized and repurposed I would imagine there will be a higher increase in their contribution to the tax space.

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: Absolutely. We always re-evaluate after there is some type of construction.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: On Letter I, asked why it needs any kind of improvement or redevelopment to make it commercial use, it's a commercial property already.

Marta Darden, Director Planning and Development: The redevelopment plan is a change in zoning and this was already a designated redevelopment area with a redevelopment plan and general commercial is not permitted for Iselin Lumber based on their property size.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Is there any kind of clean up that needs to be done to the property?

Marta Darden, Woodbridge: None that we know of, no.

John Mitch, Municipal Clerk: Any other questions on Letter I? Hearing no other questions 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:**

- J. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC”, SECTION 7-38.1 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO ADD HOLLY STREET, SOUTH AND RUSSELL STREET, WEST.**
  
- K. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC,” SECTION 7-43 “PUBLIC PARKING SPACES FOR CHARGING OF THE ELECTRIC VEHICLES” OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE TO ADD 105 AVENEL STREET.**
  
- L. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 150 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED “LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT”, AND THE ZONING MAP.**
  
- M. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING THE “ONE WOODBRIDGE CENTER DRIVE REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW,” N.J.S.A. 40A:12:A-1 *et seq.***

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, April 8, 2022 with Notice of Public Hearing to be held on April 19, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

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

- (1) BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the Mayor’s appointment and the amendment of Resolution #4, adopted March 15, 2022 to read – Appointment of Amy Krysienski to serve as a member of the Woodbridge Township Cultural Arts Commission fulfilling an unexpired term commencing March 15, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2023.

- (2) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the Mayor's appointment of Kyle Lawrence and Lisa Bergstrom to serve as members of the Woodbridge Township Rent Leveling Board for a three (3) year term, commencing April 5, 2022 and terminating April 4, 2025.
- (3) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to re-establishing a Green Team Advisory Committee who shall be residents, business owners or employees of Woodbridge Township appointed annually commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2022.
- (4) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby consents to the refund of taxes on Block 356.02, Lot 13.01.
- (5) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue refund checks for overpaid taxes on Block 12.03, Lot 56, Block 175.05, Lot 208.02, Block 175.11, Lot 252.02, Block 380, Lot 21.01, Block 389.04, Lot 315, Block 468.22, Lot 1948.01, Block 477.05, Lot 34.02, Block 786.02, Lot 23, Block 787.02, Lot 5.
- (6) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes that the Chief Financial Officer issue refunds for overpaid sewer user fee Block 243, Lot 2.02 and Block 513.01, Lot 42.03.
- (7) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes a refund for Tax Court, current account, Siemens Corp., Block 356.02, Lot 12.00.
- (8) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes a refund for Permit Fees, Village Drive Assoc. LLC.
- (9) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes a refund for a sidewalk permit fee. 33 Menlo Avenue, Metuchen, (MPT) NJ, 08840.
- (10) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes a refund for Christmas tree selling surety bond in the amount of \$500.00, to Amanda's Affordable Events, Inc. P.O. Box 54, Wickatunk, NJ 07765.
- (11) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Municipal Comptroller to issue a refund check in the amount of \$20.00 to Joan's Wish Foundation for unused raffle license.
- (12) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the request of the Woodbridge Downtown Merchants Association to host their "Woodbridge Downtown Cruise" on Wednesday, June 15, July 20 and August 17, 2022 (rain date Wednesday, June 22, July 27 and August 24, 2022, closing off a portion of Main Street from the corner of Amboy Avenue to Pearly Street from approximately 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- (13) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes a Block Party on 4/30/2022 (rain date 5/7/22), closing Bergen Street between St. James Avenue and Grady Drive, Woodbridge, New Jersey, from approximately 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- (14) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the request of Tiseo Construction, LLC, for waiver of requirements for the installation of sidewalk and curb for Block: 424.06, Lot: 617, Zone: R- 7.5, Outlook Avenue, Colonia, New Jersey.
- (15) **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 for 2022 Distracted Driving Crackdown Grant in the amount of \$14,000.00.
- (16) **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 for NJ’s Electric Vehicle Charging Grant in the amount of \$24,000.00 for “It Pays to Plug”.
- (17) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Planning Board to review the proposed Redevelopment Plan, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7, One Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge, NJ as a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment.
- (18) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the Person-To-Person transfer of Liquor License No. 1225-33-002-011 from Daryl, LLC to COLTS NB, LLC effective April 6, 2022 and further resolved that the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to notify the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control of this transfer and to change the generation number of the license to 1225-33-002-012 reflecting said transfer.
- (19) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes execution of Change Order #2 on the contract with Hall Building Corporation increasing the adjusted contract amount of \$6,437,238.27 by \$89,512.00 to a contract total of \$6,526,750.27.
- (20) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of Change Order #1 on the contract with Vortex Services, LLC for the Project increasing the contract amount of \$315,125.00 by \$25,200.00 to a total of \$340,325.00
- (21) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the renewal of the contract with The Land Conservancy of New Jersey, 19 Boonton Avenue, Boonton, New Jersey 07005, to provide services to the Township in regard to advancing the Township’s flood mitigation and open space programs in an amount not to exceed \$4,000 beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023.
- (22) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the emergency contract awarded to P & A Construction, P.O. Box 28, Colonia, NJ 07067 in an amount not to

exceed \$35,000.00 for repairs to a 12” sewer main on Claire Avenue, Woodbridge Proper.

- (23) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the emergency contract awarded to P & A Construction, P.O. Box 28, Colonia, NJ 07067 in an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00 for repairs to an 8” sewer pipe on Oak Tree Road, Iselin.
- (24) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the emergency contract awarded to P & A Construction, P.O. Box 28, Colonia, NJ 07067 in an amount not to exceed \$190,000.00 for repairs and stabilization of a manhole on Stafford Road and Ravine Drive in Colonia on an emergency basis.
- (25) **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, 11 Tindall Road, Middletown, New Jersey 07748 for professional engineering services for the Radiological Assessment of Colonia High School, in an amount not to exceed \$221,350.00.
- (26) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Environmental Connection Inc., 120 North Warren Street, Trenton, NJ 08608, for professional environmental consulting services for 31 Marconi Avenue, Iselin in an amount not to exceed \$11,440.00.
- (27) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Environmental Connection Inc., 120 North Warren Street, Trenton, NJ 08608, for professional environmental consulting services for 270 Old road, Sewaren, in an amount not to exceed \$10,712.50.
- (28) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Environmental Connection Inc., 120 North Warren Street, Trenton, NJ 08608 for professional environmental consulting services for the Henry Inman Branch Library in an amount not to exceed \$7,200.00.
- (29) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with H2M Architects+ Engineers, 119 Cherry Hill Road, Suite 110, Parsippany, NJ 07054, for the professional engineering services for proposed alterations of Mount Carmel School Building, 267 East Smith Street, Woodbridge in an amount not to exceed \$131,500.00.
- (30) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute a Right of Entry License Agreement with

Stalwart Equities Inc. in the form substantially similar to that on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

- (31) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute an agreement between the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the Township of Woodbridge for the Smith Creek Dredging Project in the form substantially similar to that on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.
- (32) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of his designee and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Shared Services Agreement for Animal Control Services between the Township of Woodbridge and the Borough of Spotswood in the form substantially similar to that on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023.
- (33) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes that Resolution #24 adopted on March 15, 2022 be amended in the Certification of Funds section to read Account #C-04-000-1864-0016-8000 (\$2,758.50).
- (34) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the lease of a Pitney Bowes Machine for the Mailroom from Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services, Inc., P.O. Box 371887, Pittsburgh, PA 15240-7887 through Source well Cooperative Pricing System, Sourcewell #041917 in an amount not to exceed \$44,996.40 for 60 months.
- (35) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Municipal Clerk to execute any documents necessary for the purchase of a Freightliner M2 106 with Cummins L9 Engine from Campbell Freightliner LLC, 1015 Cranbury South River Road, South Brunswick, NJ 08831 through ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System, NJ State Approved CO-OP #65MCESCCPS, BID #ESCNJ 20/21-55 in an amount not to exceed \$97,333.75.
- (36) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the bid awarded to Pannullo Enterprise Inc., 161 Westfield Avenue, Clark, NJ 07066 as Food Broker for Woodbridge Community Center and Various Locations, in an amount not to exceed 15% of Broker Services for Food Vendor Services.
- (37) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the bid awarded to Dutchman Contracting, LLC, 278 N. Ridge Road, Reinholds, PA 17569 for the Township of Woodbridge POLE BARN PROJECT in an amount not to exceed \$371,551.00.
- (38) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Purchasing Agent to negotiate a contract for Woodbridge Community Center Pool Dehumidification Service.

- (39) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby approves the petition to be made to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for the creation of an Emergency Appropriation for the Radiological Assessment at Colonia High School to be provided for in full in the SFY 2023 budget or from a refunding bond ordinance.
- (40) **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes all claims and bills dated April 5, 2022 and the Supplemental Bill List dated March 11, 2022 through April 1, 2022, presented to it by the Chief Financial Officer.

Councilwoman Meehan abstained from #40

Councilwoman McAuliffe abstained from #3

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

**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 this evening?

Anthony Alfieri, Port Reading: Spoke about trains banging and idling behind his house and the neighborhood every night at 3 a.m. For the last three years smell of diesel fuel in his home, noise and debris are disturbing the families in the immediate living area. Concerned about activity from people from Conrail lingering around his house. Someone flashing a flash light in his daughter's bedroom and horns being blown out of spite.

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: We have been in constant contact with Conrail. We've hired an attorney firm. They've contacted Conrail and we've met with them many times. One of the solutions that we are working on is the railroad spur over the old Bowtie Pool property which is being worked on now. And we are moving utilities so that we can move the railroad spur over. When I say we, in connection with Conrail. Short of that, we've asked many times to get numbers and timing. That's what Conrail asks us for, they have asked for the numbers of the trains and the times it happens. We have six utilities out there. We have been in constant negotiation with Conrail for the spur and it's not an easy thing to build a railroad. It's not our

business, we don't do it, and Conrail does it. So we're at their mercy. We are working with them as diligently as possible to get that project done. The first thing that we do is we've passed it several months ago, where we're putting the sewer system which is our sewer system. Now we have to wait for those other utilities such as the gas company, the water company, and Verizon. I will gladly talk to you after the meeting Mr. Alfieri.

John Vrtaric, Woodbridge: Spoke about the trains, the trains have been a problem for years, the current traffic situation and the traffic worsening after all of the apartments are built.

Howie Bauer, Council President: I think any project that passed for development has to have a traffic study plan.

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administration: That's absolutely correct. There is also plans in motion to redo all the traffic lights on Main Street. All the way up to upper Main Street.

Marta Darden, Director of Planning: We are going to get a grant from the state to improve the traffic light at Wegmans where Vermella is. Every time there is an application in front of the board there are plans to improve the overall infrastructure in the Downtown, it's not just traffic but it absolutely includes every traffic light in the vicinity. Business Administrator Cimilluca is accurate that traffic counts and are reviewed with every application. This has been approved now over a bunch of years with multiple applications. All of whom have had those studies conducted and had those questions answered in front of the board. It's an overall project for the area that we've undertaken over at least a decade and a half now, so we are well suited and well apt with each application to approve the increases in infrastructure that are necessary to handle traffic. And any other concern that may arise including the school which the Mayor has already participated with the Board of Education on upgrading for any possible additional residents that may come in to the Downtown. So we are not going anywhere. Most of the businesses and all of the people here have been born and raised here. And not only are we diligent in addressing those questions and concerns but if by some wild speculation, there is a problem that arises, it's going to be addressed and it's going to be addressed with whoever is the developer of the initial project and the whole area. Because the goal is to make Downtown business better and to make sure that the Downtown is invigorated for the next hundred years. Nobody is going anywhere, they've been planned for 20 years and will be here for another 20 making sure that everything that could be a problem is addressed.

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: Council President, we heard the same concerns when it came to Station Village about the schools and that never came to fruition just as the Mayor said.

James Debrowski, Woodbridge: Called upon Council President Bauer for the denouncement of Clark, NJ Mayor Sal Bonaccorso and the Clark Police Officers for racial and sexist comments and Mayor Bonaccorso's resignation. Spoke about Black Lives Matter, St. Peter's University wearing Black Lives Matter shirts, Anti-Racism pledge in Woodbridge Township Schools. Everyone should all stand against racism. Justice for Nijeer Parks, Justice for Jeremiah Daniels-Porter, stop the Keasbey Power Plant, Earth Day coming up, hate has no home here.

Howie Bauer, Council President: Mr. Debrowski this is the first I am hearing about it and I would like to look into it. Did anyone here on this Council hear about this story?

Kyle Anderson, Councilman-At-Large: I will denounce his comments. I believe it's for the residents of Clark to call for his resignation. So, I will denounce his comments, I heard his comments I heard the tapes and they are deplorable. I do know Sal Bonaccorso. My fence line is Clark. Yes, I am appalled by those comments.

Kasan Little, Elizabeth: Spoke about the Proud Boys attendance and the Council meetings and how they were not denounced, spoke about lynching, the President signing the Anti Lynching bill after hundreds of years. Black people in the country will never feel justice for all, wants the same privilege as white people for black people, silence is violence, direct impact of racism on black people.

Tom Maras, Fords: Spoke about how culturally diverse the Council is. Does not believe anyone on the Council is racist or would allow any racism in this town. Asked if at this time traffic studies can be requested by OPRA for all approved projects.

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: To my knowledge the traffic studies are part of the presenting to the planning board.

Marta Darden, Direct of Planning: There is a study of traffic done with each application. That does not in any way make the answer that we've previously given you in OPRA inappropriate. If there is a study and you've requested it, you've received. If there is not a physical study, that does not mean that traffic was not reviewed and that traffic was not studied. It was, it may not show up as a physical document. If we have the document, any time you ask for it, we'll supply

it to you. But just because there is not a document on file that does not mean traffic has not been reviewed, studied, re-reviewed looked at every way possible because it has each and every time.

Greg Ficarra, Council Vice President: Mr. Cimilluca, back me up. In the summertime there was an event with the Governor at the Community Center which was a main component of the traffic of downtown and that was the entrance to Route 9 up by the Wegmans area which is a major project I believe. And I am sure there is documentation for all that, correct?

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: Absolutely. So there's several agencies involved. There is the State D.O.T., Middlesex County Engineering Office, our engineering office with accordance with the state, we got a grant from the state to do that work it's a little under \$13 million dollars to improve that section of the roadway as it enters into Route 9. Thank Council Vice President for pointing that out.

Greg Ficarra, Council Vice President: Living in the Downtown area that issue backs up all the way into Main Street, effects Downtown and every other artery that goes in there. I just contend that those documents Tom, to your point, are available I'm sure, but that is a key component and I can appreciate that issue of traffic but I believe that's going to be a key factor.

Frank Trombattore, Woodbridge: Spoke about charging stations, hopes a study was done that our infrastructure can withstand such stations. People are still stringing cables out of their windows and across sidewalks to charge their cars and creating hazardous conditions. Spoke about cost of living severely affecting the poor, increase in cost of energy, how Senator Durbin knocked down legislation that would have increased sentence on child pornographers, new judge being put into SCOTUS being light on child rapists and child pornographers, pedophilia is a disease and out of control, children need to be protected.

Enjoli Walters, Woodbridge: Spoke on the children and the Woodbridge community regarding Black Lives Matter that matter to the people in this community, supremacy all over again, people running for Board of Education that have no experience with children. Spoke of using her "privilege" to protect her family.

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 / 2<sup>nd</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN:**

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

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
17. Concerts.  
HOLD

I have a few announcements. April is Autism month, our flag raising is April 19, 2022 before our Council meeting. The Highland Grove Pool and Spray Park is taking membership registration May 20, 2022-May 21, 2022. Call 732-596-5170 or go to [highlandgrove@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:highlandgrove@twp.woodbridge.nj.us) for more information. Our Muslim Community is currently celebrating Ramadan which started on April 2, 2022 lasting 30 days and ending on sundown on May 2, 2022. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Passover, a Happy Easter, God Bless our First Responders, all of our Essential Workers and God Bless America. Thank you.

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

Council President Bauer: Council Vice President Ficarra.  
Council Vice President Ficarra: Thank you Council President.

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

The Woodbridge Community Center now has indoor Pickle ball which is a big hit with our senior citizens, I should know that. There is also a big open house on April 13, 2022 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. There is summer camp registration going on. Go to njwcc.com for our Community Center and theclub.org for The Club across the street.

2. Youth Month – April.  
Senior Month – May.  
HOLD
3. Mayor’s Fitness / Wellness Initiatives.  
HOLD
4. Fireworks.  
HOLD
5. Heroes & Cool Kids / Strengthening Families.  
HOLD
6. Pedestrian Safeway’s / East Coast Greenway.  
HOLD
7. Annual Pizza Run.  
HOLD
8. Jacob’s Landing.  
HOLD
9. The Club at Woodbridge Upgrades.  
HOLD
10. Crossroad’s Race.  
HOLD
11. Mental Health / Wellness.  
HOLD
12. COVID-19 Efforts.  
HOLD

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention on Tuesday recommend that people 50 and older And those 12 an older with compromised immune systems receive the second booster of the COVID-19 vaccine as long as there is there is 5 months that have passed within. The CDC came up with the State mandate that it will also allow second boosters as well as guidance for people who initially received Johnson & Johnson vaccines. These individuals who subsequently got a booster are now eligible for a second booster. We’re seeing that the CDC is saying that there’s a

slow increase of the new sub variant and the one fact that we know is that these boosters reduce some of the consequences once somebody gets the virus. This is medical stuff, not political stuff that I'm sharing.

13. Mobile Health Unit.

HOLD

14. Senior Services Directory.

HOLD

I have an update on the working of the Sustainable New Jersey Health Gold Star Program. Woodbridge Township has been very diligent and active with energy and water conservation and have been recognized. The highest honor is a gold star out of 464 participating towns, Woodbridge is the first one to ever to receive that standard. We're carrying that standard over to the New Jersey Health Gold Star Program in health where we're working with local officials, Mayor's Office, Engineering, Woodbridge Health Department, Human Services, volunteers from Healthier Middlesex, medical institutions, and the Mayor's Wellness Campaign, that I am involved with, local high school students, college students, our Board of Health Director and of course the Council to take a look at health in all policies. No matter what the town is dealing with we're trying to look through it with a lens on how it will affect the health of our community so this is a big step that's only a short summary but it will be followed by action plans including a health assessment, followed by the action plan and anywhere we can integrate health into municipal decisions, that's what we are leaning towards.

Mr. Cimilluca, if there is any update again, I'm kind of moved by the continuous passion of the gentleman with the Conrail issue. I know Councilman Booker worked on it. I would like to know if Conrail can be made aware and I would certainly be part of this, of the passion of that presentation. I want them to see that so say what do we say to this man and I know that you're doing everything you can and our town is doing everything they can. But I would like to know what they are doing. I'm feeling a little frustrated because we dealt with this at the Greenway which is a much lighter subject than somebody's backyard. But talking to Conrail is not easy. But I would like them to know and I would like to express my frustration.

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: Council Vice President, to answer your question or your point of view, I also am frustrated with the comments or the conversation that we've had with Conrail. Every time we meet with Conrail they want specifics. When we fail just a little bit to meet that margin regarding the specifics that they are asking for, they push the hurdle down the road a little bit, so it is frustrating. We hired a legal firm to have conversation with them, we've been in contact with them many times, and we've sat in the Mayor's conference room with them many times. It is difficult as they are a hard entity to nail down to a standard.

Understand that there is work that goes on behind Mr. Alfieri's house. It is a transfer station where they're coupling cars back and forth and I do appreciate his frustrations as he said we've been out there many times. We've spoken to him many times and spoken to Conrail many times. It's not like we haven't heard Mr. Alfieri, we are hitting the same frustrations that he is. I appreciate your passion, we share that passion.

Gregg Ficarra, Council Vice President: In regard to some of the presentations tonight, I think that even tonight we've heard different views of things a lot of them I know personally I either agree with or don't agree with. I can certainly say that a lot of the presentations we've received have forced me to research a little bit more as you suggested. We've had this conversation before going down to the books I read and the things that I pay attention to. But when it comes to this official meeting, we have to let people speak their mind whether they agree with us, whether we agree with them, as long as they stay in the boundaries of decency, no vulgarity that type of thing, we believe they have to be able to speak their mind. It doesn't necessarily mean that I personally or anybody else here agrees with them. I think for the Girl Scouts that are here, everybody has a right to say what they have to say as long as it's done in a decent way. Doesn't mean that I Gregg Ficarra agree with it, it doesn't mean that's the way I live my life or anybody else, but as an elected official everybody has to speak. I just felt really that I need to say that and I appreciate everybody speaking and their passion and I do listen and I do try to follow up. I don't always agree but I do hear you. Thank you.

**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](http://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. Light Parade (**11/26/22**).  
HOLD
17. American Irish Association of Woodbridge.  
HOLD
18. Woodbridge B.P.O.E. Elks 2116.  
HOLD

**LIZBETH DEJESUS, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE**

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

Councilwoman DeJesus: Thank you Council President.

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

I want to congratulate the PBA and the Police Officers that participated in the basketball game last Friday. It was a fun time. They were Iselin Middle School and they played the students and teachers. The teachers did win but overall it was a great community time. And they raised funds for Special Olympics. Their next game is May 4, 2022 at Woodbridge High School and they will be playing the WHS teachers. That fundraiser will be for Relay for Life. I had a great time, if you want to have a fun time go, it's for charity for a great cause.

The Senior Citizens Police Academy, Leading the Way to a Safer Community, will be made for the month of May 2022 and held every Tuesday. Applications are now available and you can pick them up at Town Hall at the Police Department. I believe in all the Senior Centers, the Community Center or you can go on our Township website. Once you complete the application, you can bring it to the Police Department or email Donna Janocko at or you can call our Police Department for any other information. There will be free breakfast, they will get a t-shirt, a two hour ride along with the police office, tour the police department and there will be seminars on how to safeguard yourself and your home against crime. They will learn CPR and they will do other tours of other facilities in Middlesex County.

6. Youth Employment / Job Fair.  
HOLD

We will be hosting a summer job fair this Saturday, April 9, 2022 at the Community Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is for anybody looking for summer employment. You have to submit an application in order to attend the job fair. You can get an application at the Human Resources Department here in Town Hall or at the Community Center.

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

American Artist April 8<sup>th</sup>, May 13 alternate dimensions exploring the unique perspectives of sculptures at The Barron Arts center. Also the Barron arts enter is also accepting reservations for the Annual Flea Market which will be July 9, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Acacia Youth Center. You can contact the Barron arts center at 732-634-0413.

10. Free Public Library of Woodbridge.  
HOLD

It is National Library Week this week until Friday. Woodbridge Libraries are celebrating with more in person programs as well as the option to attend remotely. Thanks to all of our library staff members, today is National Library Workers Day. Online library card registration to improve resident access to library services the residents must fill out a simple form on the WPL website or from the app WPL On the Go, and immediately they will receive a temporary digital library card in their email. The digital card can be used to access a wide range of digital content from books to audio books online, online classes and other items. The libraries have also received a grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor for community library adult literacy and career pathway which will include classes to improve digital skills and English as a second language. Please contact Literacy New Jersey of Middlesex County to register or for more information at 732-906-5456.

If you are looking for something to do on Friday afternoons, the Main Library is hosting movies at 2 p.m. every Friday until June 24<sup>th</sup>. This Friday will be the movie The Book Thief. Light refreshments will be served. You can visit ([Woodbridgelibrary.org](http://Woodbridgelibrary.org)) for more information.

11. Veteran's Tax Deduction.  
HOLD
12. Girls' Sports.  
HOLD

I would like to welcome the Girl Scout Troop 80228 who are here to earn a badge. I'm not sure which badge but they had to attend a public meeting in order to get that badge so thank you for being here today.

13. Girl Scouts / Scouts Pavilion and Camp; E. William St. Park.  
HOLD
14. Youth Leadership Council.  
HOLD
15. Community Backpacks.  
HOLD
16. Donation of Winter Coats for School Students.  
HOLD
17. Safe Place.  
HOLD
18. Women's Month.  
HOLD
19. Mentoring Programs  
HOLD

**CORY S. SPILLAR, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

The New Jersey Department of Wetlands recently held a photo contest for DEP's World Wetlands Day. And this picture of Oros Park was selected at second place out of all the submitter photos. Photo credit to Adam Taylor who took the picture in 2021. Now that the trees and flowers are blossoming, please take the time to enjoy all the beautiful scenery at Oros Park located at Omar Avenue. And Mr. Cimilluca maybe can speak to Mr. Hagerty maybe we put this either on the Township Website or the OROS link. I'll touch base with you then this week.

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

I am pleased to announce that the former Hollywood motel has entered into a joint venture with a flagship hotel chain the business is now called America's Best Value Inn. The hotel has undergone major renovations to the facade, signage, and the rooms with an increase in the room rates. This continues to address the Route 1 corridor standards.

8. Avenel Fire Department.  
HOLD

An Easter bunny returns to Avenel in Eastern Colonia the 5<sup>th</sup> Fire District, this Saturday with the Easter Bunny joining his twin bunny. Two Easter Bunnies will be touring the fire district starting at noon on Saturday you can find the routes on our website at [www.avenelfire.org](http://www.avenelfire.org) or on our Facebook page at Avenel Fire Department.

9. Social Clubs – Avenel Knights of Columbus/Columbian Club, Avenel V.F.W.  
HOLD
10. Woodbridge Developmental Center Property.  
HOLD
11. Cable Commission / Renewal.  
HOLD
12. School 4 & 5.

HOLD

13. Mileed Way Army Corps of Engineers Project.

HOLD

14. Maple Tree Senior Center.

HOLD

I had a meeting today with the Administration on several of the issues with Conrail. As everybody says they're not a good neighbor plain and simple I met with Mr. Alfieri again along with several residents last week and everything they say is true with the exception that we're not doing anything. We're trying and doing as much as we possibly can. I did realize something after we spoke, Mr. Cimilluca. Is it possible and Director Green, and I know we've done in the past, there is a, because the Blair road overpass is a quiet zone they can't blast the horns the train horns but there is a horn there that goes off any time it recognizes a train coming up and that's if they're just even working. So the horn goes off at all hours it blasts the time if the train is just creeping up and not even going over Blair Road. You can't cut the grass at 3 a.m. because of the noise ordinance. I'm thinking that's probably something in the noise ordinance with that. Is it possible to send the health inspector out to check the decibel level? I know what we have done with roads as well, might have to do that again. At least it gives us more fuel for the fire. There definitely is an issue with the horn and yes I've been out there at 2 o'clock in the morning. I hear it and there is no train it and it just blasts eight times and I'm quite confident that it's past the decibel level.

Vito Cimilluca, Business Administrator: We can absolutely have the health officer go out to a destination and figure out what the noise volume is.

I want to say Happy Easter, Happy Passover, thank you to all of our Emergency Responders, Fire, EMS, Woodbridge Police Department, CERT, Public Works, and Township Employees. God Bless America. Thank you Council President Bauer.

**DEBBIE MEEHAN, 5<sup>TH</sup> 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

The Colonia Annual Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Hunt is back this year. It will be held on April 16, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. outside the Evergreen Center. In addition to the egg hunt, we will have face painting, crafts, hay ride with the Easter Bunny, Sparkie from the Colonia Patriots, and a few more surprises. In case of bad weather, we will move the event inside. I see all the Girl Scouts, if any of you need community services please reach out. Your Girl Scout leader knows how to reach me. I could use help hiding the thousand eggs I have so please reach out. And thank you for being here this evening.

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 would like to thank the Mayor and the Administration my fellow council mates for approving Resolution #39 tonight, the emergency funding to conduct research in to radiological presence inside Colonia High School as well as on the grounds. The Township in concert with the school district administration has proactively responded to and prepared a plan to investigate concerns raised by Mr. Lupiano from Colonia, even before action by the Federal and State agencies. The Mayor in conjunction with the Superintendent of Woodbridge Township School District, prior to this emergency funding, initiated discussions and meeting with Federal, State, County, local and health environments along with Congressman Frank Pallone. We requested the agencies move quickly to conduct any necessary research and verification of data so we can officially coordinate and facilitate any actions that will assist in the evaluation of the information and implementation of ant environmental impact studies. Please know that the health and safety of our school community and the Colonia community at large is paramount and this is why the Mayor's office and school district administration has initiated the actions necessary to protect the health and welfare of the Colonia High School Community and that's why it was so important to pass this Resolution tonight. So thank you for moving so swiftly on this.

Springwood Swim Club in now accepting registration for the 2022 season. You can register online or you can go in person on May 13, 2022 – May 15, 2022, May 20, 2022 – May 22, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Club itself which is located at 150 McKinley Avenue in Colonia. If you have any questions about that you can reach out to 732-596-4170. And Mr. Mitch, if you could add that to my Agenda.

April 30, 2022, there is a fundraiser for P.J. Pascalli at the American Legion at 1 p.m. Any kind of gift basket we'll be raffling off. He was in an accident, he is JFK graduate from Iselin, in a very bad car accident about two months ago. He's still in really bad shape and could really use the help of the community and support. You can reach out to me at 732-382-0273 and come out and have a hamburger, its \$10 and come out and help this family. They could really use the support.

I wish everybody a Happy Easter and Happy Passover. Be safe.

**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

Our recreational basketball season officially ended last week. Although another successful and fun season in the books, teams were practicing and playing throughout the season which lasted from December to March. We also finished with three terrific clinics hosted by each high school. We started out with Woodbridge High school, then we went to Colonia High School and then we finished at JFK High School. They were all free clinics. All students that were registered in the recreation basketball program and a lot of the high school athletes participated in it as well. Clinics again they were free and we had a lot of volunteer coaches that came back and helped so we want to thank all the high school head coaches and some of their assistants and some of their upper classmen. Woodbridge Township recreational baseball and softball practices have begun for both sports. We have over 68 baseball teams and 30 softball teams paying this spring. The games are tentatively scheduled to begin the week of April 11, 2022 and we are very excited about that. Woodbridge Township Rec Soccer will begin practices next week with the season tentatively scheduled to start the week of April 18, 2022. We have over 950 kids signed up and we look forward to a terrific season. This merger of our programs, our softball baseball and soccer programs has proven to be very successful so I just like to thank Mr. Cimilluca as he was a past recreation director these are conversations that he and I and the Mayor had over 10 years ago about these mergers taking place and they've proven to be very successful so thank you very much on that.

The Merrill Park 2022 Summer Camp for ages 5 ½ - 14 registration is available on our website. You can go on to what is known as the Community Pass and you can do an online registration for the Merrill Park Summer Camp.

2. Job Bank.  
HOLD

The Summer Job Fair, if you're a teenager and you're looking for a job in the Township, you can come on April 9, 2022 that's this weekend from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. 600 Main Street at our Community Center if you're unable to attend the job fair, applications must be picked up in the Human Resources Department at Town Hall 1 Main Street or the Woodbridge Community Center at 600 Main Street. Only applicants may enter the Job Fair. All others must wait in the parking lot.

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

Councilwoman Meehan can you refresh, there is a fundraiser for PJ Pascalli. His mother and I graduated together. And Peter came back after he played football in my program and came back with his dad to install carpet at our building for the Broncos and his sister also volunteered in our program so it's nice to see that the community is coming together for that young man.

I want to thank the Girl Scouts for being here. It's great to see you guys all here. I may have a small quiz for you in a few minutes. Here is your quiz. How many of you have heard of Thomas Mundy Peterson? Nobody right? This is what we're talking about with accurate history. Our neighboring town, Perth Amboy after the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment was passed which allowed African-American men to vote, Thomas Mundy Peterson who was born in Metuchen but he was a resident of Perth Amboy, he was the first in the United States to vote. The first African American man in the United States to vote. It was a very big deal. Perth Amboy had a Thomas Mundy Peterson day last week, March 31, 2022 because that was the day that he voted in 1870. I asked my boys, my boys are about your age, same thing, and same question do guys know who

he is. This is local history and this is National History and we're hopeful that our teachers and administrators will implement some real history that you guys can learn all about here in this area in your classrooms. The one thing I will give the City of Perth Amboy credit, Perth Amboy is a part of our darkest period of history. They were major port involved in our slave trade. There were two major ports. One was in Camden and the other was in Perth Amboy and there were a few ships that brought in thousands of slaves in through Perth Amboy. However, on the bright side, Thomas Mundy Peterson, they are doing a very good job recognized their darkest part of their history and also where things started to improve where rights were given. So we know African Americans after the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment, first one to vote was in 1870. Women, their first rights to vote was 1919. Native Americans came after in 1924. These are things that we should be learning in our classrooms but you've learned something. I hope that you go down to Perth Amboy to their water front where there is a great marker about the slave trade there. Ms. Holt you made a reference to reference to white privilege. When we to their community center and learned about it, John Dyke is the historian for Perth Amboy, he did an eight minute video that's on YouTube that you can pull up but there were white residents of Perth Amboy that came and told him and walked him to Town Hall where he could cast his vote. Where there is that responsibility and I get what you're saying about that. And that was exhibited back in 1870 on March 31<sup>st</sup> with Tomas Mundy Peterson. So, just a little bit of history.

Lastly, I just want to mention that our Juneteenth celebration will not actually be on June 19<sup>th</sup> because June 19<sup>th</sup> is on a Sunday. We know that we'll get more people to come out on a Saturday. We had a very successful Juneteenth celebration with the Woodbridge Organization of Neighbors Advocating Change. It will be the same weekend on June 18<sup>th</sup> from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Woodbridge High School concert grounds behind Woodbridge High School. We'll have music, some of our leaders, great good, lots of activities for young people and our families to come out for everyone to come in and participate and acknowledge that day. We all know why we're doing Juneteenth right? You guys probably learned a lot about Juneteenth last year right? Okay, that one we all know.

I just want to thank you guys for coming out, I was a scout myself and I'm glad to see a lot of our teenagers are still involved in the scouts. Good luck and congratulations on your merit badge. Thank you.

**(VIRU) VIRBHADRA N. PATEL, 4<sup>th</sup> WARD COUNCILMAN**

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilman Patel.

Councilman Patel: Thank you Council President.

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

My Agenda is also in order. I have a few announcements. Tomorrow April 6, 2022 at the Oak Tree Senior Center which is located at 571 Lincoln Highway, Iselin. They’ll have a free program for seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This the Low Income Home energy Assistance Program for seniors. The Department of Senior Services will ask seniors 60 years and older to fill out and application to get free energy such as gas, electric and oil. You may need to contact the Division of Aging at 732-726-6262 to rsvp with your attendance. Also there is going to be luncheon at the Oak Tree Senior Center on Friday, April 8, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. You must RSVP to the center’s coordinator Bhumika Patel who can be reached at 732-259-2008. The luncheon costs \$10 per person and the payment can be made by check payable to Township of Woodbridge. To be eligible for this luncheon you must be 60 years and older and be a current Woodbridge Township resident. Also the Oak Tree Senior Center there is going to be a workshop on crops, next Monday, April 11, 2022 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. In that workshop they are going to work on painting on Earthen Pots. In Hindi it is called DIYA painting. Also, the senior centers are closed on Friday, April 15, 2022 for Good Friday. Happy Easter to you all also Happy Ramadan to you all. That’s all for tonight. Thank you Council President.

**SHARON MCAULIFFE, 1<sup>st</sup> WARD COUNCILWOMAN**

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Councilwoman McAuliffe.

Councilwoman McAuliffe: Thank you Council President.

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

Saint James Street Fair.  
HOLD

2. Main Street SID (Special Improvement District).  
HOLD
3. Chamber of Commerce.  
HOLD
4. Buy Local program.  
HOLD

We still have the Buy Local program. Downtown Dollars is having an Easter sale for gift certificates. If you purchase a \$50 gift card, you receive \$10 free. If you purchase \$100 you get \$20 free. Go to [www.downtownwoodbridge.com](http://www.downtownwoodbridge.com) to make your purchases and help support your local merchants.

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 which is located on Main Street has a few events coming up. Saturday, April 10, 2022, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. there's a live demonstration by an abstract artist, Enrique Zaldivar. He has some really nice pictures there that you should check out. He's got a very interesting way about his art. It would be really interesting to see what he does there. Also for kids ages 8- 12, there is a free cartooning workshop that will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022. Registration is required for this function as there is limited space. So please sign up early at [thegalleryonmain@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:thegalleryonmain@twp.woodbridge.nj.us) or you can go to the newly designed Woodbridge website, under the Arts section for more details.

If you would like to visit the gallery, it is open on Thursday from 12 p.m.-4 p.m., Friday 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. and Saturday 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

11. PACE.  
HOLD

12. Woodbridge Fire Department.  
HOLD

Registration for the Junior Fire Academy for students in grades 6-8 can register for this program. The Academy for this program will be held July 18, 2022-July 22, 2022.

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

19. Earth Day Event  
HOLD

Earth Day celebration will be on Saturday, April 23, 2022 in the Township parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is going to be a great event so please mark your calendars. You can also take a walk on the new Watson Avenue-Crampton Avenue Trail where the students will be planting trees on Earth Day.

20. Green Infrastructure  
HOLD

Good evening. I'd like to start by thanking the Administration, DPW, Recreation, Health Department, Senior Services and the Police for their amazing support. I've been receiving positive feedback from my constituents for the prompt response relating to their concerns and questions. This is a great reflection on how we work well together as a team and I am proud to be part of this team as First Ward Councilwoman in Woodbridge Proper and Sewaren and I am excited to continue serving the residents in my Ward. My Agenda is in order and I just have a few announcements to make.

Happy Easter, Happy Passover and Happy Ramadan.

**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 #1225-33-068-011 Parascondola  
License, Inc., to Ari and Gio, LLC, t/a Casa Giuseppe, 487 Rt. 27, Iselin, NJ 08830.
  - D. Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License #1225-33-015-007 from WB Dining  
LLC t/a Tio Juan’s Margarita’s to DIA Foods, LLC t/a Tio Juan’s Margarita’s  
Restaurant, 53 Rt. 1 So., Metuchen (MPT), NJ 08840.
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**).

Mr. President my Agenda is in order. Just two quick comments. Thank you for taking action on the liquor license transfer this evening. I have again yet another one on the list as well and I will continue to work on it with Police Department before presenting it to you. And just a reminder we’re going to go to the Board of Health meeting as soon as the Administration is done.

**MAYOR:**

**POLICE:**

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Huber.

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

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Darden.

Director Darden: Thank you Council President. Nothing this evening.

**PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING:**

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Director Brew.

Public Works Director Brew: Thank you Council President. I have a few items. First is upgrades to the Parkside Pump Station and that's with Colliers Engineering and Design. Second is the rehabilitation of the Koppers Koke Pump Station, that's with Naik Consulting. A final change order for the contract 2021 J011, Green Street Pedestrian Flashing Beacon change order, and a release of a Surety Bond for 255 Woodward Way. That's all I have. Thank you Council President.

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:**

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

Under Administration and Finance, I have a tax and sewer overpayment, a parking refund, a 100% disabled veteran and I have the renewal for membership in the Central New Jersey Joint Insurance Fund. Also I have a few add-ons. I have a Shared Service Agreement with Hopelawn Fire District No. 8 for Q.P.A. services and I have and Environmental Connection Proposal for Asbestos Project Monitoring for Henry Inman Library. Thank you Council President.

**LEGAL:**

Council President Bauer: Thank you. Legal.

Craig Coughlin, Esq.: Nothing this evening Council President.

**RECREATION:**

**HEALTH:**

Council President Bauer: 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 7:33 P.M.